

Minutes of the Greenfield Public Library Board of Trustees

Monday, November 24, 2025, 5pm-6pm
Conference Room, Greenfield Public Library
412 Main St, Greenfield MA 01301

Chair's statement: This meeting is not being recorded by the library board of trustees. If any persons present are recording this meeting, you must notify the chairperson at this time.

Call to order: Chair Jonathan Gorczyca

Roll call of members: Bill Benson, Jim Zaccara, Sam Wood, Doris Cowdrey and Ann Dillon. Sarah Ahern Bellemare, absent.

Others Participating: Anna Bognolo, Director, Lisa Prolman, Assistant Library Director, Paul Jablon, Representing the Friends of the Library.

Public Comment: None.

Motion for Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting, held on Oct 14, 2025, By Jim Zaccara. Doris Cowdrey seconded- Unanimously Approved.

Friends Report:

Paul Jablon presented fundraising stats for Pints for Programs at Four Phantoms Brewing. Over \$800 raised that night!
November Book Sale at the library had over 600 people show up, with \$1100 raised.

New Business:

Talked about a third party collection and donation policy, along with amendments to the behavior policy, to be voted on at the December meeting. The use of the library as a place for the public to receive packages seems to be challenging.

Request for the library to host the Wed Eve Crock Pot Meal, presented by Don Wright and Pamela McBride. Community funded meal for the public, in adherence to the Board of Health 'Mass Potluck Rules' The Board voted unanimously to support the effort, and the first will be scheduled for December 17th.

There was discussion regarding the installation of a wheelchair charging station to the exterior of the library for public use. It was mentioned that Anna Oltman and the Econ. and housing development office would be responsible for funding this.

There is a call out via the RATS Committee for artists to submit applications for exhibition in the library meeting rooms, and the response has been brisk.

Old Business:

- Local history room project- GCC/Simmons Intern Grant was funded through June of 26' allowing for a dedicated person to tend to this project.
- Solar Panel repair is scheduled to start in January.
- Movement toward Replacement of the Exterior Digital Sign
- No response from the Designer of the Children's room glass mural- with alternatives considered such as printing on vinyl with cricut, or paint on glass.
- The Teen room wall mural project was mostly finished and looking really good!
- New plantings on course for the exterior garden and landscape.
- Behavior concerns- discussion of the Safety Enforcement Matrix Rubric being adapted for use at GPL, with the intention of promoting fairness in assessment of behaviors.

Directors' Report:

Consideration of hiring a strategic planning consultant. The person recommended was more affordable because she only worked online, and did not travel to meet on site. Very knowledgeable. Focused on who Does Not Use the library, as a way to draw in more users. Leading focus groups. \$11,000 top end estimated cost. A request of \$12k to facilitate is being considered.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 9th, 5-6pm.
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Motion to Adjourn this meeting of the GPL Trustees by Doris Chowdrey, Bill Benson Seconded, Unanimously approved.