



Dear Members and Friends of the Grand County Library:

Please join us for the **Annual Membership Meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 21st at the Granby Library Community Room** (agenda on reverse). We'll review 2023 accomplishments and discuss the future of the Friends.

The Friends have accomplished great things since its inception in 1984, including giving more than \$900,000 to the Library District with a focus on early literacy and children's programs. During 2023, the Friends:

- Provided \$22,100 to the GCLD, including \$12,200 for the Summer Reading Program, \$6,500 for children's reading resources, and \$3,400 in funding for special programming aimed at children and teens.
- Held Book Sales - Granby Fourth of July and Grand Lake Buffalo Days generated more than \$3,500. We held monthly book sales at the branch libraries featuring different genres. The **Granby Holiday Book sale is Saturday, November 18** at the library, and Kremmling is the entire month of December.
- Developed new logo - Through donated services, the Board selected a new logo to start our anniversary observance and take us into the next 40 years.
- Established eBay Sales - The Friends can be found on eBay at [friends_ofgrandcountylibrary](https://www.ebay.com/str/friends_ofgrandcountylibrary). More inventory will be posted soon.

2024 marks the **Friends' 40th anniversary**. This is a significant achievement and worth celebrating. However, in order for the Friends to continue supporting the Grand County libraries, it is important to rejuvenate our organization. Like other county nonprofits, we are an aging membership with many part-time residents. We're seeking new and younger members who value libraries. We're also seeking your input on what should be our focus, given the current stable fiscal position of the Library District. As much as the community enjoys them, do we hold special fundraising events, which take a great amount of time and effort? We want to hear from you through the enclosed survey, which will help the board establish our focus. Once that is determined, we encourage your **active** support. The annual meeting is also an opportunity to express your opinion. We hope to see improvement over last year's sparse attendance.

Please renew your membership for 2024 ([online at *fogcl.org*](https://www.fogcl.org)) and help us continue to support literacy in Grand County. Prices remain the same. There is the option to make an additional donation for those so inclined. Thank you.

Sincerely, Friends of the Grand County Library, Inc. Board of Directors