

**Director's Report**  
**Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**February 25, 2013**

1. The pilot on the new **parking lot system** will end on March 12. I have visited with Wendy Thomas at city offices and they will most likely recommend that the new system stay in place. There have been so on-going issues, but most are due to the learning curve with a new system. Audit reports on the new system show that revenues are up in just the few months that it has been in place. As a reminder, the library receives ½ of parking revenues collected.
2. Library staff, along with other city employees, is working on a “**Shoebox Project**” to benefit children staying at the Rescue Mission. The Mission receives many donations and gifts around Christmas and New Year’s, but they decrease significantly at other times of the year. **Debbie Stewart**, Information Department, has organized this project to provide shoeboxes full of fun and needed items for boys and girls aged 5 – 12.

Needs might consist of shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, combs, etc. Fun items could include summer fun accessories such as sunglasses, water bottles, sun tan lotion, blow up beach balls, card games, hidden word and crossword puzzle books, coloring books and crayons, flip flops, hats, sticker books, hair bows and pony holders, lip balm, comic books, key chains, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, etc.

Boxes will be distributed to children during the summer months as they participate in Rescue Mission activities. A big thank you to Debbie and all library and city staff who are willing to put their time and wallets into providing a bright spot in these kids’ lives.

3. As you know, Dennis Torgerson has resigned from the **Library Board**. The vacancy is being advertised, with applications due to city offices by February 22. We will get copies of applications which I will send on to you for recommendations. The new member will complete Dennis’ term (to end June 30, 2013) and will then begin a new 5-year term.