

Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
April 15, 2013

1. New floor **tile** in the basement and 2nd floor restrooms and outside the 1st floor restrooms has been installed. In addition, the **carpet** behind the Circulation desk has been replaced. Tile and carpet were made possible through Foundation funds.
2. We have 5 staff members attending the **Montana Library Association** conference in Missoula this week. As always the conference schedule is filled with informative and timely sessions and we hope to come back with new ideas to help improve and expand library service at GFPL.
3. Our **MakerSpace** interns have been hired and have begun training. Training sessions will run for 8 weeks and the program this summer will run for 10 weeks. We will provide an array of projects for attendees to work on during the program and they will be able to choose projects based on their ability and prior knowledge.
4. We had a successful **Festival of the Book** with a variety of speakers and programs. This year the festival was spread over the month of March and some programs were lightly attended. We will be looking at the format for next year and may make some adjustments; for example, condensing it into a weekend or week-long event.
5. Our first **Murder Mystery Contest** will take place Friday & Saturday, April 12 – 13. Fifteen downtown businesses have partnered with us and contributed to the grand prize of over \$700 in gift certificates. Second prize is a Nook ereader and third prize is two Great Falls Symphony tickets.
6. We have a great **art display** on the first floor this month including really amazing paper flower arrangements, pet “portraits” and a photographic display by the Montana National Guard. I hope you all get a chance to enjoy it.
7. **George Northcutt**, a 15-year volunteer for the library, will be retiring at the end of April. We will be sending him off with a cake celebration on April 29. Thank you to George for his years of dedication to the library.