

Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
May 20, 2013

1. Your packet includes the **library budget** for 2013/2014 that was presented to the City Manager this month. I will go through it with you at the meeting and give you information on how the SME/ECP settlement and proceedings are going.
2. Your packet also includes the **ELSA Award** letter GFPL received through the State Library and the Library Commission. The ELSA replaces the Collection Management Honor Roll beginning this year. The ELSA incorporates a number of components including a current collection management policy and several of the state public library standards.
3. The summer **Bookmobile schedule** is included in your packet. We continue to monitor traffic at each stop and plan stops accordingly. Two new stops were added this summer.
4. The Friends of the Library **book sale** is May 16, 18 & 19. They have a great selection of donations at bargain prices, if you are able to stop in.

After the conclusion of the book sale, the 3rd floor area will be reconfigured slightly to give the Genealogy Society more space. The barrier between Genealogy and the sale area will move approximately 2 feet to the north.

5. We have started circulating new **Ready2Read bags** and will begin distributing **Budding Baby bags** soon. I'll bring examples of each to the meeting.
6. The library is sponsoring the **Overdrive Digital Bookmobile** at ExpoPark on May 29. Overdrive is the company we purchase downloadable ebooks and audiobooks from. I'll explain more at the meeting.
7. **House Bill 203** was signed by the governor and will go into effect July 1, 2013. The bill increases direct state aid to libraries from .09 per capita to .40 per capita. Your packet includes a photo of the signing of the bill with our own **Mitch Tropila**, who worked with the State Library and the Montana Library Association to get the bill passed. Many thanks to Mitch and everyone who voiced their support of the bill to our legislators.