

Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
June 17, 2013

1. The **MakerSpace** program started on Monday, June 10. We had 64 youths participating in the first two days. The program will run for 30 hours a week through August 16.

Our interns **Haylee Clapshaw** and **Alyssa Hogan**, along with staff member **Sean Anderson** have done a great job of bringing themselves up to speed on the program and developing projects, schedules, instruction and procedures. There have been many inquiries and we are looking forward to a successful and exciting addition to library services for the summer.

2. The **Friends of the Library** had a very successful book sale in May. They brought in \$5,133, an increase of about \$1,800 over last year. **AAUW** is now preparing to start collecting donations for their sale in the fall. Their first drop-off collection day will be June 18.

In addition, the book sale space was reconfigured to give the Genealogy Society a few more feet of space. Many thanks to the Friends, library staff and pre-release workers who helped with boxing books and moving cabinets and shelving to make that possible.

This is the first year the Friends have utilized **Better World Books** for disposal of leftover items from the sale. The company collects used books from libraries and other entities and then sends them where needed in the world or sells certain items. They pay for all boxes, shipping labels and shipping costs. The library sent 201 boxes of books to them. The library will be using Better World Books several times a year for disposition of books not wanted by either the Friends or AAUW for their sales.

3. The library has been very busy this month with the advent of **MakerSpace** and **Summer Reading** programs. The youth summer reading program saw 398 children participating through June 11. Last year we had 770 for the entire summer, so we are on our way to another successful program.
4. Just a reminder that there is no **Library Board meeting** in July. I hope you all have a great summer.