

Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
August 19, 2013

1. **Alice Kestler** is our new library specialist in the Information Department. Alice replaces Dani Buehler who resigned earlier this summer and will be working 20 hours per week. Welcome Alice!
2. I am still working with Western Office Supply to get resolution on the **meeting rooms chairs**. It looks as though the manufacturer will be replacing the chairs with a fabric upholstery that will hold up better. I will be working with Western to choose fabric and color, but we are looking at 12-14 weeks for resolution to the issue.
3. Our Summer **Reading party** on August 8th was a wonderful success. We had an estimated 250 children and adults in attendance. A big thanks to **Mitch** for running the dunk tank and making it fun for everyone. In addition, staff members **Donica Marler, Jess Damyanovich, Nola Huey, Sue Sargent, Susie McIntyre** and **Jude Smith**, along with Donica's friend **Jon** put much time and effort into making it a great night for everyone.
4. The library foundation has been the recipient of two very generous **bequests** this summer. The Foundation received \$1.4 million from the **Michael and Kathleen Curran** estate. Education, including the library, was very important to the couple. The Foundation also recently received \$50,000 from the **Beth Wolff** estate. Beth was a generous donor to the annual Book-A-Thon as well as having served on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation from 1979 through 1985.

The Foundation Finance Committee will be making recommendations to the full board on how to invest the funds for the future.

5. The **Great Falls Flower Growers** have continued to keep the library park in beautiful condition this season. Their efforts are much appreciated by everyone that has the pleasure of using the park. In addition, **Rosemary Liston**, a member of the Flower Growers has donated a concrete picnic table in memory of her husband **Bob**. Please take time to stroll through the park – it's a beautiful part of the library grounds.
6. The city parking division made the decision to take the new **parking lot equipment** out of our parking lot, due to concerns over the cost. The old equipment was repainted and reinstalled this month.
7. The **MakerSpace** program will conclude on August 16. I hope to have participation numbers for you at our meeting.
8. I have included information in your packet on the upcoming **Fall Workshop** in Helena in September if you are interested in attending. Unfortunately, our current budget does not include travel funds; therefore, costs have to be paid by attendees. Many interesting sessions will be offered though.