

**Director's Report**  
**Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**March 18, 2014**

1. The new **telephone system** was installed on March 6. The install and training went smoothly, although we may make minor changes in the upcoming weeks.
2. Our new page, **Matthew Donnelly**, started this month. Although Matthew is new as an employee, he has been working at the library as a dedicated and reliable volunteer for about 1 1/2 years. Welcome Matthew.
3. The **MLA annual conference** is April 9-12. We have a number of staff members who will be attending. Since we had to cut our travel budget for this fiscal year, these employees are attending by paying their own expenses in order to further their knowledge of the library field. Their dedication to the library and to further learning opportunities is to be commended.
4. We have had two incidents of **theft or attempted theft and destruction of material** in the last couple of months. Each has been reported to the police, but no resolution of the matters has occurred to date. I'll provide you with details at the meeting.
5. **Friends of the Library** approved funding for projects totaling \$1,300. The funds will pay for the library's annual email newsletter provider subscription and funds for two Book Festival presenters. Funds will also cover design of two posters (one specially designed for the Murder Mystery Contest in April and one for the Civil War programs coming this May), a prize for the Murder Mystery Contest, and for an appearance by the MT Repertory Theater Outreach production in October.
6. The **Foundation Board** has approved \$3,000 in library requests which is the remainder of funds they budgeted for this fiscal year (the Foundation fiscal year runs April 1-March 31). The funds will go toward the purchase of an additional flat-bed scanner and DVD player for public use, purchase of materials (including ebooks and downloadable audio) and ceiling mounting of the Kids' Place LCD projector.