

Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
October 21, 2014

1. Your packet contains the **2015 Holiday and Board meeting schedules** for your review and approval. They will be action items on the agenda.
2. The **Friends of the Great Falls Public Library** have purchased two early literacy stations for the Kids' Place. These are self-contained computers for children ages 2-8. They do not require an Internet connection, come with touch screens and are locked down so software and hardware cannot be compromised. They have more than 70 educational software applications, which teach reading, math, science, art and more.
3. We have received \$25,000 from the **Foundation** for purchase of adult and juvenile materials. We will be requesting more funding from the Foundation at the end of January as we identify further needs going forward.
4. This year is the **25th Anniversary** of the Foundation's **Book-A-Thon**. In 1990, the fundraiser had 171 donors and donations totaling \$12,966. At that time, the fundraiser was done entirely by telephone solicitations. In 2013, the Book-A-Thon had 486 donors and raised \$34,385. Fundraising has been through letters and inserts in gas bills for many years now.

In conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the Book-A-Thon (and 46 years for the Foundation), there will be a **fundraiser** on November 24th at Mighty Mo's from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. For every pint sold that evening, \$1.00 will be donated to the Foundation. I hope you can join us.

5. We have another **anniversary** coming up: 125 years of library service in Great Falls. The first library was established in 1890, just a few months after Montana was granted statehood. We will be planning displays and programs to help celebrate the anniversary in the coming year. Your ideas are welcome.