## Director's Report Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting April 21, 2015

- The Foundation has received an anonymous donation of \$18,000 on behalf of the library to help support the **MontanaLibrary2Go** consortium. The funds will be used to offset increased platform fees from Overdrive in the upcoming fiscal year.
- 2. The **Foundation** will be holding a **reception** on the second floor of the library on April 24 in conjunction with the Festival of the Book. Area book club members and select Foundation donors have been invited. You should have received an invitation in the mail and I hope you are able to attend.
- As I mentioned previously, we have a second volunteer, Donna Williams, helping with shelving materials. We appreciate the work of all of our volunteers. Donna and Michael Dannells have been a great asset to us over the past weeks.
- 4. On March 30, we had a full staff training session with **Mark Willmarth**, covering how to handle difficult situations and/or patrons. Some of what Mark covered was a refresher from previous trainings, but there was emphasis on each of us being responsible for taking action if we observe unacceptable behavior in the library, whether that be calling the police, talking with the patron or bringing in a supervisor. As always, Mark did a great job and good discussion among the staff resulted.
- 5. I attended **MLA** in Bozeman April 8-11, as did **Susie McIntyre**. There were many good sessions to choose from and it is always a great opportunity to network with librarians from across the state. **Judy Riesenberg** was also able to attend on Thursday and Friday.
- 6. We are still looking for any possible options for **recycling** of paper and cardboard since RSVP has discontinued pickup of those materials. We have not identified any group that would be willing to take that on and we may have to transport materials to Pacific Steel & Recycling ourselves.