

**Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 20, 2015**

1. As of December 31, the **Foundation's Book-A-Thon** has raised \$34,095 from 440 donors. Last year at the same time, they had raised \$31,690 from 443 donors. We have received a check for \$17,047 from the Foundation for the first portion of donations. Donations typically continue to come in through the first months of the year and we anticipate the amount raised will increase.
2. I was informed that the library will receive **\$50,000** from the estate of **Emma Frances Toman** (obituary included in your packet). The funds will be sent to the Foundation, but will then be passed through to the library. The terms of the will stipulate that the funds be "devoted generally to the acquisition of historical books and research, microfiche viewers and computers for general historical research and for the improvement of the Montana Room of the Great Falls Public Library." I anticipate we will expend the funds over several years and will keep you informed with recommendations for expending them.
3. **Barb Teberg** and **Dr. Bill Tacke** have again made a \$5,000 donation to enable us to continue city bookmobile stops in the city. The funds will continue service through June 30, 2015.
4. We will once again be participating in the **statewide courier project**, due to LSTA (Library Services Technology Act) funds administered through the State Library. Those funds will pay all courier costs for GFPL for calendar year 2015. For our patrons, this means interlibrary loans borrowed from one of the participating courier libraries will not incur a \$3.00 fee as they do now. Any items borrowed from a non-courier library will still incur the fee. I'll explain further at the meeting.
5. We continue to be **short-staffed** at public desks due to staff illnesses, injuries and/or other circumstances. I appreciate all the staff and their willingness to be flexible and pitch in where needed.