

**Director's Report  
Great Falls Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 23, 2015**

1. **Mayor Michael Winters** will be reading a proclamation at the Commission meeting on July 21 in celebration of the **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of library services in Great Falls. I will be in attendance to accept the proclamation, but it would be great if some or all of you could attend as well. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and proclamations are typically near the beginning of the agenda.
2. Also in celebration of the **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, we will be having a **library picnic** in the park on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. It will be in conjunction with our music offering that evening (7:00). Music will be provided by the Wilbur Rehmann Group, a Montana jazz quintet.
3. **Debbie Stewart** and **Susie McIntyre** are hosting a **Book Tasting Party** in conjunction with the Page Forward Saturday and Page Forward Tuesday book clubs. Patrons can check out an undisclosed wrapped book (available in the lobby until June 30) with a book tasting menu inside and try a title they may otherwise not pick up. On July 23, 7:00 p.m., participants will meet for snacks, discussion and good company.
4. Each year we are required to submit **Public Library Standards** to the Montana State Library indicating we meet minimum standards of library service set by the State Library Commission. This is the first year since instatement of the standards that we have requested a deferral. The standard we did not meet is Minimum Number of Hours Open to the Public. Minimum for a library in a community of our size is 50. We are currently open 46. A deferral can be in place for 3 years without possible funding impact (i.e., state aid funding).
5. The City will have its initial **budget presentation** to the Commissioners on July 7, 5:30 p.m. at the Commission work session. A public hearing for July 21 will be set at the Commission meeting that evening, in which public comment and Commission action will be included.