

**Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 18, 2015**

1. As you know, we received \$50,000 from the estate of **Emma Toman** for the purchase of historical materials or equipment to facilitate historical research and improve the Montana Room. The estate specifically stated the expenditure of the funds must be made with approval of the board. We are currently evaluating digital microform reader/printers (approximately \$12,000). We also have a quote for additional shelving for the Montana Room (approximately \$1,763) and would like the board's approval for these items.
2. **Susie McIntyre** is currently seeking community partners to help in establishing a **seed library** here. Community members would bring in seeds which would be made available to others from within the library. Many libraries have seed libraries running successfully, including Missoula. Costs associated with the project would be minimal. I can explain in more detail at our meeting.
3. I was contacted by the property manager of the apartments located behind the library about people in the Library park and on library premises after hours. The apartment residents have witnessed questionable behavior on the part of some of these people and have been experiencing an increase in theft and vandalism. After talking with the manager, we have turned off our wi-fi signal from 11:00 p.m. through 5:00 a.m. in order not to attract people to library premises at late hours. I also met with the Police Chief and he will be asking his officers to come through the library alley at night to help alleviate these problems.
4. On August 4th, we had a **picnic** in the library park in celebration of 125 years of library service in Great Falls. It was held in conjunction with our summer music series and the Wilbur Rehman jazz group from Helena. It was a beautiful evening, good food, friends and record attendance with approximately 200 people in the park.
5. The front **walkway** of the library has been repaired. The old surface was ground off, cracks sealed and the surface coated with an elastomer product. This should alleviate the water seepage that was occurring in the basement from under the walkway.
6. As you know, the library will have more tax revenues in this year's **budget** than previously expected. This is due to new construction and property reappraisals. In short, there will be approximately \$107,000 available in our budget which could be used to reopen on Sundays. I have placed this item on the agenda under New Business.