

**Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 17, 2015**

Civic Center – Gibson Room

1. The public pay telephone that has been in the library for many years is no longer in operation. The company that maintained it is no longer doing business in Montana and will be pulling out all of their pay phones. Your packet includes a draft revision of our **telephone policy** that reflects that change.

2. Our new **microfilm scanner** is here and staff has received training on using it. We are still determining the best configuration settings to serve the public and will have it available to the public later this month. Thank you to **Sara Kegel** for her work on installing the equipment and getting the software to “play nice” with our library software.

3. **Alice Kestler** continues work on getting our seed library up and running with a target date of April 2016. She has recruited a number of volunteers from the community and will be working with **NeighborWorks** on securing grant funds to help with the startup.

4. During our historical library display in August and September, the original architectural renderings of the library were hanging in the lobby. Those were discovered in the Montana Room after many years and were not in the best condition. Our **Friends of the Library** have paid for re-matting and framing of the 4 renderings and they are a beautiful addition to our historical heritage. They are hanging in the hallway outside the Cordingley Room in the basement. Stop and take a look when you have time.

5. November marks the beginning of the **Foundation’s** annual **Book-A-Thon** fundraiser. Flyers have gone out in residents’ gas bills and letters have been sent to previous donors. This fundraiser is a major supporter of our children’s collections.

In addition, the **Foundation** will again hold a “**Raise a Pint**” fundraiser at the Mighty Mo Brewing Company on December 14 from 5:00 – 8:00. For every pint purchased that evening, \$1.00 will be donated to the Foundation. Last year’s event was the busiest “Raise a Pint” event the brewery had hosted. I hope you are able to attend and help make it a success again this year.

6. Your packet contains the proposed 2016 Library **holiday schedule**. This will be an action item on the agenda.

7. Our annual **Staff & Volunteer Holiday Party** will be on Thursday, December 10. More details will be forthcoming.