

**Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 15, 2015**

1. Since our discussion in October regarding **loan periods** on new books, we have decided to change the two-week loan period for all item types to three weeks for regular patrons, staff and board members. In addition, we will be changing the number of renewals available to 1 instead of two. However, we are accommodating at granting additional renewals if there are no holds pending.

The change in loan periods has an effect on two library **policies**: ***Library Board Library Card Privileges Policy*** and the ***Volunteer Policy***. Suggested revisions to those policies are included in your packet for approval. We can discuss further at our meeting.

2. Your packet also includes the 2016 **Library Board meeting schedule** for your approval.
3. **Alice Kestler** and **Jude Smith** have put together a tentative schedule of programs on the Seed Exchange and general gardening topics for April. April will be the official kick off of the Seed Exchange. Although we have not received official notification on the NeighborWorks grant to fund the exchange, we have been assured that we will receive grant funds in the amount of \$2,000.
4. After the first of the year, we will be disposing of **withdrawn books** that have been stacking up in the annex. We carefully follow weeding guidelines (outlined in our Collection Management Policy) and weeded materials are offered to the Friends of the Library and to AAUW for their book sales. After the sales, area non-profits are invited to select unsold materials for their own agency's use. Items are also offered for sale in the library lobby for \$1.00. Any remaining materials that meet Better World Book's criteria are sent to that company and the proceeds go to the Friends of the Library. Lastly, remaining books will be taken to Steel Etc. for recycling.
5. As of November 23, the Foundation has raised \$15,510 from 224 donors from the annual **Book-A-Thon**. At the same time last year, 257 donors gave \$19,056 to the fundraiser. Book-A-Thon letters went out to the public a little later this year, which could account for the lower amounts.
6. A reminder that 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. I hope you are able to attend and help make it a success again this year. The Foundation is also planning to hold a Raise a Pint event in April in conjunction with the annual Festival of the Book.