

**Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 17, 2016**

1. **Sara Linder-Parkinson**, our new Administrative Assistant, started with us on May 2. She has done an outstanding job in her first couple of weeks, considering she has been dropped right in to budget, bills, payroll and board packet. Welcome Sara!
2. Our **silent auction** concluded on April 30. The auction has brought in \$1,739.55 to date. There is still an item to be picked up which will add a couple of dollars to the total. We will be determining where those funds will be spent in the next couple of weeks. The auction also helped clear out some space in the basement annex.
3. The **Great Falls Public Library Foundation** team won the **WordMeister** contest this year. Congratulations to Steve Grout, Mary Lehman and Jamie Ford for their great showing. As always the contest was a fun and informative event.
4. I visited with **Jane Weber**, Cascade County Commissioner, a few weeks ago about the County Commission filling an ex-officio (non-voting) position on the Library Board. Jane agreed to take that position and will be attending board meetings as her schedule permits. As you know, we have had commission representatives seated on the board in the past. Having both a City and County Commissioner once again seated on the board will enable both entities to gain a broader understanding of library funding and the services we provide to the community.
5. A reminder that the **Friends of the Library Book Sale** begins this week. A schedule is included in your packet. Don't miss your chance to pick up some treasures and support the library at the same time.
6. Your packet includes an initial proposed **budget** for Fiscal Year 2017. Sara and I met with the City Manager on May 12 to begin discussion on it. I'll update you with specifics of that meeting and the proposed budget at our meeting.
7. **Tena Cobb** and **Sue Sargent** have been busy getting things in place for the Summer Reading Program, which will begin June 14. They also continue to have increased attendance at weekly Storytime and Toddler Time.
8. Our first **planning session** with Mark Willmarth was on May 10 and went well. I will bring some proposed days for our next meeting with him. Please bring your calendars if possible so we can decide on a time that works for everyone.

One of the topics we discussed was **Judy Riesenber**g going off the board at the end of June. City offices will be posting the board vacancy during the next week. Applications can be reviewed at our June meeting and a recommendation for filling the position will be sent on to the City Commission. Judy has been a wonderful board member and advocate for the library for many years and we will miss her!