

**Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 21, 2016**

1. As you all know, we did not receive any applications for Judy's **board position**. The application deadline has been extended until June 24 and Judy has agreed to stay on the board until the position is filled. We have posted the opening on the library's web and Facebook pages. If you know someone who you feel would be a valuable addition to the board, please encourage them to apply. Applications are available on the City of Great Falls web page.
2. The **Friends of the Library** had their most successful book sale last month. After expenses, the sale brought in \$5,858.65. This was the 7th year for the sale. The volunteers of the Friends' group put a lot of work into the sale each year, but I would especially like to recognize **Dinah Woods** and **Carol Birckhead** for all their efforts. In addition, staff member **Jude Smith** contributes to the success of the sale each year and to the overall organization of the Friends group.
3. The Foundation had a very successful **Book-A-Thon** fundraiser again this year, bringing in \$40,253 (36,956.33 after expenses), one-half of which will be passed to the library for purchase of juvenile and young adult materials. The Foundation Board decided beginning with the 2016 fundraiser that all proceeds will go to the library for juvenile and young adult materials. That will enable us to re-allocate part of our materials budget to other collections.
4. **Tena Cobb** and I met with **Tess Jacobs** and students from the C.M. Russell High School Art Department to discuss their interest in renovating the Kids' Place by painting new murals on the walls and fundraising for the materials required. The walls would first need to be repaired and painted, which the **Friends of the Library** has expressed interest in funding. Tess and students will be at our board meeting to discuss with you what they are proposing. We can then discuss how we may want to proceed.
5. I am still working with **Steve Grout** of the Foundation Board on the **mural** on the side of the building. I would like to talk about this further with you so I can let Steve know if we want to proceed with the project.
6. As you know from the partial staff notes in your packet, we started using security cases and special security strips on our audiovisual collection again. We have been experiencing a high rate of theft over the last few months. We had stopped using security cases on the AV about a year and half ago to conserve shelf space and cut down on security product costs. I can explain further at the meeting.
7. **Sue Sargent** resigned her position in the Kids' Place this month. We have the position open and hope to interview for a replacement soon. **Tena Cobb** and **Sara Linder-Parkinson** have done an outstanding job of bringing in volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Program in the interim.
8. We will again be holding a **picnic** in the library park on August 9 at 6:00. Last year we celebrated the 125th anniversary of the library at the picnic, but we hope to make the picnic an annual event. We will have the **Wilbur Rehmann jazz band** again, along with food and beverages. I hope you are all able to attend.
9. A reminder that there is **no board meeting** in July. Our next meeting will be August 16th. I hope you all have a great summer.