

**Director's Report  
Great Falls Public Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 16, 2016**

1. **Jane West**, our new board member, will not be at the August meeting due to a long-planned vacation. However, she is eager to start working with the board and the library and will be attending the September meeting.
2. We have received an **anonymous donation** to cover the costs of our **courier** vendor for the year (\$2,340). The donation also included \$3,660 to be used toward **database subscription** expenses. As you know, we will lose access to the EBSCO suite of databases at the end of August, due to lack of funding in the State Library's budget. We are still exploring options for purchasing a small number of databases in coordination with other libraries or individually on our own.
3. As you can see from your board packet, we are now able to collect **wireless network statistics** on the public network. Over the last few years we have seen our public computer use decrease; however, we knew many people are using their personal devices to access our network. The statistics show that about half of network use is coming from patrons' own devices.
4. The Foundation gave final approval to the library **mural** funding and a contract has been signed with Jim DeStaffany, the artist from Conrad. I anticipate that work will begin late in August, after the contract is brought before the City Commission. The large tree in front of the library has already been trimmed to prepare for the project.
5. We have received quotes on **repainting the Kids' Place** and I will be asking the Friends of the Library if they are still interested in underwriting those costs. There has been little movement with the C.M.R. art class, but I am still in touch with the art instructor. Regardless of the students' involvement, I think we should move forward with repair and repainting of a base coat on the walls.
6. We will be reorganizing the Circulation and Information Departments and bringing them under one supervision model. With the retirements of Gwen Carter and Judy Ellinghausen, we have the opportunity to bring the two departments together under a new supervisory position, **Public Services Librarian**. In addition, **Susie McIntyre** is interested in transferring to collection development and technical services. With the changes, we will also be able to add some additional staff hours. While those hours will not enable us to open on Mondays, it will give us a little more flexibility when we find ourselves short-staffed. I can explain further at the meeting.
7. A reminder that the annual **Library Board/Library Foundation Board potluck picnic** will be on August 25 at Mary Lehman's house. I will have the time and directions for you when we meet.