

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: GFPL  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 12:02:40 PM

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See comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 12:02 PM  
**To:** 'Janet Henderson' <[janethend1@gmail.com](mailto:janethend1@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** FW: GFPL

Hi Janet – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration this evening of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager  
Civic Center Room 102  
406.455.8451

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**From:** Darcy Dea <[ddea@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:ddea@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:53 AM  
**To:** Lisa C. Kunz <[lkunz@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:lkunz@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** FW: GFPL

FYI - Darcy

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**From:** Janet Henderson <[janethend1@gmail.com](mailto:janethend1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:47 AM  
**To:** Darcy Dea <[ddea@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:ddea@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: GFPL

Hi Darcy,

You were kind enough to let me know my brief e-mailed comments in December were received and would be considered, so now I am making sure my longer e-mailed comments from January 3 will be considered during the process now underway, as I am unable to attend tonight's Commission meeting to express my support for the Library's updated proposal for a levy vote.

I e-mailed these longer comments to each of the commissioners on January 3 before learning

things had changed, but they still apply. I have updated my letter to reflect the GFPL's updated proposal's date change for the election. I'm copying the letter below so you can make sure it gets considered along with any comments tonight. Would you recommend I re-send it to each of them now that I have updated the date of the proposed election from May to June, or will sending it to you suffice?

Thank you for your help!

Janet

Dear Bob,

Thank you for your support of the Great Falls Public Library's previous proposal to put a mill levy on the ballot for the May election. I hope that support extends to the newly proposed June election date. I urge you to formally approve their request in order to properly fund the library.

Among the many competing needs for local government funding, our public library can, to some, pale in importance when compared to the great expense of law enforcement, education and the like.

It seems to me that it's easy for our community to take its library for granted and to be unaware of the multifaceted role it plays in the community. The public library is a community center. A safe place to go: for kids; for people seeking shelter, information, connectivity; for people who are isolated and want to be around others. We will never know what differences have been made for people because they had a library to go to for an hour, for a day.

To me it seems the heart of our community is the Great Falls Public Library.

Some of us are limited in our ability to look at screens and still need to read an actual newspaper but can't afford the subscription rates. Some of us need access to the many reference materials for our research projects. Some of us need a warm place to land on a cold day. Some of us just need to dream big in the world of books we can find there. Some of us want a family-friendly environment for a summer evening of outdoor music. As you know, the services the GFPL provides extend far beyond this short list. Of course the library also serves as a wonderful anchor of Downtown Great Falls.

Did you know Missoula's new library was named Best Library of 2022 by the INTERNATIONAL Federation of Library Associations??!! The first library in North America to win this honor! Billings and Bozeman also boast amazing new or upgraded libraries that enrich their communities immeasurably. A thriving community has a thriving library. I hear exciting buzz from friends in these towns about how cool the libraries are. They're proud they can take their kids or grandkids there, attend great events, even write books there! Libraries are not dying out or relics of the past; they are inspiring institutions, where the action is.

For me the need for books and periodicals is as basic as any other form of sustenance. People who have access to literature are more able to be engaged, thoughtful, independent thinkers and considerate of other perspectives.

I for one don't want to live in a city that doesn't support a library, the heart and soul of a town. Thank you for your service to our city, and thank you for your support of our library!

Sincerely,  
Janet Henderson

On Dec 20, 2022, at 3:50 PM, Darcy Dea <[ddea@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:ddea@greatfallsmt.net)> wrote:

Good afternoon Janet – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda item 2 on this evening’s work session agenda.

Thank you,

Darcy Dea  
Deputy City Clerk  
P. O. Box 5021  
Great Falls, MT 59403  
406-455-8479

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**From:** Bob Kelly <[bkelly@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:bkelly@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 3:46 PM  
**To:** Lisa C. Kunz <[lkunz@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:lkunz@greatfallsmt.net)>; City Commissioners <[CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: GFPL

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**From:** Janet Henderson <[janethend1@gmail.com](mailto:janethend1@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 20, 2022 3:09 PM  
**To:** Bob Kelly <[bkelly@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:bkelly@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** GFPL

Hi Bob,

I’ve just heard that people opposing taxes and a possible library levy may be attending the Commission’s work session later today, and I want to add my voice in strong support of the library’s need for funding. Please support their request for putting a levy in front of the voters in the spring.

I will write a longer statement of support for the library before the January meetings or whenever comments are invited, but for now since I can’t attend today’s meeting, I am sending this brief note to you and the other commissioners.

Thank you, and Happy Holidays!

Janet

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M.C.A.) and available for public inspection.

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Great Falls Public Library 2023 City Mill Levy  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:59:43 AM

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See comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:59 AM  
**To:** 'carrie@yarnandhoney.com' <carrie@yarnandhoney.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Great Falls Public Library 2023 City Mill Levy

Hi Carrie – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration this evening of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager  
Civic Center Room 102  
406.455.8451

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**From:** [carrie@yarnandhoney.com](mailto:carrie@yarnandhoney.com) <[carrie@yarnandhoney.com](mailto:carrie@yarnandhoney.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:52 AM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Great Falls Public Library 2023 City Mill Levy

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Carrie Jensen and while I am not a resident of Great Falls, I am a business owner and fully support other businesses in Great Falls. I have spent almost 30 years working in Great Falls and even more shopping and attending events in Great Falls.

I am currently the Great Falls Public Library Foundation's President. This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year on the Foundation Board. My comments represent the Foundation's opinion, as well as my personal opinion.

Please vote yes to put the Mill Levy on the upcoming ballot, so the citizens of Great Falls can decide what level of service they want their library to provide.

The Foundation fully supports the GF Library Mill Levy and believes it is extremely important that the Library receive a consistent stream of income to serve our Community for the future.

Tonight you will hear many reasons why we need the Mill Levy. I will not go through a long list. For me, a few of the biggest concerns are the following:

The GF Library is funded at \$19 per capita and the Montana average is \$31 per capita. This is a huge discrepancy giving our residents (including our children) a disadvantage.

If we continue with the above funding the Library will have to reduce hours that will then cause the loss of state funding. This will lead to even more cuts at the Library.

Again, please vote yes to put the Mill Levy on the ballot, our citizens deserve to have a funded Library to provide services to all.

Thank you.

Carrie Jensen, CPA, CGMA  
Owner  
Yarn & Honey  
610 Central Ave  
Great Falls, MT 59401  
406.761.4652

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of support for Ordinance 3254  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:51:06 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter of Support Ordinance 3254.docx](#)

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Good Morning –

See comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager

Good Morning Cheryl – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager

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**From:** Cheryl Lucas <lucascheryl@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2023 9:10 AM  
**To:** commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Ordinance 3254

1618 Central Avenue  
Great Falls, Montana 59401

Great Falls City Commission  
Great Falls, Montana 59401

February 20, 2023

Dear City Commission:

I am writing in support of passage of Ordinance 3254.

In my opinion the Great Falls Public Library has been underfunded for years. Director McIntyre and her staff have done wonderful and exciting things with the funds they have but there is great potential for more if they receive more funding. I volunteer on the third floor in the Montana Room and Genealogy Society Library. As far as I know, this area is the only area of the library that has a sign

in sheet. In 2022, there were over 2,600 people utilizing these areas. This included people from all over the state (54), the nation (54), and internationally (11). Before Covid, there were even more users of this space and we are building back up to that. There have been visitors from Norway, Ireland, Italy, Canada among other countries.

The Kids' Place is an awesome space. They do arts and crafts, story time, etc. When my 5-year-old niece visited last summer, in the short time she was here we were at the library at least 5 days. Justice was thrilled with the different crafts she was able to do. Imagine what the children's librarians would do with more funding and time.

The library is a vital place for all levels of Great Falls citizens. Meetings for different groups are held there. The music in the park that is performed is fantastic. The workshops, book discussion groups, and different events that happen at the library help everyone. Even the stuffed animal sleepover is a fun time for all concerned – kids and stuffed animals alike!

If the library's hours and services have to be cut it would be a very sad time for the citizens of Great Falls.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Cheryl Lucas*

Cheryl Lucas



**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Library levy  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 12:05:28 PM

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I hit send too fast.

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 12:05 PM  
**To:** Bob Kelly <[bkelly@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:bkelly@greatfallsmt.net)>; Eric Hinebauch <[ehinebauch@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:ehinebauch@greatfallsmt.net)>; Joe McKenney <[jmckenney@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:jmckenney@greatfallsmt.net)>; Rick Tryon <[rtryon@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:rtryon@greatfallsmt.net)>; Susan Wolff <[swolff@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:swolff@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** FW: Library levy

See comments in opposition to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 12:04 PM  
**To:** 'Laura Ravenscroft' <[ravensngf@yahoo.com](mailto:ravensngf@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Library levy

Hi Ken – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration this evening of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager  
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406.455.8451

**From:** Laura Ravenscroft <[ravensngf@yahoo.com](mailto:ravensngf@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:57 AM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Library levy

As a property owner and landlord, I oppose this levy.

The library's job is not mental health. There are already mental health services available in town.

We are constantly hearing about our rents being too high. If this goes through rent will go up.

With the high cost of food and gas, a property tax increase could be devastating to our elderly

friends.

Thank you for your consideration of this,  
Ken Ravenscroft

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Library Levyme public hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:53:32 AM

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Good Morning - see comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa C. Kunz  
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:53 AM  
To: 'Shyla Patera' <[shycpat@icloud.com](mailto:shycpat@icloud.com)>  
Subject: RE: Library Levyme public hearing

Good Morning Shyla – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz  
City Clerk/Records Manager  
Civic Center Room 102  
406.455.8451

-----Original Message-----

From: Shyla Patera <[shycpat@icloud.com](mailto:shycpat@icloud.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:40 AM  
To: Lisa C. Kunz <[lkunz@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:lkunz@greatfallsmt.net)>; commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>; Krista Artis <[kartis@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:kartis@greatfallsmt.net)>  
Subject: Library Levyme public hearing

My name is Shyla Patera. I am writing this. email in support of putting the library mill levy on the ballot in May. The Great Falls Public Library has been and is a focal point for many of our citizens in our local community. Since returning home in 2003 and in my work at North Central Independent Living ServiceInc., I utilize the library to meet consumers clients and citizens regarding disability issues. The library has made great strides over the years in accessing digital materials so that those of us with disabilities, either in reading or print, can access materials and enjoy the love and thrill of storytelling.

The library serves as a de facto gathering place for many of our citizens experiencing homelessness . While this is not often the ideal, it does allow citizens a place to expand skills and knowledge and become part of not only the wider community but enhancing the community that experiences homelessness.

The library provides not only accessible resources but a chance for community to gain knowledge through various programs. I am most excited about going on a walking tour around Gibson Park when it is available. I hope this expands and as aBook mobile user when I was a little girl , I can tell you that the Bookmobile is truly amazing .While the state library is available to access materials in large print or digital formats, I am really happy that Great Falls Public Library is expanding our digital and disability accessibility services. As you know the Great Falls Public Library is more than just accessing a warm place, it is a community highlight unto itself. Due to the work of amazing library staff , we have a place that is vital and growing every day. One of my favorite things about visiting the library is not only the books I am able to check out or the computer time needed when helping a client or a consumer, but it's talking to the little ones who are headed into story time and loving every second of it and seeing their joy they learn activities and learn to love reading as well .As library staff pursues partnerships with other libraries

through interlibrary loan and the Dolly Parton Foundation, I am really excited for the opportunities this levy will bring both for the county and our city. I want the opportunity as a citizen to vote on the library levy.

Shyla Patera

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: New Ticket: 28692f890 - Library Levy  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:56:21 AM

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See comments from Gordon Whirry pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18. - LK

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**Updated By:** lkunz

**Assigned To:** lkunz (City Commission)

Hi Gordon - thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz

City Clerk

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**From:** City of Great Falls Montana <greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:31 AM

**To:** Lisa C. Kunz <lkunz@greatfallsmt.net>

**Subject:** New Ticket: 28692f890 - Library Levy

Ticket ID: 28692f890

Ticket Node ID: 260912

Ticket Topic: Library Levy

Department: City Commission

Department default assignee: lkunz

Details:

Our family has always been big library users and we very much appreciate our Great Falls library and staff. However it saddens me to see how far our library has fallen behind in recent years due to shortage of funding. Libraries in most larger cities in Montana have been much better supported and have new or remodeled facilities. Great Falls citizens deserve better. The library is a critical community center and should be well supported by the city and the county. I support proceeding with a levy to meet the basic needs that have been identified.

Please do not respond to this email. To update the ticket or respond to the citizen use the link below.

[https://greatfallsmt.net/ticket\\_status?id=28692f890](https://greatfallsmt.net/ticket_status?id=28692f890)



**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ordinance 3254 and Resolution 10488  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:43:35 AM

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Good Morning – see comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:43 AM  
**To:** 'jclark229@bresnan.net' <jclark229@bresnan.net>  
**Subject:** RE: Ordinance 3254 and Resolution 10488

Good Morning Gerald – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of these two items on tonight’s agenda.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager  
Civic Center Room 102  
406.455.8451

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**From:** [jclark229@bresnan.net](mailto:jclark229@bresnan.net) <[jclark229@bresnan.net](mailto:jclark229@bresnan.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2023 2:53 PM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Ordinance 3254 and Resolution 10488

Dear City Commissioners:

I urge you to adopt both Ordinance 3254 and Resolution 10488.

Great Falls has wonderful public library and a staff that continues to accomplish much with limited resources. However, to continue current levels of service to our community, more funding is needed. Indeed, this fine institution is in danger of losing State funds if the hours it is open to the public drop below current levels. Please adopt Ordinance 3254 and Resolution 10488.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these agenda items.

Gerald Clark  
405 Park Dr. N. Apt. 7A  
Great Falls, MT 59401

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ordinance 3254 --Re: increasing the Library Mill Limit  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:53:31 AM

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See comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:53 AM  
**To:** 'Linda M Colenso' <[lindam.colenso@gmail.com](mailto:lindam.colenso@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Ordinance 3254 --Re: increasing the Library Mill Limit

Good Morning Linda – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager  
Civic Center Room 102  
406.455.8451

**From:** Linda M Colenso <[lindam.colenso@gmail.com](mailto:lindam.colenso@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 20, 2023 6:43 PM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Ordinance 3254 --Re: increasing the Library Mill Limit

I am in favor of amending the Charter of the City of Great Falls so that the Library Mill Limit can be increased to the 17 additional mills. The GF Public Library is a very important resource in our community for the range of ages it services. Being able to have access 6 days a week for pleasure reading, information and audio books or DVD enhances my life. Along with having availability to the building for meetings, guest appearances and to access the Great Falls Genealogy Library, it is very important to have enough librarians and assistants to serve us. Their knowledge of the materials in the library and placement thereof is invaluable. It saves me time hunting for this information or that book - especially when I am looking in the wrong section. Please realize the great importance of financially supporting this great asset of Great Falls.  
Thank You!

Linda M Colenso  
3416 1st Ave N  
59401





**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Ordinance 3254, Resolution 10488  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:41:58 AM

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Good Morning – see comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 8:40 AM  
**To:** 'caclark229@bresnan.net' <caclark229@bresnan.net>  
**Subject:** RE: Ordinance 3254, Resolution 10488

Good Morning Carole – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of these two items on tonight’s agenda.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager  
Civic Center Room 102  
406.455.8451

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**From:** [caclark229@bresnan.net](mailto:caclark229@bresnan.net) <[caclark229@bresnan.net](mailto:caclark229@bresnan.net)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 19, 2023 2:16 PM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Ordinance 3254, Resolution 10488

Dear City Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to adopt both Ordinance 3254 and Resolution 10488. A great city deserves and needs a great library. Our Public Library practically works miracles with the funding currently provided, but cannot move forward, and indeed is in danger of losing State funds if the hours open to the public drop below current levels. This is a distinct possibility right now, and we all will suffer if it happens.

Thank you for your consideration of these agenda items.

Carole Ann Clark  
405 Park Dr. N. 7A  
Great Falls, MT 59401

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Proponent Support for the Library Mill Levy  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:59:37 AM  
**Attachments:** [Mill Levy Testimony.docx](#)

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Good Morning – see comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

Good Morning Sue – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

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**From:** Sue Warren <warrsuea@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:28 AM  
**To:** commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>  
**Cc:** Jill Baker <jillb.gfplf@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Proponent Support for the Library Mill Levy

Good Morning, Mayor Kelly, and Members of the City Commission,

I am sending this email testimony as a proponent of the Great Falls Public Library in case I am unable to attend the Commission Meeting at 7pm.

I have a couple of conflicts running right up to the time of the Commission Meeting including a commitment to Shrove (Fat) Tuesday at church with the beginning of the church Lent Season tomorrow with Ash Wednesday. I also have a Continuing Education Class scheduled until 6:30pm, so will plan to attend unless I'm delayed due to these conflicts.

I have notified Jill Baker and she was kind enough to provide your email.

As per the attachment, I am a proponent for the Library Mill Levy.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Sue Warren  
406-781-4846

## Great Falls Public Library Mill Levy Testimony – Proponent

Good Evening, Mayor Kelly, Members of the Commission, and Members of the Community,

I am Sue Warren, Vice President and Trustee of the Great Falls Public Library Foundation.

My address is : 3932 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Over a year ago, the Library developed a Master Plan that guided decisions on facility maintenance and upgrades, library space configurations, library services, and community outreach which consequently led to discussions on staffing and funding. We are here this evening as funding provided to the Library to support today's needs is inadequate.

A Library Mill Levy on June 6<sup>th</sup> would be key to these successes:

- Expanding library hours to be open 7 days a week.
- Expanding bookmobile services to 6 days a week to include daycares, schools and seniors.
- Expanding youth programs including early literacy and school age programming
- Providing more lifelong learning opportunities including electronic resources for adult and senior programming
- Restarting and expanding the homebound program
- Enhancing technology resources including internet access and digital resources

Perhaps even more importantly, if passed, the City would cease subsidizing the library with \$350,000 from the General Fund, freeing up that financial resource for other needs.

Please vote to place the Library Mill Levy on the ballot on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you.

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support GFPL Levy-Ordinance 3254  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:50:14 AM

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Good Morning – see comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:49 AM  
**To:** 'Kenneth Robison' <[kennethgr@aol.com](mailto:kennethgr@aol.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Support GFPL Levy-Ordinance 3254

Good Morning Ken – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager  
Civic Center Room 102  
406.455.8451

**From:** Kenneth Robison <[kennethgr@aol.com](mailto:kennethgr@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 9:38 AM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Cc:** Susie McIntyre <[smcintyre@greatfallslibrary.org](mailto:smcintyre@greatfallslibrary.org)>  
**Subject:** Support GFPL Levy-Ordinance 3254

Dear Commissioners,

I urge your support for Ordinance 3254 to place the GFPL Levy on the public ballot. Let us decide in public election.

This levy will bring funding of our great Library to a level comparable with other cities in Montana. We have a strong tradition for an outstanding public library, yet funding by both the city and county has not kept pace with increased costs. I urge your support to improve Library funding to allow seven days a week service and implementation of the new library Master Plan.

Thanks for considering,  
Ken Robison  
315 Lamplighter Lane  
Great Falls 59405

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: City Library Levy  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:59:14 PM

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See comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18 this evening.

Lisa

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa C. Kunz  
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:58 PM  
To: 'Kayla Flesch' <kayla.flesch@yahoo.com>  
Subject: RE: City Library Levy

Hi Kayla - thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration this evening of agenda items 16 and 18.

Best regards,

Lisa Kunz  
City Clerk/Records Manager  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kayla Flesch <kayla.flesch@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 5:40 PM  
To: commission <commission@greatfallsmt.net>  
Subject: City Library Levy

Good evening,

My name is Kayla and I am a local resident here in Great Falls. I have 3 children, one of which has special needs. We are writing you today and graciously ask that you vote to push forth the library levy. As a family, we value quality library services. We would love to see the library expand their operational time. To be open 7 days a week and at times that are more conducive to working families. As a family of 5 it is very difficult to get to the library during the week and it is only open until 6 on Fridays, which leaves little room to attend. That leaves one day for working families to participate in library activities, Saturday, because they are closed on Sunday. We also would like to see our local public library be able to provide outreach services and activities for the community. Our public library has the propensity to be a local gem but we as a community have to make that happen.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration to support families in our community.

Best,  
Kayla Lee

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Krista Artis](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mail addressed to City Clerk, re: "Library Needs Money"  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 1:30:56 PM

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See comments pertaining to agenda items 16 and 18.

Thank you.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 1:30 PM  
**To:** 'Gail Kapptie' <[tkapptie@hotmail.com](mailto:tkapptie@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Mail addressed to City Clerk, re: "Library Needs Money"

Thank you Gail. Your comments will be shared as previously set forth.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager  
Civic Center Room 102  
406.455.8451

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**From:** Gail Kapptie <[tkapptie@hotmail.com](mailto:tkapptie@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 1:17 PM  
**To:** Lisa C. Kunz <[lkunz@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:lkunz@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: Mail addressed to City Clerk, re: "Library Needs Money"

It is my wishes that the city fathers will increase money using ordinance 3234 got the great falls public library.  
the library services people of all ages, races rich and poor. There is public law person to help with questions, a genealogy library.  
movies to borrow, reading times for very small kids books of every type many newspapers..  
a place for every one

gail kapptie  
2724 5 ave south great falls, montana

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz <[lkunz@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:lkunz@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:02 AM  
**To:** 'tkapptie@hotmail.com' <[tkapptie@hotmail.com](mailto:tkapptie@hotmail.com)>

**Subject:** Mail addressed to City Clerk, re: "Library Needs Money"

Good Morning – I am in receipt of your envelope addressed to the City Clerk with a note “library needs money.” However, the contents of the letter do not pertain to the Great Falls Public Library, but rather a thank you note to Brenna for flowers.

You can respond to this email with your comments pertaining to your thoughts about the Great Falls Public Library’s request to refer Ordinance 3254 to the voters to increase the library’s voted mills for operation from 2 mills to 17 mills. I’ll make sure the Commission and appropriate staff consider your comments prior to the vote on agenda items 16 and 18 on this evening’s commission agenda.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

City Clerk/Records Manager

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