

**From:** [Darcy Dea](#)  
**To:** [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Bob Kelly](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Item 6; Appointments to Library Board, Oct. 3, 2023  
**Date:** Monday, October 2, 2023 11:34:15 AM

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FYI - Darcy

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**From:** Darcy Dea  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2023 11:33 AM  
**To:** 'JAMES J HECKEL' <[jheckel8@msn.com](mailto:jheckel8@msn.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Item 6; Appointments to Library Board, Oct. 3, 2023

Thank you Jim. Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of Agenda Item 6 on the Oct. 3, 2023 commission agenda.

Thank you,

*Darcy Dea*  
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**From:** JAMES J HECKEL <[jheckel8@msn.com](mailto:jheckel8@msn.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2023 1:30 PM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Item 6; Appointments to Library Board, Oct. 3, 2023

I was director of the Great Falls Public Library for 21 years and was fortunate to serve with outstanding boards of trustees, all appointed by the City Commission with the advice of the Library Board of Trustees. The Library Trustees understand the intricate and essential roles played libraries in our democratic society and best understand the needs and goals of the GFPL.

I support the nominations by the library board of Anne Bulger and Hoppy Hopkins.

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**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](mailto:Lisa.C.Kunz)  
**To:** [Krista Artis](mailto:Krista.Artis)  
**Subject:** FW: [Bob Kelly] Library board appointments  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 8:35:58 AM

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**From:** Bob Kelly <[bkelly@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:bkelly@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 30, 2023 11:01 PM  
**To:** Lisa C. Kunz <[lkunz@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:lkunz@greatfallsmt.net)>; Darcy Dea <[ddea@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:ddea@greatfallsmt.net)>; City Commissioners <[CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:CityCommissioners@greatfallsmt.net)>; Greg Doyon <[gdoyon@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:gdoyon@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [Bob Kelly] Library board appointments

For your records.

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**From:** City of Great Falls Montana <[greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com](mailto:greatfalls-mt@municodeweb.com)>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 30, 2023 12:41 PM  
**To:** [bkelly@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:bkelly@greatfallsmt.net) <[bkelly@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:bkelly@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** [Bob Kelly] Library board appointments

Sara Buley ([sarabuley@gmail.com](mailto:sarabuley@gmail.com)) sent a message using the contact form at <https://greatfallsmt.net/>.

Dear Mayor Kelly, I strongly support Anne Bulger and Jerry "Hoppy" Hopkins to be re-appointed and appointed to the library board. Anne has served well on the board for one year and Jerry Hopkins is currently a librarian in the Great Falls Public School District, so they both are very aware of the needs of the public library and would make informed decisions as board members. I know Anne Bulger personally. I taught in the classroom next door to her for many years at CM Russell High School. Anne is honorable, diligent, and trustworthy to the max. She always put her students first, just as she did and will continue to do for the citizens of Great Falls.

I urge you and the City Commission to continue to have the library vet candidates to the library board and make recommendations to the City Commission. The board is knowledgeable about library needs, and is not-partisan, an important fact. Please consider my point of view, and put this email on the record for the meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Sincerely,  
Sara Buley  
913 25th Ave. SW,  
Great Falls, MT 59404

**From:** [Darcy Dea](#)  
**To:** [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Bob Kelly](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Cc:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Appointments to the Library Board: Item No. 6 under Boards and Commissions  
**Date:** Monday, October 2, 2023 11:37:14 AM

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FYI - Darcy

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**From:** Darcy Dea  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2023 11:37 AM  
**To:** 'Karen Venetz' <[kvenetz183@gmail.com](mailto:kvenetz183@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Appointments to the Library Board: Item No. 6 under Boards and Commissions

Good Morning Karen – Your comments will be shared with the City Commission and appropriate staff for consideration of item 6 on the October 3, 2023 commission agenda.

Thank you,

*Darcy Dea*  
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**From:** Karen Venetz <[kvenetz183@gmail.com](mailto:kvenetz183@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2023 5:45 PM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: Appointments to the Library Board: Item No. 6 under Boards and Commissions

Dear Honorable Mayor and County Commissioners

It is a library's obligation to include a variety of books that represent diversity. Socially excluded, marginalized, and underrepresented people, not just the majority, should be able to see themselves reflected in the programs, displays, and books the library offers.

A library is where every parent and guardian can bring their children to learn about the world we live in, not someone's curated limited version of the world.

The richness of the library that we love and the need in this community should stay as is.. that is to say, it should remain in the hands of the staff's recommendations—the people who are educated in all matters concerning the library functions.

Your duties are to "appoint" citizens to boards, councils, communities, or any other body or group under the law. The library board conducted over ten interviews and has done their due diligence by recommending Anne Bulger and Jerry Hopkins. Both are well respected and involved in our community.

Please accept the library board's recommendations.

Respectfully,

Karen S. Venetz  
939 2nd St. SW  
Great Falls, MT 59404



**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Susie McIntyre](#); [Bob Kelly](#); [Eric Hinebauch](#); [Joe McKenney](#); [Rick Tryon](#); [Susan Wolff](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Boards and Commissions , Great Falls Library Board Appointments Item #6  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:34:16 AM

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For consideration of agenda item 6 this evening.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:33 AM  
**To:** 'Ginny Rogliano' <[grogliano5@gmail.com](mailto:grogliano5@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Boards and Commissions , Great Falls Library Board Appointments Item #6

Good Morning Ginny – thank you for your comments. Your comments will be shared with the Commission members and appropriate staff for consideration of item 6 on this evening’s Commission agenda.

For background, here is a link to the most recent Resolution pertaining to appointments to boards and commissions: <https://greatfallsmt.net/ordinance/resolution-10524>

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

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**From:** Ginny Rogliano <[grogliano5@gmail.com](mailto:grogliano5@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 9:49 AM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Boards and Commissions , Great Falls Library Board Appointments Item #6

Mayor Kelly  
Commissioner Hinebauch  
Commissioner McKenney  
Commissioner Tryon  
Commissioner Wolff

Because I want to be more knowledgeable with how procedures are conducted in the city of Great Falls, I attended the Tuesday September 12, 2023 and the Tuesday September 19, 2023 interviews of the Great Falls Library Board candidates.

I was surprised there weren't any city Commissioners present for the interviews.

I also attended the Library Board meeting on Tuesday September 26, 2023 when the two applicants that had been chosen were announced.

Although all the candidates were asked the same questions by the two Board members conducting the interviews, it was evident the demeanor and acceptance towards certain candidates appeared different and slanted.

I do not agree with the two candidates that were chosen.

It is always beneficial to have opposing viewpoints on a Board in order to have a more balanced environment.

A well rounded Board would be in the best interest of our Great Falls community.

The Great Falls Library promotes diversity.

It is evident diversity is not present in their Board at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Rogliano  
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Great Falls, Montana 59404

**From:** [Lisa C. Kunz](#)  
**To:** [Greg Doyon](#); [Charles Anderson](#); [Krista Artis](#); [Susie McIntyre](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Library Board Recommendations  
**Date:** Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:04:26 AM

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See comments pertaining to Library Board recommendations.

Lisa

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**From:** Lisa C. Kunz  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:03 AM  
**To:** 'Sue Warren' <[warrsuea@hotmail.com](mailto:warrsuea@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Library Board Recommendations

Good Morning Sue – thank you for your comments pertaining to Agenda Item 6 on the October 3, 2023 Commission agenda. Your comments will be shared with the Commission and appropriate staff for consideration during this agenda item.

Best regards,

*Lisa Kunz*

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**From:** Sue Warren <[warrsuea@hotmail.com](mailto:warrsuea@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2023 6:46 PM  
**To:** commission <[commission@greatfallsmt.net](mailto:commission@greatfallsmt.net)>  
**Subject:** Library Board Recommendations

Good Evening,

I saw in The Electric this morning that the Great Falls Public Library Board had completed its interviews and has recommended to the City Commission that Anne Bulger and Jerry Hopkins, Jr. fill the open board positions. I have known Anne for years, first meeting her as the Library's Liaison to the Foundation Board. As well, Mr. Hopkins has been a family friend for years and will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Board as the Librarian at Great Falls High School.

I applaud those that applied and certainly encourage their advocacy for the Great Falls Public Library. Thank you to the Library Board for the time and effort involved to interview all applicants.

I recommend your approval of Anne Bulger and Jerry Hopkins, Jr. to serve terms of service on the Great Falls Public Library Board.

Sincerely,

Sue Warren  
President  
Great Falls Public Library Foundation  
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