

Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
April 2024

1. **MONTHLY MANAGEMENT TEAM UPDATE—TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS REPORT:** Sara Kegel has prepared a report on Library Technology Systems. She will provide an overview and answer any Board questions.
2. **MILL LEVY IMPLEMENTATION:** All new staff (except for the Assistant Director) have been hired and are being trained. Kudos to Sara Kegel, Rae McFadden and Sara Linder-Parkinson for developing great onboarding programs for the new employees. We are on track to extend our hours starting Sunday June 9th. Please mark your calendars for our Library Bash planned for Saturday June 8th to celebrate.
3. **BOARD OF TRUSTEE QUARTERLY TRAINING:** I hope that you were able to participate in the April Board training offerings. I look forward to your feedback.
4. **AUTORENEWAL:** The Montana Shared Catalog now has the ability to do automatic renewals. The system can be set-up to automatically renew any overdue item that qualifies for renewal. We will be piloting autorenewal this Spring to see how it works for Great Falls Public Library. I'm happy to answer questions about this change at the meeting.
5. **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:** Thanks to Library Staff, Library Board and volunteers for helping to celebrate National Library Week. We have an excellent Library Team and I am pleased to recognize their work to serve our community. I hope that you were able to see our social media posts and new Library videos.
6. **CREDIT CARDS:** I am happy to report that the issues with the Library accepting credit card payments have been resolved and the Library has been taking credit card payments for the last month. Thanks to Aaron for his work with the financial procedures and the Public Services Staff lead by Sara Linder-Parkinson for developing workable procedures.
7. **BANDSHELL REMOVAL:** Asbestos testing has been done and the appropriate permits requested. Shumaker Trucking & Excavating hope to do the demolition the week of April 22nd.
8. **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE:** The Friends of the Library Book Sale is scheduled to start May 9th. The Friends are collecting books every Saturday from now until April 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Thank you to the Board members who have volunteered to assist with collection. If you are interested in volunteering, please talk to Sarah Cawley.
9. **MONTANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AWARDS:** Congratulations to the Library Board for winning the Montana Library Association Jane Lopp Trustee of the Year Award. All of your work is deeply appreciated.