

Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
June 2024

1. **MILL LEVY IMPLEMENTATION: EXPANDED SERVICES** Thanks for those who were able to attend our Summer Bash. We made promises and we are delivering on them. We've already improved access by providing more educational programming and providing access to more digital resources—including eBooks, language resources and FREE online classes for job seekers and local business owners. Library parking has been free since July 2023. As of June 9th, the Library is open 7 days a week, the book mobile is providing 6 days a week and our homebound service has started. We have started weekly Open Tech Hours to go with our expanded library programming. June also launches our biggest ever summer reading programs for kids and adults.
2. **NEW LOGO AND WEBSITE:** We have implemented our new Library Logo and launched our new website. There were a few hiccups in the website transition—especially with the calendar of events. We've gotten great feedback on both. Huge thanks to all the Library staff who worked on these big projects.
3. **LIBRARY SAFETY:** The Library bandshell has been removed. Staff have worked hard to clean-up the park and it looks great. Special thanks to John C. and Bob M. for their efforts. We have wonderful plans for the Summer Music in the Park series which will still take place in the Library Park. Big thanks to all of our Summer Music sponsors especially Scheels for allowing us to borrow their performance tent!
4. **MONTANALIBRARY2GO MAGAZINES:** Due to cuts in the Montana State Library budget, they will not be able to support the MontanaLibrary2Go magazine access for FY2025. The total cost for the Consortium to provide access to the magazines collection is \$24,000 per year. Over the last 12 months, Great Falls Public Library patrons have had 11,243 online magazine checkouts (average 937/month). The MontanaLibrary2Go selection team is working with the membership to find funding. This may result in an increase in our MontanaLibrary2Go membership (estimated at about \$1,100.00)
5. **AUTORENEWAL:** As of June 8th, the Montana Shared Catalog staff has enabled autorenewal for Great Falls Public Library patrons. The system will now automatically renew any items that are due and are eligible to be renewed. (Hotspots or other items with restrictions will not be renewed. Items that have already been renewed twice will not be renewed. Items with holds will not be renewed.) This may have an impact on monthly statistics going forward. We believe that it will serve the patrons. Once an item is overdue, patrons are unable to log-in to their accounts and renew items or be able to access MontanaLibrary2Go items.
6. **BUDGET UPDATE** We have had our Departmental Budget meetings with the City Manager and the Fiscal Department. An updated budget and the accompanying notes are in your packet.
7. **REMODEL DESIGN UPDATE:**
Funding: The City Commission approved the Cushing Terrell contract for the Library remodel design. The Foundation Letter of Understanding with the City is on the contracts list to be approved by the City Commission at their June 18th Commission meeting.

Design:

- CT's Architectural Team has completed a full 3-dimensional model of the existing building, both interior and exterior, complete with landscape. The board has access to the matterport link, and the CT design team is using it as a basis for their work.
- CT's Architectural Team has also broken the existing program down to match the masterplan and correspond to the model.
- CT electrical, mechanical, and structural teams will be on site throughout the next two weeks to supplement their model with the systems relevant to their work.