

**Director's Report
Great Falls Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 20, 2016**

1. **Rae McFadden**, our new **Youth Services Librarian**, started on December 8. She comes to us from Detroit and is looking forward to working with us to expand our youth offerings. She will be at our meeting to meet you and tell you a little about herself.
2. The **Foundation's** annual fundraiser, the **Book-A-Thon** is going well this year. As of December 10, 334 donors have given \$28,888. At the same time last year, 237 donors had given \$25,925. The Book-A-Thon began in 1990 and during that first year received \$12,966 from 171 donors who were "cold called." The fundraiser has since transitioned to a letter campaign and flyer distribution method of raising funds. Each year one half of the funds raised went toward purchasing juvenile and young adult materials and the other half was invested by the Foundation for the future. Beginning this year, 100% of the funds raised will go directly for purchasing materials. Since the inception of the program, the Book-A-Thon has raised \$692,098.
3. A reminder that we have the opportunity to attend **Community Engagement** training offered by the State Library. There is a full day session on April 27 in Havre. As an alternative, a representative from the State Library can come to our library and present a 3 hour session at your convenience. Please check your calendars and let me know what would work better from you and I will work on scheduling.
4. Last month your packet contained several examples of **job descriptions** for library board members/trustees. Please bring those to the meeting with you with sections you would like included in a description for our library and any other suggestions you have. I will combine them for your review before approval by the board.
5. The **bookmobile** is back on the road with a new generator. Many patrons who use the bookmobile have been unable to access library services during the period when it was being repaired and are grateful to see it visit them again. **Jessie Damyanovich**, bookmobile driver, reports that the new generator has given her and patrons a much improved library experience and that it just "purrs."
6. **Overdrive**, our ebook and downloadable audiobook vendor, has published some statistics that closely mirror the information in the article "Is Audio Really the Future of the Book?" that Dea provided for us. Both documents are in your packet.
7. Your packet also includes important information from the **Montana Library Association Government Affairs Committee** concerning upcoming legislation.
8. The staff and I wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for the new year!