**Director’s Report**

**June 2025**

**DNA Climber.** BrownKnows will install the Tule Tipi in the DNA Playground area (where the new green carpet is) around July 11. The project includes reader rails, sound-related activities, a collection of Indigenous books, and more. The tipi is made of playground materials with scanned designs on the mats meant to look like the tipi mat in the art frame. We will have a small opening party to celebrate the completion of the project sometime shortly after this is all installed in July. The Tule Tipi play structure is based on design sessions held with Native youth and tribal knowledge keepers on Flathead Reservation.

**Safe Environment.** On Sunday, June 8, Missoula County 911 called the library asking for a manager to call them back so they could share urgent information. We learned that an individual made a threat to another person that was something along the lines of "do this thing for me or I'll get a weapon and kill someone at the Poverello Center or the library." The officer could not say how credible or real this threat was. As far as we know, the individual did not come to the library. This incident was debriefed by Management, Reference, and the Safe Environment Committee will discuss it during their next meeting.

**Facilities Administrator position.** Worked with HR and Finance to reclassify the position. Recruitment is in process.

**Regular Meetings.** Meeting with County Commissioners, Friends of MPL, Management, Steering Committee, AUOR Executive Leadership, Reference, and 1:1s.

**Library Negotiations.** Met with County HR and Union Leadership for two sessions to discuss wage increases and contract language changes.

**Desk time.** Worked 5 hours of desk time, including monthly Saturday hours. Attended Summer Learning kick-off party featuring Cowboy Andy and the Salamanders and went to the Abi Maxwell author event. Participated in the Pride Parade.

**Interesting Reads**

AI chatbots need more books to learn from. These libraries are opening their stacks

<https://apnews.com/article/ai-chatbot-training-data-libraries-idi-e096a81a4fceb2951f232a33ac767f53>

Watchdog Finds Trump Administration Broke Law by Withholding Library Funds

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/16/us/politics/trump-watchdog-library-funds.html>