**Director’s Report**

**November 2025**

**Book vendor transition.** Baker & Taylor, the country’s largest book wholesaler to libraries, announced they are going out of business. Reached out to Ingram’s Sr. Sales Associate to set up a meeting with relevant MPL staff. They were able to set us up with a new account, even as libraries from all over are setting up new business with them, so we should experience minimal disruption in getting new books (or at least not worse than dealing with B&T backorders).

**Landscaping.** Met with Facilities Administrator to discuss A&E landscaping plan and to identify what modifications we can make to Main St. to improve access and messiness during the winter.

**Gyeonggi International Library Conference – Suwon, Korea.** Conference exploring the theme of “Libraries Connecting, Climate, Knowledge, and the Future.” Presented about MPL’s Green Library Award and sustainability efforts related to the building, collaboration, and programming.

**ALA Core Forum – Denver**. Presented with Alex Sobin, Director/spectrUM, and Traci Lesneski from MSR about MPL’s All Under One Roof model.

**Mental Health Fund Social Work Grant.** Met with grant coordinator to discuss quarterly reports.

**Sexual Harassment Training.** Participated in training presented by Missoula Public Health for MPL staff. It is based on the former *Make Your Move Missoula* community project that focused on sexual assault and harassment prevention, bystander intervention, consent, and boundaries.

**Mill Levy Polling.** Met with Lake Research multiple times to design survey. Results should be available in December.

**Library Foundation.** Attended Strategic Planning session.

**Indigenizing Downtown Missoula.** Participated in a smudging downtown and Indigenous Awareness walk. IDM is an initiative led by a collaboration of local organizations, including the [Indigen-Unity Committee (JRPC)](https://www.instagram.com/p/DQmoMmak6NW/), ZACC, Missoula Art Museum, and MPL.

**Living Roof.** Co-lead a tour for Clearwater Credit Union to discuss project. Attended kickoff meeting with stakeholders, including the City of Missoula and planners from Morrison-Maierle

**Regular Meetings.** Meeting with the Foundation, Friends of MPL, Management, Steering Committee, Safe Environment Committee, AUOR Executive Leadership, Reference, and 1:1s.

**Desk time.** Worked 4 hours of desk time.

**Interesting Reads**

Libraries Look to Fill the Gap Left by Baker & Taylor

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/libraries/article/98808-libraries-look-to-fill-the-gap-left-by-baker-taylor.html>