**Director’s Report**

**December / January 2025-26**

**Safe Environment.** Virginia has noticed that agencies are making housing referrals to the social work team instead of handling them. Talking to providers about this and planning to present at a City Council Committee meeting.

**Board Service.** Selected to join the Humanities Montana Board of Directors.

**Landscaping.** Facilities and staff from the Extension Office planted native grass seeds along Adams and Front Street. In discussion with Master Naturalist Club through the Montana Natural History Center. The Master Naturalist Club is interested in eventually taking on maintenance, upkeep, and stewardship of the library's native garden project.

**Social Work Program Grants.** Applied for Crisis Diversion Grant and researched other opportunities for continued funding.

**Mill Levy Polling.** Met with Lake Research to review additional results and prepare for Board presentation.

**Strategic Plan.** Updated documents to reflect MPL’S accomplishments and goals since the plan was adopted in May 2023. Should be posted to the website soon.

**Library Foundation.** Attended Strategic Planning session. Presented updated information about MPL Strategic Plan.

**Labor Management Committee.** Co-chaired regular meeting. Coordinating refresher training with the Department of Labor for existing members and new members.

**Living Roof.** Co-led tour for Whitefish Credit Union staff. The Foundation received $25,000 from Clearwater Credit Union.

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

**AUOR PARTY.** Co-planned annual staff appreciation party.

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

**Interesting Reads**

Turning the page: Missoula Public Library's most checked out books of 2025

<https://missoulian.com/news/local/article_7bc10fcd-74a9-4a72-af15-fd4063858d72.html>

Missoula Public Library backers testing mood among voters for a boost in funding

<https://www.kpax.com/news/missoula-county/missoula-public-library-backers-testing-mood-among-voters-for-a-boost-in-funding>