



**Special Work Session Meeting,
Library Board Interviews Agenda
2 Park Drive South, Great Falls, MT
Gibson Room, Civic Center
June 12, 2024
2:00 PM**

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- Attend in person.
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CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Public comment on agenda items or any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the City Commission. Please keep your remarks to a maximum of five (5) minutes. Speak into the microphone, and state your name and either your address or whether you are a city resident for the record.)

WORK SESSION ITEMS

1. Great Falls Library Board Candidate Interviews.
 - Sandor Hopkins
 - Noelle Johnson
 - Susan Lee
 - Ashlynn Maczko

ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Special Work Session, Continued Airport and Library Board Interviews -- June 18, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Commission Work Session - Tuesday June 18, 2024 5:30 p.m.

City Commission Meeting - Tuesday June 18, 2024 7:00 p.m.



**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CITIZEN INTEREST FORM**
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Thank you for your interest. Citizen volunteers are regularly appointed to the various boards and commissions. This application subject to Montana Right to Know laws.

Board/Commission Applying For: Great Falls Library Board of Trustees		Date of Application: 8-8-2023	
Name: Sandor Regdos Hopkins			
Home Address: 524 7th Ave South, Great Falls, MT 59405		Email address: sandor.hopkins@gmail.com	
Home Phone: 406-209-4845	Work Phone: 406-466-3550	Cell Phone: 406-899-3556	
Occupation: Project Manager		Employer: Morris Land Surveys, PLLC	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)			
Related experiences or background: Maclean Cameron Animal Adoption Center - Board of Trustees 2020-Present			
Educational Background: Diploma - CMR High School 2005 BA Political Science - Montana State University - Bozeman 2013			
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:			
Previous and current service activities: Maclean-Cameron Animal Adoption Center Trustee Candidate for Montana House District 19 Volunteer for Rob Quist - 2017 Special election Paid Canvasser - Franke Wilmer 2014			
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): Cascade County Planning Department - 2017-2021 -Interim Planning Director June 2019-March 2020			
Membership in other community organizations: Maclean-Cameron Animal Adoption Center Trustee - 2020 -> Present			

Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Great Falls? Yes No If yes, where and when?

Do you have any relatives working or serving in any official capacity for the City of Great Falls? Yes No If yes, who, which department, and relationship?

Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes No If yes, what board and when did you serve?
Advised Cascade County Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board, not technically an appointed member


Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes No If yes, which board?
Maclean-Cameron Animal Adoption Center

Are you a Qualified Elector? Yes No
(Any citizen of Cascade County 18 years of age or older who meets the registration and residence requirements provided by law is a qualified elector unless he is serving a sentence for a felony in a penal institution or is of unsound mind, as determined by a court.)

Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission?
I would like to be more involved in community public service. I think the Library is a good fit, as I enjoy reading and learning new things. I would like to help promote the services the Library offers and I think I have the right temperament and knowledge to do so.

Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission?
I have been a board member for the Maclean-Cameron Animal Adoption Center since 2020. I read the Dune, Wheel of Time, and Song of Ice and Fire Series before it was cool. I live within walking distance from the Library and I am active in my community.

Additional comments:
I have had several people encourage me to apply for this position, including a previous Library Board Member. I will serve the Board with intelligence and diligence and will strive to make the best use of available resources.

Signature 

Date: 8-8-2023

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Board/Commission Applying For: Library Board of Trustees		Date of Application: May 2, 2024
Name: Noelle Johnson		
Home Address: 3917 5 th Ave. S. Great Falls, MT 59405		Email address: noellemjohnson@outlook.com
Home Phone: 406-268-0850	Work Phone:	Cell Phone: 406-868-3925
Occupation: Business owner; health & wellness coach	Employer: Self-employed	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)		
Related experiences or background: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary School Teacher, 18 years, Great Falls Public Schools—10 yrs of these in Title 1 Reading Intervention • Small Business Owner, 5 years • New Teacher Trainer, 5 years, GFPS 		
Educational Background: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.A. in Elementary Education • M.S. in Education w/Emphasis in Reading & Literacy 		
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:		
Previous and current service activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AWANA Director, 3 yrs, New City Church—organized & led weekly club with over 20 volunteers & between 60 to 80 kids (Pre-K to 6th grade) • Kids Church/Sunday School teacher, 20 plus years • Hosted Summer Book Club, 2 years—girls 3rd to 6th grade 		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): Library Board of Trustees Member, appointed, 7 months—October 2023 to present		
Membership in other community organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Falls Education Association, 2001 to 2019 • Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, 2019 to 2022 		

Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Great Falls? Yes No If yes, where and when?

Do you have any relatives working or serving in any official capacity for the City of Great Falls? Yes No If yes, who, which department, and relationship?

Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes No If yes, what board and when did you serve?
Library Board of Trustees Member, October 2023 to present

Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes No If yes, which board?
Library Board of Trustees Member

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Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission?
After serving 7 months on the library board, my interest continues because I know the importance of reading and learning. We have to continue to be aware of the financial impact to the citizens of the community who shoulder the costs, while still supporting free access to books, information, and literacy.

Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission?
• Ability to make connections & analyze—necessary documents, MCA, policy, etc.
• Prepare for meetings, articulate concerns & questions, & communicate effectively
• Small business owner—developing & operating budget, marketing, customer service
• Education training & daily job centered about books & learning; 18 years teaching

Additional comments:
Other work experience that includes working w/diverse groups of people, organizing, serving, decision making, and more:
• College Admissions Office, Whitworth College
• Boys & Girls Club of Park County (Wyoming)
• Glacier Camp & Conference Center
• Cody Chamber of Commerce

Signature: *Noelle Johnson* Date: 5-3-24

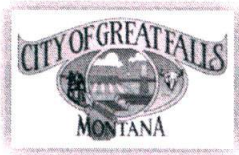
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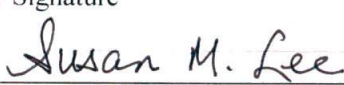
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Agenda #1.

Thank you for your interest. Citizen volunteers are regularly appointed to the various boards and commissions. This application subject to Montana Right to Know laws.

Board/Commission Applying For: Library Board		Date of Application: 4/25/2024
Name: Susan Lee		
Home Address: 2600 16th Ave South Unit 2 Great Falls, MT 59405		Email address: suelee000@gmail.com
Home Phone: 406-453-8860	Work Phone:	Cell Phone: 406-870-0176
Occupation: Retired Librarian	Employer:	
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)		
Related experiences or background: I've worked in libraries for most of my adult life. I started out shelving books at the Great Falls Public Library in high school. I worked at the Mansfield Library at UM during my undergraduate years. After I received an MLS, I worked as a librarian at the University of Providence for 38 years.		
Educational Background: CMR 1978 University of Montana BA History/Political Science 1982 University of Arizona, Master's in Library Sciences (MLS) , 1984		
IF NECESSARY, ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING:		
Previous and current service activities: American Association of University Women (AAUW) - Great Falls branch - served as Secretary (currently); President; Program VP; Membership VP; WebMaster (currently) American Association of University Women-Montana - served as Program chair; currently serve as membership chair.		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): None		
Membership in other community organizations: American Association of University Woman (AAUW) American Library Association Montana Library Association		

<p>Have you ever worked for or are you currently working for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, where and when? Great Falls Public Library 1976-1978</p>	
<p>Do you have any relatives working or serving in any official capacity for the City of Great Falls? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, who, which department, and relationship?</p>	
<p>Have you ever served on a City or County board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, what board and when did you serve?</p>	
<p>Are you currently serving on a Board? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, which board?</p>	
<p>Are you a Qualified Elector? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (Any citizen of Cascade County 18 years of age or older who meets the registration and residence requirements provided by law is a qualified elector unless he is serving a sentence for a felony in a penal institution or is of unsound mind, as determined by a court.)</p>	
<p>Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission? I've worked in libraries for most of my adult life. The Great Falls Public Library is responsible for my career as a librarian and it is time to pay that debt forward. Libraries change lives and I want to be part of that. I am also very interested in the renovation of the library building.</p>	
<p>Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission? My expertise is in academic libraries, but some things never change. I've done budgeting, reference, represented the library on various University Committees, taught students how to use print and online resources, taught for credit classes on how to use the library; taught reference classes for the University's Library Certificate program; worked at the Circulation Desk when no one else was available and pulled more than a few midnight shifts during Finals Week.</p>	
<p>Additional comments:</p>	
<p>Signature </p>	<p>Date: 4/25/2024</p>

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Board/Commission Applying For:		Date of Application:
Library Board of Trustees		07/24/2023
Name:		
Ashlynn Maczko		
Home Address:		Email address:
1200 29th St S Apt 108, Great Falls, MT, 59405		amaczko18@gmail.com
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:
630-935-9998		630-935-9998
Occupation:		Employer:
Academic Librarian		Great Falls College MSU
Would your work schedule conflict with meeting dates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, please explain)		
No		
Related experiences or background: I have been working in libraries in some capacity since 2018. First as a library page, then a graduate assistant, and now a full-time librarian. I am a member of the International Library & Information Studies Honor Society, the Montana Library Association, and the Progressive Librarians Guild, and am pursuing ALA membersip (budget permitting). In my position at GFCMSU I provide library leadership in all areas including policy, procedure, daily operations, and aligning our mission and services with the vision of the college.		
Educational Background: Master of Science in Library and Inforamtion Science, from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2021 BA in English, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, 2018, minors in Women & Gender Studies and Journalism		
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Previous and current service activities: Leadership Great Falls, 2022-2023		
Previous and current public experience (elective or appointive): N/A		
Membership in other community organizations: GFCMSU member/representative American Association of University Women, Great Falls Chapter United Way Campaign/Fundraising Team at Great Falls College MSU		

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Please describe your interest in serving on this board/commission?
Since starting my career in library service, I have found it increasingly important to advocate for libraries within our communities, and the values that libraries represent. We live in a time that has seen an increase in book challenges, challenges to intellectual freedom, challenges to libraries and librarianship, and these cannot go un-addressed. My hope in serving on this board is that I will be able to bring my experience and knowledge and collaborate with others to help advocate for, sustain, and grow the important work that our library does in our community.

Please describe your experience and/or background which you believe qualifies you for service on this board/commission?
I am a full-time librarian at Great Falls College MSU. Since starting in my position in 2021, I have provided leadership for the library at the institution, and consortium level. I have experience working in all aspects of library services, including circulation, reference and instruction, outreach, collection development, policy and procedure, and more. I keep updated on current trends and issues in librarianship. I also have experience working collaboratively with community partners to achieve a common goal through my participation in Leadership Great Falls. Since participating in LGF, I have been looking for opportunities to continue to serve my community, and I know that serving on the Library Board of Trustees would be a good fit given my personal interests and professional experience.

Additional comments:

Signature:  Date: 7/24/2023

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