March at the Library

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Great Falls, Montana – Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library is hosting the following events.

Art @ the Library

The Great Falls Public Library will continue to host an exhibit by **Deeling Gregory during March**. Deeling will exhibit a variety of paintings and fabric art. Deeling is a graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute and has had pieces exhibited around the world. **Also exhibiting in March is an exhibit by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernia**. This will consist of items, both artistic and historical, relating to Ireland. Finally, in **March the library also welcomes an exhibit by students in the Great Falls Public Schools in honor of Youth Art Month.**

Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. Established in 1961, YAM provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are not possible in other subjects. The Council for Art Education, a sponsor of Youth Art Month, adopted the national theme, “Start With Art, Learn for Life.” Art Education develops self-esteem, appreciation of the work of others, self expression, cooperation with others, and critical thinking skills. All of these skills are vital to the success of our future leaders – our children.

A reception for the Youth Art Month Exhibit and Deeling Gregory will be held on Friday, March 2, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. It is free and open to the public.

Computer Classes: The Second Step

Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library is presenting a four-part series of free of computer classes on Mondays in March from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. This series, ***Computer Basics: The Second Step***, is for those wishing to move beyond basics. All classes will be held on the second floor of the library. People attending the classes must arrive before 6:00 pm.

Due to high interest and limited computers, class size has been capped at 28. Anyone interested may register by calling the library at 453-0349 or stopping in at the 2nd floor Information Desk. However, you must register for the entire series. The schedule is listed below.

March 5	***Managing Files and Folders: Creating Folders, Saving & Moving Documents***
March 12	***Word Documents: Formatting, Copying/Pasting, Saving Inserting Pictures Other Objects***
March 19	***World Wide Web: Finding What You Need, Uploading & Downloading, Participating in Online Communities***
March 26	***E-mail: Making an Address Book, Formatting E-mails, Attaching Files***

Contact Susie McIntyre at 453-0349 or check www.greatfallslibrary.org for more information.

These classes are sponsored in part by the Great Falls Public Library Foundation.

Foreign and Independent Film Series

The Great Falls Public Library's Foreign and Independent Film Series continues on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:00 pm. and Saturday, March 10, at 2:00 pm. This series is free and open to the public.

March's selection is the Russian ***How I Ended This Summer***. On a desolate Arctic Circle island, two men work at a small meteorological station, 50-something Sergei, who is gruff and serious, and Pavel, the new partner fresh from college. Pavel is too intimidated to reveal terrible news for Sergei received via the radio in his absence. When the truth is revealed, consequences explode against a chilling backdrop of unforgiving Arctic terrain. This film was a winner at the Berlin Film Festival. It has Russian subtitles and does contain some strong language.

The featured short is ***First Day of Peace***.

Films will be shown each month on the first Wednesday and the following Saturday. The series, which runs September through May, is free and open to the public. Be forewarned, some films may contain strong language or adult situations. They are not rated by MPAA but in our brochures we have tried to indicate content. Brochures are available at the library.

OpenBooks Discussion Returns

The OpenBooks Discussion Series, which runs October – May, continues on Thursday, **March 1, at 7:00 pm**, in the Montana Room of the library. These discussions, sponsored by Humanities Montana and the Great Falls Public Library Foundation, are free and open to the public. You may attend any and all of the discussions. Books are available at the library three weeks prior to each meeting. Discussions are facilitated by Penny Hughes-Briant, a teacher at UGF. For more information on this series call 453-0349.

March's selection is *Team of Rivals* by acclaimed historian Dorris Kearns Goodwin. She illuminates Lincoln's political genius in this highly original work, as the one-term congressman and prairie lawyer rises from obscurity to prevail over three gifted rivals of national reputation to become president.

On May 18, 1860, William H. Seward, Salmon P. Chase, Edward Bates, and Abraham Lincoln waited in their hometowns for the results from the Republican National Convention in Chicago.

Throughout the turbulent 1850s, each had energetically sought the presidency as the conflict over slavery was leading inexorably to secession and civil war. That Lincoln succeeded, Goodwin demonstrates, was the result of a character that had been forged by experiences that raised him above his more privileged and accomplished rivals. He won because he possessed an extraordinary ability to put himself in the place of other men, to experience what they were feeling, to understand their motives and desires.

It was this capacity that enabled Lincoln as president to bring his disgruntled opponents together, create the most unusual cabinet in history, and marshal their talents to the task of preserving the Union and winning the war.

We view the long, horrifying struggle from the vantage of the White House as Lincoln copes with incompetent generals, hostile congressmen, and his raucous cabinet. He overcomes these obstacles by winning the respect of his former competitors, and in the case of Seward, finds a loyal and crucial friend to see him through.

This brilliant multiple biography is centered on Lincoln's mastery of men, and how it shaped the most significant presidency in the nation's history.

Doris Kearns Goodwin won the Pulitzer Prize in history for No Ordinary Time, which was a bestseller in hardcover and trade paper. She is also the author of Wait Till Next Year, The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys, and Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream. She lives in Concord, Massachusetts, with her husband, Richard Goodwin.

12th Annual Great Falls Festival of the Book

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting the 12th annual Great Falls Festival of the Book in March. This year's festival will include events over the month of March. All events are free and open to the public. This festival is sponsored by the Great Falls Public Library Foundation, and Humanities Montana.. For more information on the festival call 453-0349 or go online to www.greatfallslibrary.org.

March 1, 7:00 pm
The Unexpected Patriot: How an Ordinary American Mother Is Bringing Terrorists to Justice

Author Shannen Rossmiller was a mother of three and a Montana municipal court judge when she assumed the role of online terrorist-hunter after 9/11. Her work led to the founding a new field of espionage known as cyber-counterintelligence, and today she works closely with the FBI to find and prosecute terrorists.

March 8, 7:00 pm
W.O.W. Reading

Members of the Great Falls writing group, Writing Our Way, will read from selected works.

March 17, 2:00 pm
Adventures in Book Collecting

Benjamin L. Clark presents this workshop aimed at anyone interested in books and collecting them. Clark writes the popular book collecting blog "The Exile Bibliophile: Adventures in BookCollecting". His blog was listed as a top 10 book collecting blog by Rare Book Review (UK). He has also written guest posts for the "Fine Books & Collections" magazine blog. He contributes to the websites *Collecting the Modern Library* and *BookScans: The Evolution of American Paperbacks, 1939 – 1959*. He is a former curator with the Oklahoma Historical Society and currently serves as the executive director of the MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney.

March 22, 7:00 pm
Real Common Sense

Brian Kahn, the author of *Real Common Sense*, hosts the award-winning public radio program, *Home Ground: Changes and Choices in the American West*. He is the recipient of the 2009 Montana Governor's Award for the Humanities. His diverse background includes work as a Montana ranch hand, collegiate boxing coach, politician, president of the California Fish and Game Commission, director of the Montana Nature Conservancy, and documentary filmmaker. He is a lawyer/environmental mediator, journalist and writer living in Helena.

March 24, 2:00 pm
Uncovering Family Secrets: Research Tips and Techniques

Local historians and authors Ken Robison and Tom Donahue present this two-hour presentation offering tips and techniques that can help amateurs and pros alike. They will use their own works and experiences as examples. This workshop is for anyone researching family history or writing projects.

March 27, 7:00 pm
Grand Word Meister Contest

The fourth annual Word Meister Contest combines love of words, healthy competition between local organizations and a drive for the Great Falls Food Bank. Previous competitors have included teams from the Great Falls Tribune, KFBB, KGPR, Cherry Creek Radio Network, and the University of Great Falls. Former Great Falls Public Library Director Jim Heckel hosts.

March 29, 7:00 pm
An Evening with Ed Kemmick and Craig Lancaster

Billings' authors share works and stories. Ed Kemmick , on of Montana's leading journalists, is the author of *The Big Sky By and By: True Tales, Real People and Strange Times in the Heart of Montana*. He is the City Lights columnist at *The Billings Gazette*.

Craig Lancaster's newest novel is *The Summer Son*. His debut novel, *600 Hours of Edward*, was a 2009 Montana Book Award Honor Book and a High Plains Book Award winner. He grew up in Texas and after two decades of wandering he's happy to hang his hat in Billings.

March 31, 2:00 pm

Montana's Poet Laureate Sheryl Noethe

Noethe can convert anyone to become a poetry lover through her presence alone. When you bring in her writing and perception, no one will leave without a special place for poetry in their hearts. She is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, a Montana Arts Council Fellowship, the CutBank Hugo Prize in Poetry, and the Emerging Voices Award from New Rivers Press. She has also received an honorable mention for the Pushcart Prize. After winning the American Academy of Poets Award and a McKnight Fellowship, she published her first collection of poetry, *The Descent of Heaven Over the Lake*. Her second collection, *The Ghost Openings*, was awarded the Pacific Northwest Bookseller's Award and the William Stafford Poetry Prize. Her most recent collection is *As Is*. Noethe is also the founder/artistic director of the Missoula Writing Collaborative. She lives in Missoula.

Donations Days for Friends Book Sale

Great Falls, Montana – The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library announced that they will be holding special book donation days in preparation for their annual used book sale held in May. If you have items you'd like to donate for this sale, mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 10 and Saturday, March 31 from 10 am – 2 pm.**

Bring your items to the library's garage, in the alley behind the building. Volunteers will be available to assist. You can bring your donations into the library anytime during operating hours, but assistance cannot be guaranteed except on scheduled donation days.

All donations are appreciated, but the Friends will not accept the following:

- Items in poor condition
- Magazines
- Encyclopedias
- Condensed Reader's Digests

Proceeds from the book sale are used to sponsor special library programs and projects that the library's budget cannot cover.

Anyone interested in more details, volunteering for the book sale or donating books can contact Jude Smith at 453-0349 or jusmith [at] greatfallslibrary [dot] org.

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