

September at the Library

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Great Falls, Montana – The Library is offering the following events for the public's enjoyment during the month of September.

Closures

The Great Falls Public Library will be closed on Monday, September 3, in recognition of Labor Day. Normal hours will resume on September 4.

Art @ the Library

Quilters from Big Sky Quilts continue to exhibit their work at the Great Falls Public Library during the month of September. The exhibit includes both traditional and contemporary quilting styles. For more information call 453-0349.

Smartest Card

National Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. It is so designated to emphasize the importance of libraries to our society and to encourage all citizens to get and use a library card. This campaign was launched by the American Library Association and the Public Library Association in 2003. The Great Falls Public Library has been actively involved in this promotion for six years.

The Great Falls Public Library has over 28,000 cardholders, which includes citizens of Cascade County. The library staff believes that number should reflect the entire population of our area, not just 40%.

A library card is both empowering and liberating. It is free to all county residents and enables them to not only check out books at the library, but to also download audio and eBooks from home, utilize specific library services, and gives a voice to individuals in our society. Along with its pragmatic uses, it is a symbol of what a library offers and represents in our society and its value to the community.

The Great Falls Public Library offers a blend of both traditional library services, such as book checkouts and information retrieval, and services once considered non-traditional that are quickly becoming part and parcel of standard library services. These run the gamut from cultural programs, and arts, educational programs, community services, advance technology made available to cardholders, and expanding children's services.

For more information on the library check online at www.greatfallslibrary.org , call 453-0349, or stop in at 301 2nd Ave. North.

Foreign and Independent Film Series

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The Great Falls Public Library's Foreign and Independent Film Series begins its seventh season on Wednesday, September 5, at 7:00 pm. and Saturday, September 8, at 2:00 pm. This series is free and open to the public.

September's selection is the Turkish award-winning film *Before Your Eyes*. It tells the story of ten-year old Gulistan and her brother Firat, who live in Turkish Kurdistan. When their parents are shot down by paramilitary gunmen before their eyes, they are forced to live on the street. It is there that Gulistan meets the part-time escort Dilara. Accompanying her to a hotel call one day, Gulistan is shocked to recognize Dilara's client as her parents' murderer. She plots a fitting revenge with the help of her new street family. (Turkish, with subtitles) (Some violence)

The featured short is *It's My Turn*, also from Turkey.

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.

Be Who You Is

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting a free program on Thursday, September 6, 7:00 PM, with Bozeman photographer Thomas Lee. The program, *Be Who You Is*, is an entertaining slide show of images and stories from Montana and Yellowstone, celebrating the independent, authentic qualities that make this the True West. We also talk about and celebrate what's true in our world today. True life, true people and true places.

Technology enables us to communicate more efficiently than ever before. It also enables us to lie better than ever before. Truth is something so powerful, it reaches into our very cores, touches our hearts and souls, brings us to tears of joy and despair. We find truth in people and we find it in places. There is truth in the rocky riverbed, ever so slowly turning into sand.

There is truth in the waitress who knows exactly who she is, in the rural small towns of Montana, where everyone knows everyone else. Thomas Lee has been a photojournalist in the Rocky Mountain West for more than 20 years, most recently for Montana Quarterly magazine, and the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. He has authored three books of photography, including *Yellowstone View*, and *Montana: Real People, Real Place* (with writer Al Kesselheim). Books will be available for purchase and there will be a book signing after the presentation.

For more information on this program call 453-0349 or check online at www.greatfallslibrary.org

Armchair Traveler Series

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting a six-part Armchair Traveler Series, which begins in September and runs through the first week of November. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 453-0349 or check online at www.greatfallslibrary.org The series schedule is as follows:

Thursday, September 13, 7:00 PM
Around the World and Back with Mark Mehta

Thursday, September 20, 7:00 PM
From Oaxaca, Mexico to Quebec City with Jim Heckel

Thursday, October 4, 7:00 PM
Discovering Armenia as a Peace Corp Volunteer with Megan Kim

Thursday, October 18, 7:00 PM
Mallorca on Two Wheels with Chuck and Gerry Jennings

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 PM
Adventure Trek in Alaska with GFHS Senior Katie Gannon

Thursday, November 4, 7:00 PM
Scandinavia and Estonia with GF Tribune Reporter Kristen Inbody

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read

September 30?October 6, 2012

Banned Books Week (BBW) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted bannings of books across the United States.

Intellectual freedom—the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or unpopular—provides the foundation for Banned Books Week. BBW stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them.

The books featured during Banned Books Week have been targets of attempted bannings. Fortunately, while some books were banned or restricted, in a majority of cases the books were not banned, all thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, booksellers, and members of the community to retain the books in the library collections. Imagine how many more books might be challenged—and possibly banned or restricted—if librarians, teachers, and booksellers across the country did not use Banned Books Week each year to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information in a free society.

Banned Books Week is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association; American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression; the American Library Association; American Society of Journalists and Authors; Association of American Publishers; Comic Book Legal Defense Fund; the Freedom to Read Foundation; National Coalition Against Censorship; National Council of Teachers of English; National Association of College Stores; and the PEN American Center. It is endorsed by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and Project Censored.

For more information on getting involved with Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read, please see Calendar of Events, Ideas and Resources, and the new Banned Books Week site. You can also contact the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom at 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4220, or [bbw \[at\] ala \[dot\] org](mailto:bbw@ala.org).

Kids' Place Activities

September 5 & 6, 10:30 AM – Noon, Kids' Place
Busy Fingers Walk-In Craft (No Stories) with a Fall Booklet theme
For 2 – 5 year olds with an adult

September 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:15 AM – 11:00, 11:15 – Noon, Cordingley Room
Books and Babies
For Birth – 2 year olds with an adult

September 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, Kids' Place
Wii Gaming
For children 12 and under

September 12 & 13, 10:30 – 11 AM & 11:30 – Noon, Kids' Place
Story Time with a Happy Hats theme
For ages 2 – 5 years old with an adult

September 19 & 20, 10:30 – 11 AM & 11:30 – Noon, Kids' Place
Story Time with a Concept Week: Numbers theme
For ages 2 – 5 years old with an adult

September 26 & 27, 10:30 – 11 AM & 11:30 – Noon, Kids' Place
Story Time with a Lots of Leaves theme
For ages 2 – 5 years old with an adult

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