

## October at the Library



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Great Falls Library

### **October @ the GFPL**

Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library announces the following events for October.

#### **Art @ the Library in October**

In October the Great Falls Public Library will host an exhibit featuring the work of the Studio 706 Artists' Guild that will include paintings, drawings, photographs, and more. A reception for the artists will be held on Thursday, October 4, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This reception is free and open to the public.

Studio 706, a nonprofit artist's guild, was founded in 1997 to promote fine art, expose the community to local artists, teach and enrich local artists, and provide scholarships. The guild offers classes, mentoring, studio privileges, and exhibition opportunities to artists working in a variety of media. In addition it provides scholarships to Cascade County high school seniors planning to pursue art studies in college. In 2008, Studio 706 awarded \$1500 in college scholarships. This money is primarily raised from the Guild's art sales. Membership to the Guild is open at a nominal cost. For more information on the guild, call 452-5771.

For more information on the art exhibits call 453-0349.

#### **Foreign and Independent Film Series**

The Great Falls Public Library's Foreign and Independent Film Series continues its seventh season on Wednesday, October 3, at 7:00 pm. and Saturday, October 6, at 2:00 pm. This series is free and open to the public.

October's selection is the Czech Republic film *Protektor*. In 1938 Prague radio reporter Emil is married to Jewish actress Hana, who falls from stardom with the rise of the Nazis. Emil compromises himself with the new Nazi-controlled state radio station to protect her. As he starts enjoying the attention and respect that had previously eluded him, his fidelity towards his wife begins to falter. Ensuing events bring their marriage to a crisis, possibly sealing Hana's fate. (Contains Brief Nudity, is in Czech with English subtitles.)

The featured short is *I Was A Child of Holocaust Survivors*.

Films will be shown each month on the first Wednesday and the following Saturday. The series, which runs

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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.

### **Family History Month Events**

The Great Falls Public Library and the Great Falls Genealogy Society are co-sponsoring several programs during October to celebrate Family History Month. These programs are free and open to the public.

The Holocaust Remembered – the Search Continues with Carol Shipley will be presented on Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00 pm. In 2005, Shipley, a history teacher at Great Falls High School, participated in an 18-day summer seminar of teachers studying the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance. Visiting Holocaust sites in Poland and the Czech Republic, participants heard from survivors and educational experts on events from this period. Carol shares her experience and knowledge using photos and actual words of survivors. She will also discuss the ongoing search for family members and resources available to researchers.

At the above October 9th program, information on the GF Genealogy Society's release of their publication, Early Settlers of Great Falls 1884 – 1920 will be available. A limited number of this two-volume, over 800 page book has been ordered and is expected to be available for purchase at this program. Information on ordering will also be provided. The book provides information on early-day residents of Great Falls and includes a comprehensive introduction on the history of the city, early neighborhoods, police and fire departments and schools.

On Saturday, October 13, an open house of the Great Falls Genealogy Library and the Great Falls Public Library's Montana Room will be held from 10 am to 3 pm. Visitors can use this opportunity to expand their knowledge of the resources available here.

A Family Heritage Fair will be held at the library on Saturday, October 27, from 1 – 4 pm. Displays will feature ideas for compiling family histories into published books, scrapbooks, and photo albums. Members of the Genealogy Society will provide demonstrations on creating books using online digital programs. Free charts and forms, door prizes and refreshments will also be available.

### **Armchair Traveler Series**

The Great Falls Public Library's Armchair Traveler Series continues on Thursday evenings in October and November. These programs are free and open to the public. For more information call 453-0349 or check online at [www.greatfallslibrary.org](http://www.greatfallslibrary.org). The series schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 4, 7:00 PM

Norway: The Atlantic Highway with Jan Thomson

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 1, 7:00 PM

Scandinavia and Estonia with GF Tribune Reporter Kristen Inbody

Thursday, November 8, 7:00 PM

The Way of the Saints, A Spanish Pilgrimage with Jerry Forderer

### **OpenBooks Discussion Returns**

The OpenBooks Discussion Series, which runs October – May, begins on Thursday, October 11, at 7:00 pm, in the Montana Room of the library. Discussions are held on the first Thursday of each month, with the exception of October, which will be the second Thursday. 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. You will need a library card to check a book

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out whether you attend the discussion or just read the book. Discussions are facilitated by Penny Hughes-Briant, a teacher at UGF. For more information on this series call 453-0349.

October's selection is the 2008 historical novel *People of the Book* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks. The story focuses on an imagined past of the still extant Sarajevo Haggadah, one of the oldest surviving Jewish illuminated texts. The novel tells the fictional story of Hanna Heath, an Australian book conservator who is responsible for restoring the

Haggadah. The story alternates between sections set in the present day with Heath and other sections showing the history of the Haggadah.. Told in reverse chronological order, the story follows the Haggadah backward in time as it travels across Europe, from war-torn Sarajevo to the book's origins. It also explains such clues as missing silver clasps, preserved butterfly remnants, and various stains and spots, which are all eventually explained as part of the manuscript's long history. The book's Afterword briefly explains which parts of the novel are based on fact and which are imaginary.

Geraldine Brooks is the author of most recently *Caleb's Crossing*. She has also written the Pulitzer Prize winning *March* and *Year of Wonders* and the nonfiction works *Nine Parts of Desire* and *Foreign Correspondence*. Previously, Brooks was a correspondent for *The Wall Street Journal*, stationed in Bosnia, Somalia, and the Middle East.

### **An Out-of-Book Experience with Jane Eyre and her Shelfmates!**

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting Montana Repertory Theatre's Educational Outreach Tour production of *An Unladylike Battle for Survival* in the Sunnyside Library on Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm. This hilarious comedy by Jay Kettering, starring Kristin Moriarity and Ryan Luwe, is directed by Montana Rep Educational Outreach Coordinator Teresa Waldorf.

The Sunnyside Library is no dusty, quiet place—a battle is raging. There's a new librarian in town by the name of Kerosene Kevin and he's brought with him a novel idea—books are for burning, not reading. Fortunately, during this 50-minute play, you'll see that some of those living on the shelves of Sunnyside have decided to fight back. After a narrow escape from the clutches of Kevin (and only first-degree burns), Jane Eyre has appealed to the Shelf People, but she's only been able to recruit a small ragtag army. Among her troops are Esperanza Cordero, a young girl from the Latino section of Chicago; a spirited and beautiful Sioux warrior called Red Dress; and a literate spider named Charlotte. Together, they devise a plan to put a damper on Kevin's burning desire. A life and death struggle has begun. Will the stories of these literary heroines continue to be told, or will they be snuffed out in flames? Stay tuned!

Director Teresa Waldorf earned her MFA in Acting/Directing at The University of Montana in 1991 and is an adjunct professor in UM's School of Theatre & Dance. Past UM directing credits include *Gypsy*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Bat Boy*, and *Still Life with Iris*.

This presentation follows in the Montana Rep's Educational Outreach Tour tradition of bringing staged selections of the works of acclaimed historical writers to Montana communities. This year's featured writers include Charlotte Bronte, E.B. White, Sandra Cisneros, and Susan Power.

Established in 1977, Montana Repertory Theatre has become one of the most respected professional touring companies in the country today. Recent productions include the highly acclaimed *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Death of a Salesman*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The Montana Repertory Theatre has operated under the artistic direction of Greg Johnson, a member of the Acting/Directing faculty in The University of Montana's School of Theatre & Dance, for the past twenty-one years.

### **Chocolate for the Brain Senior Writing Workshop**

The Great Falls Public Library is sponsoring a six-week writing workshop designed for senior citizens and older adults from October 9 – November 13. This six-week writing class, *Chocolate for the Brain*, will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the library. It will be taught by local writer Jenny Kunka. Along with freelance writing for the Great Falls Tribune, Kunka has also had her work published in various publications and Montana magazines. She has twice taught a similar workshop at the Great Falls Senior Center with great success.

The charge for the six-week class is \$20 per person. Pre-registration is required. Although you may pre-register

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initially by phone, pre-payment is required to secure a spot for you in the classes. You must mail or bring your payment into the library at 301 2nd Ave. North.

Because the task of writing about one's life can be daunting, the instructor will help students focus on writing snapshots of their lives. She fosters a safe and respectful environment for students to share their work. Through the course, Jenny will give brief lessons, employ various guided writing exercises, and assist students to find a clear voice. Students will have an opportunity to share their work with classmates. For more information or to pre-register call 453-0349.

Italian Baroque Recital

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting an Italian Baroque Recital on Saturday, October 13, at 2:00 pm. The free recital will be given by local musicians Vic Richer on digital harpsichord, Vic Reiman on alto recorder, and Lee Harrison also playing alto recorder.

### **STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER @ THE LIBRARY**

Great Falls Public Library invites parents and children under ten to bring their favorite stuffed animal or doll to our Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Friday, October 12, 2012 from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. Participate in a variety of songs, finger-plays, musical instruments, poetry and stories.

After our lively evening, we will tuck the animals into bed and say good night. Children return the next day between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to pick up their stuffed animal or doll and find out what they did during the night. Free and open to the public. Pajama wearing is optional. For more information, call 453-0349.

### **Kids' Place Happenings**

What: Busy Fingers (walk-in craft time, no stories)

Dates: 3 & 4

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Scarecrow Booklet

Time: 10:30 to noon

Location: Kids' Place

What: Books & Babies

Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26

Who: Birth - 2 year olds with accompanying adult

Time: 10:15 to 11:00 & 11:15 to noon

Location: Basement

What: Wii Gaming

Dates: 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

Who: Children under 12 with adult supervision

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time

Dates: 10 & 11

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Bears

Time: 10:30 to 11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00

Location: Kids' Place

Dates: 12

Who: Preschoolers through second graders with accompanying adult

Theme: Stuffed animals stay the night at the library after a fun filled evening for their humans

Time: 4:45 to 5:45pm

Location: Basement

What: Story Time

Dates: 17 & 18

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Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: CONCEPT WEEK: ABCs

Time: 10:30 to 11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00

Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time

Dates: 24 & 25

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Costume Party (Wear a costume if desired)

Time: 10:30 to 11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00

Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time

Dates: 31 and November 1

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Musical Week

Time: 10:30 to 11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00

Location: Kids' Place

### Supporting Documents



[Press Release - Library October 2012](#) (416 KB) (PDF)

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