

November at the Library



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November @ the GFPL

Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library is bringing the following happenings to the community during the month of November.

Art in the Library

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting an exhibit by quilters from The Quilt-Away during the months of November and December. These quilts will range from traditional quilting styles to more contemporary and innovative pieces. They will range from full sized quilts to wall-hangings.

Also on exhibit during November, in honor of Native American Cultural Heritage Month, will be selections of three-dimensional Native American art from a variety of artists. Pam Evans from Magical Moon Sivana will be providing the work from her store's inventory.

For more information on any of these exhibits, call 453-0349.

OpenBooks Discussion Returns

The OpenBooks Discussion Series, which runs October – May, continues on Thursday, November 1, at 7:00 pm, in the Montana Room of the library. Discussions are held on the first Thursday of each month. These discussions, sponsored by Humanities Montana and the Great Falls Public Library Foundation, are free and open to the public.

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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 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.

November's book selection is *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. This award-winning book is a remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption, and a revelatory look into a family at once deeply dysfunctional and uniquely vibrant. When sober, Jeannette's brilliant and charismatic father captured his children's imagination, teaching them physics, geology, and how to embrace life fearlessly. But when he drank, he was dishonest and destructive. Her mother was a free spirit who abhorred the idea of domesticity and didn't want the responsibility of raising a family.

The Walls children learned to take care of themselves. They fed, clothed, and protected one another, and eventually found their way to New York. Their parents followed them, choosing to be homeless even as their children prospered.

The Glass Castle is truly astonishing – a memoir permeated by the intense love of a peculiar, but loyal, family. Jeannette Walls has a story to tell, and tells it brilliantly, without an ounce of self-pity.

Jeannette Walls lives in Virginia and is married to writer John Taylor. She is a regular contributor to MSNBC.

Armchair Traveler Series

The Great Falls Public Library's Armchair Traveler Series continues in November, with programs beginning at 7:00 pm on Thursday evenings. These programs are free and open to the public. Scheduled programs are listed below.

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

Foreign and Independent Film Series

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

November's selection is the award-winning film, *The Screaming Man*. It tells the story of former swimming champ Adam, who is a pool attendant at a hotel in Chad, Africa. He loses his job to his son, leaving him resentful and humiliated. The country is also in the throes of a civil war that authorities demand people contribute to. Penniless Adam is constantly harassed for his lack of contribution. In a moment of weakness, Adam makes a decision he will forever regret.

This film won awards at the Cannes Film Festival and the Chicago International Film Festival.

The featured short is *Expectations*.

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.

One Beautiful Bridge

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting an exhibit of entries in the One Beautiful Bridge: Art and Photo Contest from November 7 – December 8. This contest is sponsored by Preservation Cascade, Inc and is seeking contestants between the ages of 14 and 18. Entry forms may be picked up in the Teen Scene at the Great Falls

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Public Library. The deadline for entries is November 5th.

Saturday, November 10, 11:00 am, the entries will be judged and prizes for the top three selections will be awarded. This judging is open to the public.

For more information on this exhibit and contest call 452-05492.

Native American Youth Dancers

In honor of Native American Cultural Awareness month, the Great Falls Public Library is hosting an evening of Native American youth dancers on Thursday, November 15, 7:00 pm. This free event is open to the public.

Groups of young dancers will perform to the drumming of Sandra Boham and her student drummers. These students range in age from five to thirteen and will be in age and gender related groups.

Last year's student dancing event was inspiring and powerful.

For more information call 453-0349.

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