

February at the Library



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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. The dates of this year's sale are May 16, 18, & 19.

If you have items you'd like to donate for this sale, you can bring in those donations on one of the scheduled donation days. The advantage of the donation days is especially noticeable for those with more than a small donation. On these scheduled donation days, you bring your items to the library's garage, in the alley behind the building. Volunteers will be available to assist, especially with transferring donations from your car to the building.

Dates for the Donation Days

- Saturday, Jan. 26, 10 am – 2 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 23, 10 am – 2 pm
- Saturday, March 9, 10 am – 2 pm
- Saturday, March 23, 10 am – 2 pm
- Saturday, April 16, 10 am – 2 pm
- Saturday, April 20 10 am – 2 pm

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

- Items in poor condition
- Magazines

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- Encyclopedias
- Condensed Reader's Digests

You can bring your donations into the library anytime during operating hours, but assistance cannot be guaranteed except on scheduled donation days.

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](mailto:jusmith@greatfallslibrary.org).

Closure

The Great Falls Public Library will be closed Monday, February 18 in honor of Presidents' Day.
Art @ the Library

In February the Great Falls Public Library will host an exhibit by the Great Falls Art Association. A diverse array of works will be featured, including paintings, pottery and more. Also, a selection of the works will be based upon poetry, including a selection of African-American poets in honor of Black History Month. A reception for the artists will be held on Thursday, February 7, from 5 – 7 pm. This reception is free and open to the public.

Recession Proof Resumes

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting Recession Proof Resumes, a free workshop that will offer pointers and techniques for finessing a resume, on Saturday, February 1, at 2 pm. This workshop is taught by Jessica Butler, a professional resume writer and owner of Recession Proof resumes.

If you are planning to attend, you are advised to bring writing material, reference material (if needed), and a laptop if you have one. For more information 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, February 6 at 7:00 pm. and Saturday, February 9, at 2:00 pm. This series is free and open to the public.

February's selection is the American film *Prairie Love*. This is a quirky tale of a high plains drifter who finds an unconscious man in the wintry North Dakota prairie. After defrosting, the rescued man explains he is enroute to meet his pen-pal girlfriend, who is being released from prison. Desperate for his own girlfriend, the drifter hatches a plan to steal his companion's identity, forever changing the destinies of all three people. This film does contain adult situations.

The featured short is *A Family Portrait*.

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.

Black Heritage Evening: Celebrating Black American Culture, History & Cuisine

The Alma Smith Jacobs Foundation, a non-profit promoting education and historic preservation, and the Great Falls Public Library are co-sponsoring a special event celebrating Black History Month and the Heritage of the Great Falls African American community on Thursday, February 7, at 7:00 pm. The program will be held at the Great Falls Public Library, and features Black culture, history, and cuisine. Art inspired by Black History Month from Great Falls Elementary Schools will be displayed. All are welcome at this free program.

The evening is hosted by Kathy Reed. Speakers include Mayor Michael Winters; Colonel

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H.B. Brual, Commander 341st Missile Wing; LtCol. Robert Payne, Former Pastor Union Bethel African American Methodist Episcopal Church; and Historians Bob Harris and Ken Robison. Featured performers are the Alexander Temple Hip Hop Dancers (The Little Saints) and the Community Gospel Choir. The evening ends with a sampling of Soul Food.

OpenBooks Discussion

The OpenBooks Discussion Series, which runs October – May, continues on Thursday, February 7, 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. 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.

February's selection is *The Book Thief*, a novel by Australian author Markus Zusak. Narrated by Death, the book is set in Nazi Germany, a place and time when the narrator notes he was extremely busy. It describes a young girl's relationship with her foster parents, the other residents of their neighborhood, and a Jewish fist-fighter who hides in her home during the escalation of World War II. Published in 2006, it has won numerous awards and has been listed on the New York Times Bestseller List for over 230 weeks. Zusak has written six novels.

For the Love of Liberty

The Great Falls Public Library, continuing its celebration of Black History Month, is presenting a three-part film series, *For the Love of Liberty: The Story of America's Black Patriots*. *The Revolution Through World War II* will be screened on Thursday, February 14, 7:00 pm. *World War II Through President Obama* will be screened on Thursday, February 21, 7:00 pm, and *Stories of Black Patriots in the Civil War* will be shown on Saturday, February 23, 2:00 pm. Featured narrators are Halle Berry, Colin Powell, and Morgan Freeman. This film series, which is free and open to the public, has been described as "Relevant to all Americans", by Documentarian Ken Burns.

Inside View

ACIR

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting an ACIR (Advisory Commission on International Relations) program on Thursday, February 28, 7:00 pm. At the invitation of the ACIR of Great Falls, Mark Johnson, former United States Ambassador in the Middle East to Iran, will appear at the library, speaking about the recent history of that area, his experiences there, and potential outcomes in this volatile region of the world. For more information call 453-0349.

Regular Activities

Kids' Place Activities

Schedule subject to change

What: Books & Babies

Dates: 1, 8, 15, 22

Who: Birth - 2 year olds with accompanying adult

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

Location: Basement

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

Dates: 6 & 7

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Paper-bag Puppet

Time: 10:30 to noon

Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time

Dates: 13 & 14

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: 1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Fingers

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

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Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time

Dates: 20 & 21

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: CONCEPT WEEK: Colors

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

Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time

Dates: 27 & 28

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: My Teeth

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

Location: Kids' Place

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Supporting Documents



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