March at the Library

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Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library is hosting the following events during the month of March, 2013.
Art @ the Library

In March the Great Falls Public Library is hosting an art exhibit by Great Falls Public School students, including works from all grade levels. This exhibit celebrates Youth Art Month.

Great Falls Festival of the Book

The Great Falls Public Library presents the 13th annual Great Falls Festival of the Book with literary events spread throughout the month of March. All events are free and open to the public. This festival is sponsored by the Great Falls Public Library, The GFPL Foundation, and Humanities Montana. The schedule is below.

March 2, 2:00 P.M. A Long Way Home

Helena author Flora Wong escaped China to settle in Helena by arranged marriage in 1947. When she retired, Flora took up competitive running and swimming. An honored and awarded athlete, she has been inducted into the Helena Sports Hall of Fame. Her memoir is A Long Way Home.

March 7, 7:00 P.M. Message from Afghanistan

Lt Col Nancy LaChapelle kept this journal while embedded with the US Army for six months in 2007-2008 as the Chief Nurse Mentor for Paktia Regional Medical Center, Gardez, Afghanistan. The mission was to assist a staff of 120 Afghan National Army medical professionals in the establishment of their Military Health System. Nancy retired from the Air Force in September 2008 after 22 years of service; she is currently living in Fort Benton Montana.

March 14, 7:00 P.M. The Man Who Planted Trees

Jim Robbins, a Helena-based journalist, is a frequent contributor to the New York Times and numerous magazines. He is the author of four non-fiction books, the most recent, The Man Who Planted Trees. This is the true story of David Milarch, who set about cloning the strongest tree species in order to save all trees.

March 16, 2:00 P.M. Mysterious and Poetic

A reading with Hi-Line Archaeological Mystery Writer Theresa Danley, winner of Epic's E-Book Award Finalist for Effigy; Great Falls Grand Dame of Poetry Elsie Pankowski; and Fort Belknap Poet Minerva Allen, author of Nakoda Sky People.

March 21, 7:00 P.M. An Evening with Playwrights Jay Kettering & Michael Gilboe with Renata Birckenbuel

Spend an evening with Missoula Playwright Jay Kettering, who has penned many plays for Montana Repertory Theatre, and Great Falls' Michael Gilboe, who is a gifted actor, producer, songwriter, playwright and the head of

University of Great Falls Performing Arts Department, as they talk about writing and theatre with writer Renata Birckenbuel.

March 23, 2:00 pm Let Them Paddle

Bozeman author and outdoor enthusiast Al Kesselheim, whose most recent work is Let Them Paddle, will read from his work and talk about how life in Montana inspires his life and writing. He has written for many magazines and authored ten books.

March 28, 7:00 pm Grand Word Meister Contest

The fifth annual Word Meister Contest combines love of words, healthy competition and a drive for the Great Falls Food Bank. Previous competitors have included teams from the Great Falls Tribune, local radio and TV stations. Former Great Falls Public Library Director Jim Heckel hosts.

March 30, 2:00 pm Homegrown Writing

Kareen Bratt reads from and talks about writing her memoir My Home's In Montana. This memoir of growing up on a ranch in the Fort Benton area draws the reader into an era and a way of life that is nearly unknowable except to the hardy few who still stake their claim to the prairies of Montana. Kareen's story reaches back into her memories of a family struggling to hold on to their place under Montana's big sky, all the while dealing with hard times, heartbreaking tragedies and their own human frailties. Told with the authenticity of one who remembers with great affection, the wind, sky and land of her ranch home, the reader can almost feel the chill of an early morning run to the outhouse or the heat of a harvest kitchen.

March 30, 3:00 pm Life & Death on the Upper Missouri

Ken Robison, Great Falls author and historian will read from and talk about his new book, Life on the Upper Missouri: The Frontier Sketches of Johnny Healy. This book presents the life of Irish immigrant Johnny Healy, who tried his hand at many things including story telling, mining, politics, business, and journalism. He blazed across the Upper Missouri frontier seeking adventure first, fortune second. He chronicled his adventures in a series of Frontier Sketches for the first newspaper in northern Montana, The Benton Record. Ken's book shares these stories and commentary, offering through stories one of the best ways to delve into history of the Wild West and life around and near Fort Benton.

Foreign and Independent Film Series

The Great Falls Public Library's Foreign and Independent Film Series continues its seventh season on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm. and Saturday, March 9, at 2:00 pm. This series is free and open to the public.

March's selection is the award-winning Romanian film *If I Want to Whistle, I Whistle*. The film tells the story of Silviu, whose mother abandoned him as a child. She returns two weeks before his release from a hostile juvenile detention center to take away his younger brother. Distraught over the impending loss of a brother he raised like his own son, Silviu snaps. Not even the beautiful social worker who he is attracted to can prevent his desperate, final grasp for freedom. This film features violence and strong language.

The featured short is *Kiss*.

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

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

March's selection is The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. Picture Barcelona, 1945: A city slowly heals in the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War, and Daniel, an antiquarian book dealer's son who mourns the loss of his mother, finds solace in a mysterious book entitled The Shadow of the Wind, by one Julián Carax. But when he sets out to find the author's other works, he makes a shocking discovery: someone has been systematically destroying every copy of every book Carax has written. In fact, Daniel may have the last of Carax's books in existence. Soon Daniel's seemingly innocent quest opens a door into one of Barcelona's darkest secrets--an epic story of murder, madness, and doomed love.

Donations Days for Friends Book Sale

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 are as follows:

- Saturday, March 9, 10 am – 2 pm
- Saturday, April 6, 10 am – 2 pm

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

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

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.

Supporting Documents

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