April at the Library

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Great Falls, Montana – The following events will take place at the library in April.

Closure

The Great Falls Public Library will be closed on Sunday, March 31, in honor of Easter.

Art @ the Library

In April the library is hosting an exhibit by Seattle resident and Great Falls native Caitlin Mellinger. The exhibit will feature acrylic paintings and paper flower sculptures.

In April the library will also be hosting a photography exhibit by members of the Montana National Guard. This expo will include photos from around the world, covering Montana National Guard men and women at work. Through combined efforts of the Montana National Guard Public Affairs Office and the Holter Museum, this expo has evolved from what was meant to be a small presentation into a professional show. It has been on display in various venues around the state. It offers a unique view of the Montana National Guard through the eyes of professional photographers.

Foreign & Independent Film Series

The Great Falls Public Library continues its Foreign & Independent Film Series on Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 6, 2:00 PM, with the award-winning Spanish film Amador. The film tells the story of Marcela, a young immigrant with financial woes who finds a summer job looking after Amador, a bed-ridden, elderly man whose family is away. She thinks her problems are solved, but Amador dies shortly thereafter, putting Marcela in a predicament. His death will leave her jobless, something she can't afford to let happen. Faced with a moral dilemma, Marcela will prove that death can't always stop life. (Includes Adult Situations).

The selected short is How It Ended.

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

The OpenBooks Discussion Series, which runs October – May, continues on Thursday, April 4 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. Discussions are facilitated by Penny Hughes-Briant, a teacher at UGF. For more information on this series call 453-0349.

April's selection is Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson. In this quiet but compelling novel, Trond Sander, a widower nearing seventy, moves to a bare house in remote eastern Norway, seeking the life of quiet contemplation that he has always longed for. A chance encounter with a neighbor—the brother, as it happens, of his childhood friend Jon—causes him to ruminate on the summer of 1948, the last he spent with his adored father, who abandoned the family soon afterward. Trond's recollections center on a single afternoon, when he and Jon set out to take some horses from a nearby farm; what began as an exhilarating adventure ended abruptly and traumatically in an act of unexpected cruelty. Petterson's spare and deliberate prose has astonishing force, and the narrative gains further power from the artful interplay of Trond's childhood and adult perspectives. Loss is conveyed with all the intensity of a boy's perception, but acquires new resonance in the brooding consciousness of the older man.

Armchair Traveler Series

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting a three-part Armchair Traveler Series on Thursday evenings in April. Programs start at 7:00 pm and are free and open to the public.

- April 4, Israel: A Tourist Destination presented by James Campbell
- April 11, Discover Bahrain and the Persian Gulf presented by Lindsey Nussbuam
- April 18, Cuba presented by Sara Buley

Donation Day for Friends of the GFPL

The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library are holding a Donation Day to collect books for their upcoming May book sale from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, April 6. Bring your items to the library's garage, in the alley behind the building. Volunteers will be available to assist. You can bring your donations into the library anytime during operating hours, but assistance cannot be guaranteed except on scheduled donation days.

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

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

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.

Gadgets Galore

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting free drop-in sessions on Wednesday, April 10 and April 24 from Noon to 1 pm, which will offer training for using electronic gadgets to access and utilize various library materials, including MontanaLibrary2Go. From MontanaLibrary2Go, patrons may download audio and e-books for check-out. The sessions are specifically geared, as stated above, towards using electronic gadgets in relation to various library resources, rather than offering tech support for device usage.

Devices include, but are not limited to, e-readers, Smart phones, iPads, iPods, mp3 players and other comparable devices. If applicable, attendees are reminded to bring passwords and usernames. Information staff person Sean Anderson will lead these sessions.

For more information on these ongoing trainings call the Information Services department at 453-0349.

Mayhem @ the Library

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting MAYHEM @ the Library: A Murder Mystery Contest on April 12 and 13. We need you to join in the fun! Dust off your deerstalker and give Watson a call.

On Friday, April 12, the library crime scene will be revealed between 5 and 6 pm. Crime solvers can pick up case files and directions at this time. Case files and directions can be picked up anytime before 3 pm on Saturday, April 13th. Case files will contain pertinent information for solving the mystery, including a list of clue sites. These sites are comprised of merchant members of the Downtown Great Falls Association. These sites are:

• Public Drug
• Amazing Toys
• Dragon Fly Dry Goods
• The Tap House Grill & Lounge
• Kaufman's Menswear Centre
• Eklunds Furniture
• Feather Your Nest
• Elemental Goddess
• Perkins
• Pizazz
• In Cahoots For Tea
• 5th Street Diner
• Bighorn Outdoor Specialists
• The Blue Rose
• Taco del Sol

Participants then visit various clue sites, solve the mystery, and return their completed case file to the library before 4:30 pm, April 13.

The murder will be unmasked at the library between 5 – 6 pm on Saturday, April 13. Prize winners will be selected in a drawing of the correct answers. First prize is over $700 in gift certificates from a variety of merchant members of the Downtown Great Falls Association. Second prize will be a Nook provided by the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library, and third prize is two tickets to a Great Falls Symphony event.

Sponsors of this event are:

Kaufman's Menswear Centre Eklund's Furniture Amazing Toys

Feather Your Nest Elemental Goddess Perkins

The Blue Rose Pizazz In Cahoots for Tea

The Tap House Grill & Lounge 5th Street Diner Public Drug

Downtown Great Falls Association Taco del Sol Friends of GFPL

Great Falls Symphony Association

Kids Place Activities
Schedule subject to change

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: Busy Fingers (walk-in craft time, no stories)
Dates: 3 & 4
Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult
Theme: Paper-bag Kite

Time: 10:30 to noon
Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time
Dates: 10 & 11
Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult
Theme: My Pet
Time: 10:30 to11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00
Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time
Dates: 17 & 18
Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult
Theme: CONCEPT WEEK: Numbers
Time: 10:30 to11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00
Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time
Dates: 24 & 25
Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult
Theme: Share the Treasure
Time: 10:30 to11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00
Location: Kids' Place

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Supporting Documents

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