

## May at the Library



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**Great Falls, Montana** – The following events are coming up at the library in May.

### **Art @ the Library**

In May and June the Great Falls Public Library is hosting an art exhibit by the Thursday Morning Drawing group. This 13 plus member group will have a theme and individual works, including paintings, drawings, and more. Also, in May and June GFPL will host an exhibit of photographs depicting homesteaders from our regions. These photographs are provided by the Overholser Historical Center in Fort Benton. A reception, which is free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, May 9, from 5 – 7 pm.

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

The Great Falls Public Library's Foreign and Independent Film Series concludes its seventh season on Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm. and Saturday, May 4, at 2:00 pm. This series is free and open to the public.

May's selection is the thrilling Israeli film *Seven Minutes in Heaven*. This film begins one year after a suicide bomb attack on a bus in Jerusalem. Oren, on to the victims who remained in a coma, has just died while Galia, his girlfriend recovered from severe burns and memory loss. As she continues to undergo physical therapy, she tries to piece together the puzzle of that fateful day, as well as her life. The film does portray some violence.

The featured short is *Grandmothers*.

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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, concludes for the season on Thursday, May 2, 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.

May's selection is Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. This 2010 novel tells the story of the small village of Edgecombe St. Mary in the English countryside and one of its residents, Ernest Pettigrew (retired), the unlikely hero of Helen Simonson's wondrous debut. Wry, courtly, opinionated, and completely endearing, the Major leads a quiet life valuing the proper things that Englishmen have lived by for generations: honor, duty, decorum, and a properly brewed cup of tea. But then his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship blossoming into something more. But village society insists on embracing him as the quintessential local and regarding her as the permanent foreigner. Can their relationship survive the risks one takes when pursuing happiness in the face of culture and tradition?

### **Armchair Traveler Series**

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting a four-part Armchair Traveler Series in May. These programs are free and open to the public.

Thursday, May 2, 7 pm, To Russia with Love presented by Sandra Erickson and Lynn Baker

Thursday, May 9, India with Jim Heckel and Pam Smith

May 23rd The Whale, a documentary film and talk by Georges de Giorgio

May 30th The Last Expedition (with Dogs and Sleds) to Antarctica, a National Geographic sponsored documentary with a talk by Georges de Giorgio

### **Friends of the Great Falls Public Library Annual Book Sale**

The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library will hold its annual used book sale Thursday, May 16 from 4 -7 pm, Saturday, May 18 from 10 am – 4 pm, and Sunday, May 19, from 1 – 4 pm on the third floor of the Public Library. Individuals who would like to attend the "pre-sale" on Thursday, May 16, will be asked to join the "Friends" group at reduced dues of \$5, instead of the regular annual dues of \$15. There will be no cost to attend the sale on Saturday, May 18, or Sunday, May 19. Sunday also will be the \$2 sack sale.

The public is encouraged to attend the sale to take advantage of great used books. All public support of this sale directly supports the library. Proceeds from this sale support various library projects regular budgets do not allow. The Friends have sponsored a wide variety of programs at the library over the years, including Montana Repertory Theater productions, musical performances, and the Festival of the Book. The group has also sponsored Wii gaming, the annual summer reading party, and a variety of other projects for the Kids' Place and library.

Friends of the Public Library is a voluntary organization that values, supports, and champions the public library in ways that include, but are not limited to, advocacy, sponsorship, and organizing special events and projects for the library, such as this book sale. Members can choose their own level of involvement, either through active involvement or through membership dues, with both levels supporting the library and the community.

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For further information or to assist with the sale, call Jude Smith at the library at 453-0349.

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