

June Happenings at the Library



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Closures/Summer Hours

The Great Falls Public Library announces the last Sunday of the season in which the library will be open is May 19. Following that day, the library will be on its summer schedule, closed on Sundays through September. Summer hours are:

- Monday, Friday, & Saturday 10 am – 6 pm
- Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday 10 am – 8 pm

The Great Falls Public Library will also be closed on Monday, May 27, in recognition of Memorial Day.

Art at the Library

The Great Falls Public Library continues to host an art exhibit by the Thursday Morning Drawing group through June. This show entitled Subtract/Abstract asks the question "What happens when reality evolves from the recognized to the unfamiliar, a new unknown?" through the showcased pieces. Also on exhibit will be: "Fort Benton: Birthplace of Montana" It showcases this historic community located at the head of navigation on the

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Missouri River. Fort Benton has played an active role in every era of Montana history serving as a trading post, a military post, a transportation center, and a ranching and agricultural center. Photographs, art, and memorabilia are used to present Old Fort Benton, the fur and bison robe trading post with the Blackfoot and Gros Ventre, steamboating and overland transportation with merchant princes sending freight in every direction from Fort Benton, the Indian Wars, and on to open range ranching of the 1890s, and the homestead boom of the 1910s. The violent frontier days of the 1860s is showcased by a large model of "The Bloodiest Block in the West."

Members of the Thursday Morning artists include Carol Collins, Darlene Sanford, Frank Olszewski, Jean Fleming-Mazur, Sarah Ozone, Marcia Hocevar, Kathleen Zuelke, Ruth Franklin, Pat Erickson, Patricia Bushly, and Cecile Smiley.

Summer Reading

The Great Falls Public Library is proud to announce the beginning of their annual Adult Summer Reading program, which runs June 1 through August 10. This year's theme for adults is Bask in the Big Sky. Anyone 19 and older with a library card can participate in the adult summer reading program. Library cards are FREE to anyone who lives in Cascade County. To get a card, bring in picture ID and proof of address.

Participation in Bask in the Big Sky is simple. For every book read during this ten week period participants will be able to submit an entry for a grand prize drawing at the Summer Reading Party on August 8. Prizes include a year's worth of free downtown parking, an e-reader, and gift certificates from local businesses.

Participants may also participate in a community read, featuring former Great Falls resident Ruth McLaughlin's moving memoir of homesteading in Northeastern Montana, Bound Like Grass. A limited number of these books will be available for checkout at the library. Those who read this book and submit entries will be eligible for weekly drawing prizes. A discussion of this book will be held on Thursday, September 5, 7:00 pm.

Any type of book may be read to be eligible for drawing entries. With emphasis on Montana authors and books written about or set in Montana, the library will also feature special displays and reading suggestions for these areas.

This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library.

Bask in the Big Sky is a celebration of the joy of reading.

Mark your calendar for the final summer reading party on Thursday, August 8, from 5 – 7 pm. This event will be free and open to the public. It will feature games and activities for children and adults, along with a dunk tank and magician. Folks can opt to bring their own picnic dinners or purchase food from attending food vendors. All grand prizes will be awarded at the party and you must be present to win. More party details will be available as the party approaches.

Information for all the summer reading programs will be available at the library. Call 453-0349, stop in at 301 2nd Ave. North or go online to www.greatfallslibrary.org.

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