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Great Falls, Montana – The following are events at the Great Falls Public Library during the month of October.

Art @ the Library in October

In October the Great Falls Public Library will host an exhibit featuring the work of the Studio 706 Artists' Guild. This exhibit will include paintings, drawings, photographs, and more. A reception for the artists will be held on Thursday, October 3, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This reception is free and open to the public.

Studio 706, a nonprofit artist's guild, was founded in 1997 to promote fine art, expose the community to local artists, teach and enrich local artists, and provide scholarships. The guild offers classes, mentoring, studio privileges, and exhibition opportunities to artists working in a variety of media. In addition it provides scholarships to Cascade County high school seniors planning to pursue art studies in college. In 2008, Studio 706 awarded $1500 in college scholarships. This money is primarily raised from the Guild's art sales. Membership to the Guild is open at a nominal cost. For more information on the guild, call 452-5771.

For more information on the art exhibits call 453-0349.

Foreign and Independent Film Series

The Great Falls Public Library's Foreign and Independent Film Series continues its eighth season on Wednesday,

October 2, at 7:00 pm. and Saturday, October 5, at 2:00 pm. This series is free and open to the public.

October's selection is the Italian and Mandarin film Shun Li and the Poet. When Shun Li, who works in a Roman textile factory to pay off the broker who brought her from China, is transferred to a small town to work as a bartender, she forms a close relationship with Bept. Bept is a Slav immigrant called "the Poet". Gossip threatens their innocent relationship, a bond that transcends two different, yet not all that distant cultures. (Italian and Mandarin with English subtitles) (The film does contain some adult situations.)

The featured short is Shanghai Love Market

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 Returns

The OpenBooks Discussion Series, which runs October – May, begins on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 pm, in the Montana Room of the library. Discussions are held on the first Thursday of each month. 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.

October's selection is Blazac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Sijie Dai. Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress is an enchanting tale that captures the magic of reading and the wonder of romantic awakening. An immediate international bestseller, it tells the story of two hapless city boys exiled to a remote mountain village for re-education during China's infamous Cultural Revolution. There the two friends meet the daughter of the local tailor and discover a hidden stash of Western classics in Chinese translation. As they flirt with the seamstress and secretly devour these banned works, the two friends find transit from their grim surroundings to worlds they never imagined.

Financial Aid Seminar

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting a seminar given by Luke McDonald of Keystone Planning Group on Thursday, October 3, 7:00 pm. This free seminar, College Planning 101, will cover these key points: discover the keys to maximize financial aid, the REAL cost of college and where to find it, how to maximize financial aid, minimize out of pocket cost, and how to compare costs of public and private schools. This workshop is especially timely for parents of and students of junior and senior high school age.

For more information call 453-0349.

Montana Repertory Theatre Production

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting the University of Montana's Montana Repertory Theatre's Fall Educational Outreach production of Mark Twain's Diaries of Adam and Eve on Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 pm. This free production is an encore presentation of the play first performed in 2008. However, it's not the same production by any means. It is interpreted through the eyes of a new director and cast and will contain some new twists. The play itself is a humorous and touching account of the Creation Story with a contemporary twist. Of the many productions the company has performed over the years, this is by far the most popular. It was adapted for the stage by Ron Fitzgerald, a former television writer and playwright.

Gadgets Galore

Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library is hosting free drop-in sessions on Thursday, October 10 and October 24, from Noon to 1 pm. These sessions 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 not meant as general training or tech support for electronic gadgets,

but rather as stated above geared towards using electronic gadgets in relation to various library resources.

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. Reference librarian Sean Anderson will lead these sessions.

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

French Baroque Concert

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting a special concert of French Baroque music on Saturday, October 12, at 2:00 pm. This free concert will feature Vic Richer on digital harpsichord, and Lee Harrison and Vic Reiman on alto recorders. The trio will play a full selection of French Baroque music and answer any questions following the recital. They will also demonstrate various playing techniques on their individual instruments.

REGISTER FOR FREE COMPUTER CLASSES AT GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library is presenting a three-part series of free of computer classes on Mondays in October from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This series, Computer Basics, is designed for computer novices. All classes will be held on the second floor of the library. People attending the classes must arrive at the library before 6:00 pm.

Due to high interest and limited computers, class size has been capped at 28. Anyone interested may register by calling the library at 453-0349 or stopping in at the 2nd floor Information Desk. You must register for the entire series. The schedule is listed below.

- October 14 Introduction to the Computer and Using the Mouse, Opening, Closing and Saving Files
- October 21 Introduction to WORD, Introduction to the Web: Surfing
- October 28 Introduction to Web Searching, Introduction to E-mail: Getting an Address & Sending Mail

Contact Susie McIntyre at 453-0349 or check www.greatfallslibrary.org for more information.

Armchair Traveler Series

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting a three-part Armchair Traveler Series on Thursday evenings in October and the first Thursday in November. These free programs begin at 7:00 pm and include a chance to ask questions and chat personally with each presenter.

October 17, Southern France with Becky Scott

October 24, Borneo with Sandra Erickson and Lynn Baker

November 7, Argentina, Brazil, and Chili with Sandra Erickson and Lynn Baker

Stuffed Animal Sleepover @ the Library

The Great Falls Public Library invites parents and children 2nd grade and younger to bring a stuffed animal or doll to our Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Friday, October 18 from 4:45 to 5:45 pm. Enjoy a variety of stories and songs.

After our lively evening, we will tuck the animals into bed and say good night. Children return the next day between 10 am and 6 pm to discover the mischief and fun the animals had all night long. They will also collect their animals and dolls to take home.

The program is free and open to the public. Pajama wearing is optional. For more information call 453-0349.

Supporting Documents

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