December at the Library

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DECEMBER HAPPENINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library announces the following for December.

Closures

The Great Falls Public Library will be closed on Monday, November 11, in honor of Veteran's Day. The library will also be closed on Wednesday, December 25, for Christmas. On Tuesday, December 24, and December 31, the library will close at 3:00 pm. for the holidays.

Art in the Library

In December the Great Falls Public Library continues to host an eclectic collection of quilt creations made by quilters from Big Sky Quilts and select work of artists from Studio 706 Artists Guild for the cases.

OpenBooks

The OpenBooks Discussion Series, which runs October – May, continues on Thursday, December 5, 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.

December's selection is National Book Award Winner The Worst Hard Time by author and New York Times journalist Timothy Egan. This 2006 book tells the epic story of the great American Dust Bowl and its impact on the communities stricken with fear and choked with dust in the "dirty thirties". It is a cautionary tale about the dangers of trifling with nature.

Foreign and Independent Film Series

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

December's selection is the American film Foreign Letters. Based on the filmmakers own experience, this is the story of Ellie, a 12-year-old Israeli immigrant, who is lonely and homesick. Life brightens when she meets Vietnamese immigrant Thuy. They become inseparable friends who eventually hurt and betray each other. Ellie must give up her most prized possession to save their friendship in this tale about prejudice, poverty, shame and the power of friendship to heal. (G).

The featured short is A Summer Rain.

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.

Gadgets Galore

Great Falls, Montana – The Great Falls Public Library is hosting free drop-in sessions on Thursday, December 5 and December 19, 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.

Zestfully Peaceable Living

The Great Falls Public Library hosts Dr. Robin Treptow, PhD, as she presents the final two installments of her series Zestfully Peaceable Living: Positive Psychology for Yourself, Your Loved Ones, & Your World.

On Thursday, December 5 the program will with focus on, but not be limited to, positive psychology for others. The series concludes with Part 3 on Thursday, December 12. It will focus on, but not be limited to, positive psychology for the world.

Dr. Treptow's talks will be a combination of lecture, slides, questions and small group activites. Refreshments will be served.

Kids' Place Activities

Schedule subject to change

What: Books & Babies

Dates: 6, 13, 20 (NO BOOKS & BABIES DECEMBER 27TH)
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: 4th & 5th
Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult
Theme: Cozy Mitten
Time: 10:30 to noon
Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time
Dates: 11th & 12th
Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult
Theme: Snowy Days and Nights
Time: 10:30 to11:00 and 11:30 to Noon
Location: Kids' Place

What: Story Time
Dates: 18th & 19th
Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult
Theme: Christmas is Coming
Time: 10:30 to11:00 and 11:30 to Noon
Location: Kids' Place

What: Young Adult Activity
Dates: 19th
Who: 6-8 graders
Theme: Tee Time: Winter fun with mini golf putting.
Time: 3:30-5:00pm
Location: basement

NO STORY TIME
Dates: 25th & 26th

Supporting Documents

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