An Evening of TED Talks at the Great Falls Public Library

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Explore, Discover, Connect:
An evening of TED Talks and Lively Discussion

Great Falls, Montana – Join us at the Great Falls Public Library on Thursday, January 16, 7:00 PM, for TEDxGreatFallsLibrary, an evening of TED Talks and lively discussion. This program is free and open to the public.

TED is a nonprofit devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. It started out in 1984 as a conference bringing together people from three worlds: Technology, Entertainment, Design.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED has created a program called TEDx. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. TEDxGreatFallsLibrary is an independently organized event licensed by TED. This event will continue on the third Thursday of each month.

Each month we will show three TED Talks videos featuring experts in their fields sharing cutting edge ideas, innovation, and progressive ways of applying expertise for the betterment of society. A lively discussion will follow. January's selections are

- Hans Rosling: The magic washing machine
- Sugata Mitra: The child-driven education
- Chimananda Ngozi Adichie: The danger of a single story

According to event organizer Jude Smith, "TED Talks" will open up your mind, regardless of the topic. I've found myself listening to various talks on subjects for which I thought I had no interest only to discover myself completely absorbed and inspired. We are excited to have the opportunity to share these talks with the community in an effort to spark discussion and community in the most positive of ways."

For more information of this new event check our website at www.greatfallslibrary.org or by calling 453-0349. Visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/greatfallspubliclibrary and twit us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/GreatFallsLib.

About TEDx, x= independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together

to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = an independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (These events are subject to certain rules and regulations developed by TED.)

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California almost 30 years ago, TED has grown to support those world-changing ideas with multiple initiatives. The two annual TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes on a diverse mixture of topics. Many of these talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende, and former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The TED2014 Conference will take place in Vancouver, British Columbia, along with the TEDActive simulcast in neighboring Whistler. TEDGlobal 2014 will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

TED's media initiatives include TED.com, where new TED Talks are posed daily; the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative TED-Ed; and TEDBooks, short e-books on powerful ideas. TED has established the annual TED Prize, where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world get help translating their wishes into action; TEDx, which supports individuals or groups in hosting local, self-organized TED-style events around the world; and the TED Fellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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