

March at the Library



Don't miss what's happening at the Great Falls Public Library this month!

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Art @ the Library

In March the library is hosting an art exhibit of works by students from the Great Falls Public schools in honor of Youth Art Month. The exhibit will include works from elementary to high school students. A reception, which will be free and open to the public, will be held on Friday, March 7, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Live music will be provided by members of the Great Falls High Jazz ensemble and refreshments will be served.

Also in March, the Ladies of Hibernia will have a small exhibit of Irish memorabilia and photos, commemorating Irish American Heritage Month.

BeeKeeping 101

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting Brian Rodger of the Wanna-Bee-Beekeeping Club presenting BeeKeeping 101 on Saturday, March 1, at 2:00 pm. Along with introducing bee keeping to novices, Brian will also cover seasonal tasks necessary now to prepare for summer and other particulars of this art. This program is free and open to the public.

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Keeping bees isn't something you just jump into without doing your homework, but even the best books and websites can fall short of one-on-one advice from people who know the trade inside and out. The Wanna-Bee Beekeeping Club was founded by beekeeper Brian Rogers of Great Falls to make it easier for beekeepers to find each other and collaborate.

Honey bees, whose population is currently threatened by environmental disease issues, are critical to the nation's agricultural industry, and honey is also a valuable crop. Many individuals turn to beekeeping as a means to save money while doing-it-themselves. The Wanna-Bee Beekeeping Club will help new beekeepers connect with more experienced keepers, share resources, collaborate, and just enjoy a common interest in bees.

Foreign and Independent Film Series

The Great Falls Public Library's Foreign and Independent Film Series continues its eighth season on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:00 pm. and Saturday, March 8, at 2:00 pm. This series is free and open to the public.

March's selection is the South African film *Lucky*. This film tells the story of 10-year-old Lucky, who vows over his mother's grave to make something of himself. Leaving his remote Zulu village for school in the big city, he stays with his negligent uncle. Bonding with a Hindi neighbor, an old woman with an inherent fear of Africans, Lucky shows how a child's spirit can bring out the best in even the hardest of cases and circumstances. This film is in English, Zulu, and Hindi, with subtitles. It does contain some adult situations.

There is no featured short this month.

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, continues on Thursday, March 6, 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.

March's selection, *The Paris Wife* (2011), a novel by Paula McLain, tells the story of the marriage of Ernest Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley. Following a whirlwind courtship and wedding, the 28-year-old Hadley and 20-year-old Ernest set off for Paris, where they become the golden couple in the lively group – the fabled "Lost Generation" – that included Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald. Though deeply in love, the Hemingways are ill prepared for the hard-drinking and fast-living life of Jazz Age Paris. While Ernest struggles to find his voice as a writer, Hadley struggles to hold onto her sense of self. This is a heartbreaking portrayal of love and torn loyalty made all the more poignant because we know that, in the end, Hemmingway wrote that he would rather have died than fallen in love with anyone but Hadley.-

POV Films

The Great Falls Public Library is presenting two POV films in March. POV is the award-winning documentary series. These films are free and open to the public.

Ping Pong will be shown on Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 pm. Call this old age, extreme edition: Eight players with 703 years between them compete in the Over 80 World Table Tennis Championships in China's Inner Mongolia. British players Terry, 81, who has been given a week to live, and Les, 91, a weightlifter and poet, are going for the gold. Inge, 89, from Germany, has used table tennis to paddle her way out of dementia. And Texan Lisa, 85, is playing for the first time. *Ping Pong* is a wonderfully unusual story of hope, regret, friendship, ambition, love—and sheer human tenacity in the face of aging and mortality.

5 Broken Cameras will be shown on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 pm. Nominated for an Oscar®, *5 Broken*

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Cameras is a deeply personal first-hand account of life and nonviolent resistance in Bil'in, a West Bank village where Israel is building a security fence. Palestinian Emad Burnat, who bought his first camera in 2005 to record the birth of his youngest son, shot the film and Israeli filmmaker Guy Davidi co-directed. The filmmakers follow one family's evolution over five years, witnessing a child's growth from a newborn baby into a young boy who observes the world unfolding around him. The film is a Palestinian-Israeli-French co-production.

Gadgets Galore

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting free drop-in sessions on Thursday, March 6 and March 20, 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.

Page Forward

The new book discussion groups introduced by the Great Falls Public Library this year continue in March. Page Forward Saturdays continues on Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m., and continues on the second Saturday of each month. This discussion group is unique in as much as each month's discussion will be a celebration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Montana and will focus on books written by and about Montana women.

March's selection is *My Hutterite Life* (2003) by Lisa Marie Stahl. Stahl, a young Hutterite woman who grew up at the Gildford Colony near Havre, Montana, provides a rare public glimpse into the lives of the Hutterites, a communal religious group with colonies in the upper Midwest, Northwest, and Canada.

Originally appearing in the Great Falls Tribune, Lisa's "On the Colony" columns cordially and tenderly shared details about the Hutterites' style of dress, colony organization, beliefs, holidays and celebrations, and day-to-day life.

Her first-person-style articles have been collected, organized, and bound for the first time in this special book. Beautiful black and white photographs by Michael Crummett complement the text.

Page Forward Wednesdays continues on Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 pm, and continues on the second Wednesday of each month. If you like to read and are interested in a fun, stimulating discussion group, check this out.

March's selection is *Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. It's the beginning of a lazy summer in 1950 at the sleepy English village of Bishop's Lacey. Up at the great house of Buckshaw, aspiring chemist Flavia de Luce passes the time tinkering in the laboratory she's inherited from her deceased mother and an eccentric great uncle. When Flavia discovers a murdered stranger in the cucumber patch outside her bedroom window early one morning, she decides to leave aside her flasks and Bunsen burners to solve the crime herself, much to the chagrin of the local authorities. But who can blame her? What else does an eleven-year-old science prodigy have to do when left to her own devices? With her widowed father and two older sisters far too preoccupied with their own pursuits and passions, Flavia takes off on her trusty bicycle Gladys to catch a murderer. In Alan Bradley's critically acclaimed debut mystery, *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*, adult readers will be totally charmed by this fearless, funny, and unflappable kid sleuth. But don't be fooled: this carefully plotted detective novel (the first in a new series) features plenty of unexpected twists and turns and loads of tasty period detail. As the pages fly by, you'll be rooting for this curious combination of Harriet the Spy and Sherlock Holmes.

Participation is free and open to the public. The groups meets in the Small Meeting Room in the basement of the library. A limited number of books will be available for checkout at the front desk of the library three weeks prior to each discussion.

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

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TEDx GreatFallsLibrary continues on Thursday, March 20th, 7:00 PM. 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.

March's selections are:

Bahia Shehab:	A thousand times no
Bryan Stevenson:	We need to talk about an injustice
Steven Pinker:	The surprising decline in violence

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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For more information about TED's upcoming conferences, visit <http://www.ted.com/registration>

Donations Days for Friends Book Sale

Great Falls, Montana – The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library announced that they will be holding special book donation days in preparation for their annual used book sale held in May. The dates of this year's sale are May 14, 15, 17, & 18.

If you have items you'd like to donate for this sale, you can bring in those donations on one of the scheduled donation days. The advantage of the donation days is especially noticeable for those with more than a small donation. On these scheduled donation days, you bring your items to the library's garage, in the alley behind the building. Volunteers will be available to assist, especially with transferring donations from your car to the building.

Dates for the donation days are as follows:

- Saturday, March 22, 10 am – 2 pm
- Saturday, April 26 10 am – 2 pm

All donations are appreciated, but the Friends will not accept the following:

- Items in poor condition
- Magazines
- Encyclopedias
- Condensed Reader's Digests
- Textbooks

You can bring your donations into the library anytime during operating hours, but assistance cannot be guaranteed except on scheduled donation days.

Proceeds from the book sale are used to sponsor special library programs and projects that the library's budget cannot cover. Anyone interested in more details, volunteering for the book sale or donating books can contact Jude Smith at 453-0349 or [jusmith \[at\] greatfallslibrary \[dot\] org](mailto:jusmith@greatfallslibrary.org).

Kids' Place Activities

Schedule subject to change

What: Wii Gaming

Dates: 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 (no Wii gaming on 14th, because of Montana Treasure State Award Party)

Who: Children under 12 with accompanying adult

Time: 3:00-5:00pm on Fridays & Saturdays; 3:00-4:45pm on Sundays

Location: Kids' Place

What: Books & Babies

Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28

Who: Birth - 2 year olds with accompanying adult

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Time: 10:15 to 11:00 & 11:15 to noon

Location: Basement

What: Preschool Busy Fingers (walk-in craft time, no stories)

Dates: 5 & 6

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Animal mobile

Time: 10:30 to noon

Location: Kids' Place

What: Preschool Story Time

Dates: 12 & 13

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Pig, Pig, Piggy

Time: 10:30 to 11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00

Location: Kids' Place

What: 2014 Montana Treasure State Award Party

Date: 14

Who: Kindergarten through Third-grade students with accompanying adult

Time: 4:00-5:45pm

Location: Basement

Children must listen to all five stories to be eligible to vote for their favorite picture book; Craft, stories and refreshments

What: Preschool Story Time

Dates: 19 & 20

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Birds of a Feather

Time: 10:30 to 11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00

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Location: Kids' Place

What: Preschool Story Time

Dates: 26 & 27

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Walk like an Elephant

Time: 10:30 to 11:00 & 11:30 to 12:00

Location: Kids' Place

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