

April at the Library



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Art @ the Library

In April the library is hosting an art exhibit featuring the work of Doris Boyle. An eclectic artist, Boyle will include paintings, collages, small sculptures, and other assorted surprises in her exhibit. A reception, that is free and open to the public, will be held for Boyle on Thursday, April 3, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Foreign and Independent Film Series

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

April's selection is the Columbian film *Karen Cries on the Bus*. This film tells the story of Karen, who leaves her slimy, but successful, husband after 10 years of marriage to find herself despite her husband's claims she can do nothing. Arriving in Bogota with no money, friends, or lodgings, she catches a break by developing a friendship with a supportive woman. Karen takes her first steps towards independence and self-discovery. This film is in Spanish with English subtitles and contains adult situations.

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.

The selected short is *Lessons from the Night*.

OpenBooks Discussion

The OpenBooks Discussion Series, which runs October – May, continues on Thursday, April 3, 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.

April's selection is *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. In *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury's classic, frightening vision of the future, firemen don't put out fires--they start them in order to burn books. Bradbury's vividly painted society holds up the appearance of happiness as the highest goal--a place where trivial information is good and knowledge and ideas are bad.

Bradbury--the author of more than 500 short stories, novels, plays, and poems, including *The Martian Chronicles* and *The Illustrated Man*--is the winner of many awards, including the Grand Master Award from the Science Fiction Writers of America. Readers ages 13 to 93 will be swept up in the harrowing suspense of *Fahrenheit 451*, and no doubt will join the hordes of Bradbury fans worldwide.

Gadgets Galore

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting free drop-in sessions on Thursday, April 3 and April 17, 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 April. Due to unforeseen commitments, April's Page Forward Wednesdays will be held this one month only on Thursday April 10, 7:00 pm. This discussion will continue on the second Wednesday of each month.

April's selection is the popular *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. Marriage can be a real killer. One of the most critically acclaimed suspense writers of our time, New York Times bestseller Gillian Flynn takes that statement to its darkest place in this unputdownable masterpiece about a marriage gone terribly, terribly wrong. The Chicago Tribune proclaimed that her work "draws you in and keeps you reading with the force of a pure but nasty addiction." *Gone Girl*'s toxic mix of sharp-edged wit and deliciously chilling prose creates a nerve-fraying thriller that confounds you at every turn.

Page Forward Saturdays continues on Saturday, April 12, 10 am, 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.

April's selection is *Letters from the Yellowstone* by Livingston author Diane Smith.

In the spring of 1898, A. E. (Alexandria) Bartram--a spirited young woman with a love for botany--is invited to join a field study in Yellowstone National Park. The study's leader, a mild-mannered professor from Montana, assumes she is a man, and is less than pleased to discover the truth. Once the scientists overcome the shock of having a woman on their team, they forge ahead on a summer of adventure, forming an enlightening web of relationships as they move from Mammoth Hot Springs to a camp high in the backcountry. But as they make their way collecting amid Yellowstone's beauty the group is splintered by differing views on science, nature, and economics.

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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.

Zestfully Peaceable Living: Celebrating an Openness to the Other

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting an program by Nascent peace psychologist, Dr. Robin Lynn Treptow, Zestfully Peaceable Living: Celebrating an Openness to the Other on Thursday, April 10, 7:00 pm. This program is free and open to the public.

Dr. Treptow will present the final segment of her transactional theory as to how global peace might be achieved in our time. Come hear an “outside-the-box” perspective as to how all war-making and violence can come to an end “one human interaction at a time”

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

TEDx GreatFallsLibrary continues on Thursday, April 17, 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.

April's selections are:

Kelly Mcgonigal:	Make stress your friend
Dan Ariely:	What makes us feel good about our work?
Dan Gilbert:	The surprising Science of happiness

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

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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>

Great Falls Festival of the Book

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting the 14th annual Great Falls Festival of the Book with literary events starting on April 23 and spread out through various dates until May 3. All events are free and open to the public. Sponsors of this year's festival include the Great Falls Public Library Foundation, the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library, and Humanities Montana. The schedule is below:

- Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 pm - Steering with My Knees: An Evening with Paul Zarzyski
- Thursday, April 24, 7:00 pm - Montana UFOs & Extraterrestrials with Joan Bird
- Saturday, April 26, 2:00 pm - Suspense on the Front: A Reading with Gwen Florio
- Tuesday, April 29, 7:00 pm - Word Meister Contest
- Thursday, May 1, 7:00 pm - Poetry Is Alive and Well with Tyson Habein, Allen Lanning & Traci Rosenbaum
- Friday, May 2, 7:30 pm - Gala Reading with Saif Alsaigh, David Abrams, & Jamie Ford
- Saturday, May 3, 10:30 am - When Poetry and Music Intersect (Teen writing workshop) with Tyson Habein & Evin Mitchell
- Saturday, May 3, 2:00 pm Self-publishing & Specialty Books with Sara & Tyson Habein

Donations Days for Friends Book Sale

Great Falls, Montana – The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library announced that they will be holding one final donation day on Saturday, April 26, from 10 am – 2 pm, 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.

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

- Items in poor condition
- Magazines
- Encyclopedias

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- 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).

Mayhem @ the Library: A Murder Mystery Contest

The Great Falls Public Library is hosting the second annual Mayhem @ the Library: A Murder Mystery Contest on April 26. Participation in this event is free and open to the public.

Here's how the contest works: A crime has been committed! In order to solve this crime, participating detectives must come into the library anytime between 10 am & 3 pm on Saturday, April 26 to pick up case files. These files will have the necessary information to solve the crime. It will include a list of 15 downtown businesses that are clue sites. Participants will visit these sites, gather clues, and solve the crime. They must turn in their answers by 4:30 pm the same day.

Participants are invited to the library on Saturday, April 26 between 5 and 6 pm for a reception and the awarding prizes. Winners will be chosen in a drawing of the correct answers. Prizes include a downtown shopping package, consisting of over \$300 worth of gift certificates from various downtown merchants; a dinner and overnight stay for two at the Grand Union in Fort Benton; and a wellness package including a gift certificate for a massage/bodywork by downtown therapist Marilyn Schneider, LMT, a gift certificate for yoga classes from downtown yoga studio Yoga for Wellness, and a gift certificate for bath and body products from Love 2 Inspire.

Sponsors of this year's contest include: In Cahoots for Tea, Daisy's Deli, Amazing Toys, Wines by Wednesday, The Restore, Runway, Great Falls Lumber, The Boutique by Studio Montage, Love 2 Inspire, the Great Falls Downtown Association, Friends of the GFPL, the Grand Union Hotel, 6Yoga for Wellness and Marilyn Schneider.

For more information call 453-0349 or go online to www.greatfallslibrary.org

Kids' Place Activities

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Schedule subject to change

What: Wii Gaming

Dates: April 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 25, 26, 27 (library closed 20th)

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: April 4, 11, 18, 25

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: April 2 & 3

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: 3-D Flower

Time: 10:30 to noon

Location: Kids' Place

What: Preschool Story Time

Dates: April 9 & 10

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Skunk's Spring Surprise

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

Location: Kids' Place

What: Preschool Story Time

Dates: April 16 & 17

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Splish-Splash a Rainy Day

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

Location: Kids' Place

What: Preschool Story Time

Dates: April 23 & 24

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Bunny Fun

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

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Location: Kids' Place

What: Preschool Story Time

Dates: April 30 & May 1

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Baby Animals

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

Location: Kids' Place

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Supporting Documents

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