June Happenings at the Library

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JUNE AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Hours & Closures

The Great Falls Public Library announces the last Sunday of the season in which the library will be open is May 18. Following that day, the library will be on its summer schedule, closed on Sundays through September. Summer hours are:

Monday, Friday, & Saturday	10 am – 6 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday	10 am – 8 pm

The Great Falls Public Library will also be closed on Monday, May 26, in recognition of Memorial Day.

Art at the Library

The Great Falls Public Library continues to host Civil War 150: Exploring the War and Its Meaning through the Words of Those Who Lived It. This national traveling panel exhibit, sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, will be at the library through June 16. This exhibit utilizes letters, personal accounts, and images to trace major events during the war through the eyes of soldiers, presidents, freemen, and families. Visitors can come to understand how people dealth with the end of slavery, the nature of democracy and citizenship, the human toll of war, and the role of the president in wartime.

As a companion to this exhibit, the library is also hosting a collection of Civil War photos, memorabilia, and stories from the personal collection of Ken Robison.

As a contrast to the above historical exhibits, the library is also hosting an exhibit by local, eclectic artist Halley Gallagher. Halley is a Great Falls native who has been the artist in residence at both the Great Falls Public Schools and Paris Gibson Square. She has a Bachelor's degree in studio painting. Halley uses her work to explore patterns in nature and the world. She blends abstract and figurative art to create unique, colorful work.

Summer Reading

The Great Falls Public Library is proud to announce the beginning of their annual Adult Summer Reading program, which runs June 1 through August 7. Anyone 19 and older with a library card can participate in the adult summer reading program. Library cards are FREE to anyone who lives in Cascade County. To get a card, bring in picture ID and proof of address.

Participation is simple. Every time you check out materials at the library during this time period, put your checkout slip into the drawing box. Grand prize winners will be selected at the library's summer reading party on Thursday, August 7. The grand prize this year is an e-reader.

This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library.

Mark your calendar for the final summer reading party on Thursday, August 7 from 5 – 7 pm. This event will be free and open to the public. It will feature games and activities for children and adults, along with a dunk tank and magician. Returning to provide entertainment is the popular puppeteer duo Bat Honey. This year they will perform a musical puppet show. All grand prizes will be awarded at the party and you must be present to win. Light refreshments will be provided. More party details will be available as the party approaches.

Information for all the summer reading programs will be available at the library. Call 453-0349, stop in at 301 2nd Ave. North or go online to www.greatfallslibrary.org.

Register for Free computer Classes at the the Great Falls Public Library

The Great Falls Public Library is presenting a four-part series of free of computer classes on Mondays in June from 6:00 – 7:30 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.

- June 2 Introduction to the Computer and Using the Mouse
- June 9 Opening, Closing and Saving Files, Introduction to WORD
- June 16 Introduction to the Web: Surfing and Searching
- June 23 Introduction to E-mail: Getting an Address & Sending Mail

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

Civil War 150

The Great Falls Public Library continues the Civil War 150 programs commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War through June 19. Those programs, which are free and open to the public, are listed below.

Thursday, June 5, 7:00 PM Lincoln and Liberty: Songs as Sound Clips with Bill Rossiter

The songs of the American Civil War provided a soundtrack for one of the most important periods in our history. Their messages, both the official songs and the sometimes-wicked parodies written by the troops, give us a glimpse of the period that we might miss if we study only battles and politics. Lincoln himself was often the subject—or target—of these songs, some which make today's political wrangling look downright polite. This presentation features clips from that soundtrack, accompanied by banjo, autoharp, and harmonica. Bill Rossiter is a retired instructor of literature and folklore and chair of the Humanities Division of the Flathead Community

College.

Saturday, June 7, 10 AM – 4 PM Bonnets and Battlefields: An Interactive Experience

Re-enactors Tiea Toby and Jim Vaughn will set up a small encampment in the Library Park that will provide an interactive experience for people. In case of bad weather, we will move to the Cordingley Room. They will have an assortment of items Clara Barton would have taken onto the battlefield, including her medicinal herbs, clothing, supplies, etc. Informational brochures will also be provided. They will also have black powder muzzleloading demonstrations. They will also offer formal presentations during the following times:

- 10:30 – 11:00 AM & 1:30 – 2 PM Clara Barton: Bonnets on the Battlefield
- 11:15 – 11:45 AM & 2:15 – 2:45 PM Perspectives of a Civil War Officer

Thursday, June 12, 7:00 PM When Johnny Comes Marching Home:

Documenting Montanans Civil War Experience

Rich Aarstad from the Montana State Historical Society will speak about the Montanans and the Civil War.

Thursday, June 19, 7:00 pm We Fought in the Civil War—Yankees & Rebels Who Came to Montana Territory

Dick Thoroughman brings to life “The South was right to fight” theme that was used by Confederate President Jefferson Davis in his 1882 tour of the South.

Ken Robison portrays Union Infantry Captain Joseph O. Gregg as he discusses his Civil War service and leadership in Great Falls in the Grand Army of the Republic that led to the creation of the Soldiers Plot and Soldiers Monument in Highland Cemetery.

Bob Harris portrays Union Infantry Sergeant Charles Meek, an African American who came to Montana after fighting in the war. He settled in Great Falls where he was a leader in the black community and in veterans and political affairs.

Page Forward

The new book discussion groups introduced by the Great Falls Public Library this year continue in June.

Page Forward Saturdays continues on Saturday, June 14 10, 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.

June’s selection is A Bride Goes West by Nannie T. Alderson. Among hundreds of books written by and about range men, there are hardly a dozen valid ones concerning women A Bride Goes is one of the best books pertaining to ranch life by women with a woman's point of view dominating.

Page Forward Tuesdays continues on Tuesday, June 24, 7:00 pm, and continues on the fourth Tuesday of each month. June’s selection is The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach. This highly acclaimed novel is about summer’s favorite pastime, baseball, ambition, friendship, family, love, and commitment to oneself and others. It’s a perfect summer read.

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

TEDxGreatFallsLibrary continues on Tuesday June 17, 7:00 pm. TEDxGreatFallsLibrary is 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.

June's selections are

- Scilla Elworthy: Fighting with Nonviolence
- Pete van Uhm: Why I Chose the Gun
- May El Khalil: Making Peace with a Marathon

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 tweet 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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Kids' Place Activities

Schedule subject to change

What: Wii Gaming

Dates: June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28

Who: Children under 12 with accompanying adult

Time: 3:00-5:00pm on Fridays & Saturdays

Location: Kids' Place

What: Books & Babies

Dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27

Who: Birth - 2 year olds with accompanying adult

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

Location: Basement

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

Dates: June 4 & 5

Who: 2-5 year olds with accompanying adult

Theme: Summer Sunshine

Time: 10:30 to noon

Location: Kids' Place

Summer Reading Program Starts

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

PRIZE EARNING GUIDELINES

Kids visit the library eight times and earn one free paperback book

Infants/toddlers through school-age kids (K-5) may all participate (students entering 5th grade fall 2014)

Kids receive one sticker for every day they visit the Kids' Place starting June 6 through August 6 (only one sticker per day)

Kids earning eight stickers may choose one (1) free paperback book in the Kids' Place August 1 – 9 or at the final party Thursday, August 7

Kids enter the GRAND PRIZE DRAWING by bringing their completed Library Visit Record Sheet to the final party. Child must be present to win one of over 100 prizes.

Kids may complete only one (1) Library Visit Record Sheet to earn one (1) paperback book prize during the entire 2014 Summer Reading Program.

SUMMER READING ACTIVITIES

What: CRAFT

Dates: Monday, June 9

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Theme: Senses Hidden Picture

Location: Basement

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Reflection

Location: Kids' Place

What: SPEICAL

Dates: Tuesday, June 10

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Theme: I Spy

Location: Basement

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Camouflage Pictures

Location: Kids' Place

What: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dates: Wednesday, June 11

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 5th grade with accompanying adult

Theme: "Believe It or Not…It's Science" presented by Arch Ellwein of Sidney, Montana

Location: Basement

Financial sponsorship provide by: Marshall Orthodontics

What: CHALLENGE

Dates: Thursday, June 12

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Changeable Portraits

Location: Kids' Place

Theme: Portrait Design

Location: Basement

What: CRAFT

Dates: Monday, June 16

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Theme: Cloud Mobile

Location: Kids' Place

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Observing Weather

Location: Basement

What: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dates: Tuesday, June 17

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 5th grade with accompanying adult

Theme: "Weather Wisdom" presented by KRTV Meteorologist Mike Rawlins

Location: Basement

What: STORY TIME

Dates: Wednesday, June 18

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Theme: Weather Wise

Location: Basement

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Today's Weather

Location: Basement

What: CHALLENGE

Dates: Thursday, June 19

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Theme: Guess the Weather

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Puff Mobiles

Location: Kids' Place

Location: Basement

What: CRAFT

Dates: Monday, June 23

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Theme: Colorful Rainbows

Location: Basement

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Experiment with Color

Location: Basement

What: SPEICAL

Dates: Tuesday, June 24

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 5th grade with accompanying adult

Theme: "Color Mix-Up"

Location: Basement

What: STORY TIME

Dates: Wednesday, June 25

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Theme: Color Fun

Location: Basement

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Colors with and Attitude

Location: Basement

What: SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dates: Thursday, June 26

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 5th grade with accompanying adult

Theme: "A Fizz, Boom! Dragon Mystery: Puppet Show" presented by Dragons Are Too Seldom

Financial sponsorship provide by: Marshall Orthodontics

What: CRAFT

Dates: Monday, June 30

Time: 10:30-11:30

Who: 2-year-olds through 2nd grade

Theme: Tangrams

Location: Kids' Place

Who: 3rd through 5th grade

Theme: Tangram Teasers

Location: Kids' Place

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Supporting Documents

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