



Library Views

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Mon.	10am-6pm
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Teen Scene Update

With a projected grand opening date of early May, the **Teen Scene** is becoming a reality. And it's shaping up to be the cool space envisioned by planners, which include library staff and members of YAAC (Young Adult



Advisory Council.) Thanks to the generous donation of a local contractor, who wishes to remain anonymous, the southeast corner of the library's second floor is being transformed into a unique space dedicated to young adults. The almost-five foot walls have been constructed, along with an angled doorway. The open wall design clearly defines the space and creates a sense of privacy and ownership for young adults, yet does not close the space entirely to the rest of the library. The walls, which will also provide backing for shelving for the Young Adult collection, are ready for the painter's brush. The designated color will be mocha. After the paint has dried, the existing carpet will be replaced by black flooring. A neon sign announcing **Teen Scene** will be installed over the doorway.

Furnishings for the space include a café booth, a bistro table with three stools, a computer table with four stools, and four huge bean bag chairs, which will offer teens comfy reading. When finished, the room will also have two computers.

The **Teen Scene** has been in the planning stages since April of 2006 and is funded by private donations. It will provide 7th through 12th graders a place to study, read, relax, and socialize.

Library Views is funded by the Great Falls Public Library Foundation

Book Festival

The 7th annual Great Falls Festival of the Book runs from May 3 – 5. The festival will showcase a diverse selection of Montana authors.



Festivities begin on Thursday, May 3 with an author's reception, hosted by the Friends of the Great Falls Public Library. You

can mingle with amazing local poet Paul Zarzyski and the great Cowboy Poet Wally McRae. These award-winning Elko alumini will read for us following the reception, providing an unforgettable evening shaped by their words, rhythms, drama and humor.



On Friday, May 4, attend a formal reading with authors Rick DeMarinis, M.L. Smoker and Doug

Peacock. DeMarinis, from Missoula, is an award winning author of 14 books; Smoker, a member of the Assiniboine and Sioux tribes, is a published poet; Peacock, an expert on grizzly bear behavior and author of a moving memoir, was a close friend of, and inspiration for, the late Edward Abbey.

May 5 kicks off with a special reading by student authors enrolled in the Extended Curriculum Services Program in the Great Falls Public Schools. They include Emma Martin, Jack Martinez, Timothy Seery, Brianna McLean and Denali Sperl.

The afternoon offerings include Doug Peacock and his wife Andrea presenting *The Essential Grizzly: The Mingled Fates of Men and Bears* based on their most recent, co-authored work of the same title. Andrea is the former editor of the *Missoula Independent* and author of *Libby Montana: Asbestos and the Deadly Silence of an American Corporation*. The program will include some of their recorded footage of bears in the wild.

Montana Women Writers: A Geography of the Heart follows with contributing authors Deirdre McNamer, who was born in Conrad and teaches at University of



Montana and Ruth McLaughlin of Great Falls, and Editor Caroline Patterson. This book was published by

Farcountry Press in Helena.

The festival concludes with *An Historical Perspective*, which features local historian Tom Sullivan,



Lewistown resident Sam Phillips and Fullbright scholar and Montana ranch woman, Lee Rostad of Martinsdale.

Brochures are available at the library and various spots around town. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience a side of culture that isn't often available to us. It is sponsored by the Great Falls Public Library Foundation and Humanities Montana.

Playaways Are Here

The library is now offering Playaways, the first self-playing audio book, adding the innovative digital format to its existing audio book collection.

Playaway is the self-contained audio equivalent of a book. Half the size of a deck of cards, it is packaged with a standard AAA battery to allow for immediate listening. Listeners have the option of placing digital bookmarks and controlling the speed of a narrator's voice on book selections, which range from six to 24 hours. Additionally, Playaway has a universal jack that works with almost any type of headphone.

Headphones do not come with Playaways, but patrons have the option of purchasing a set of earbuds or headphones for \$3.00 from the Library Store. They may also use their own headphones if they work in the unit.

"This format will be appealing to patrons because of its durability and portability", said Marla Wilckens of the Technical Services Department. Early favorable patron feedback agrees with Wilckens.

The Great Falls Public Library currently has over 45 titles in its collection. Titles include: *A River Runs Through It*, *Learn Anywhere Language Courses*, *The Time Traveler's Wife*, and *A Christmas Carol*.

Stop by and check one out.

Parking Available

If you need downtown parking on a regular basis, the library has spaces available for a monthly rate. The conveniently located parking lot on the corner of 3rd Street and 2nd Avenue North can offer a stress free option to meet your parking needs. Call 453-0349 for more information.

National Library Week

April 15 – 21 is National Library Week. This is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries to our communities. It is a chance to value that a library reflects its community through its many services including its diverse collection, programs and technologies.

Come to the library and enjoy its many offerings. Check out a best-seller or see a silent film; enjoy an art exhibit; take in a story hour with your children or one of the many adult programs offered. Use the Internet or any number of helpful electronic databases available. If you can't find what you're looking for, friendly staff is here to assist you. Come for research; come for fun, but come.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Book Festival. Duties include selling books and directing people to the Cordingley Room. Contact Jude Smith at 453-0349 if interested.

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HISTORY OF LIBRARY SUPPORT

One of the most important elements of a successful library lies with the board members. These trustees are community members who volunteer their time and energy to the library, overseeing policy and the functioning of the library within the community. The Great Falls Public Library has a solid history of this support beginning in 1892. In this sixth installment we continue our tribute to these citizens of the past and the present.

June 1977

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