



# Library Views

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PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
*Your Lifelong Resource*

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## *Library Plaza Plans*

The Library Plaza will undergo a restructuring and renovation in the spring of 2008. Current plans include bringing the plaza up to the same level as the front walkway and creating a water feature based around a large stone arch.

The arch will be constructed of large Montana stone sections and include water dripping down across the archway onto the plaza before disappearing into a circular slot surrounding the arch. Additional features might include jets of water spraying onto the arch and dramatic nighttime lighting effects.



The elimination of the current pool addresses maintenance and safety issues associated with the pool and allows children (and adults) to “play” in the water spray. Winding paths, benches and shade from trees will enhance and invite use of the plaza in ways not possible currently.

If you have questions or comments, please direct them to Jim Heckel, library director.

Plaza design is by L'Heureux Page Warner. This project has been funded by a CTEP (Community Transportation Enhancement Program) grant. Further funds, particularly for the archway and water feature, are provided by the Walter J. Elliot and Lucille Clark Elliot Elliott trust and the Great Falls Public Library Foundation.

## Changes on Tap

The new *Teen Scene* young adult center is not the only change at the



library this year. Thanks to generous bequests from the Walter J. and Lucille Clark Elliot trust, dramatic new services and renovations will be occurring in

the next few months. Some of these will necessitate minor inconveniences for patrons and staff, but the results will be well worth it.

New carpeting will be installed on the first and second floors to replace worn 15-year old carpeting. The Cordingley room in the basement has already been re-carpeted. The next phase, the second floor re-carpeting, is scheduled for late June. We are using unique carpet “squares”, which will allow us to carpet under the book stacks without moving them. Still, furniture and desks will need to be moved back and forth, so patrons may find that parts of the library are temporarily “off limits.”

The final re-carpeting phase will be on the first floor, which is scheduled for mid-July. There may be some disruption of access to the Kids’ Place or to story hours, but we will try to keep the area as open as possible. We hope the new look will truly enhance your library visit.

In addition to the re-carpeting, we will also be moving the public

Internet computers to new carrels located on the north wall on the second floor. The new carrels will use space more efficiently while providing greater privacy for users.

We also will be installing a new print and Internet access management system. It will allow users to schedule time slots for Internet and computer access, enforce daily time limits for computer usage, and provide improved management of print requests and payments. This new system will provide users more equitable computer time allowance than the manual system currently in use. Full daily time allowance will require a current library card. Users without a library card will get a reduced block of daily time.

Finally, we are replacing our aging microfilm reader/printer, which has been less than reliable lately, though heavily used. The new machine is on order and should be ready for use in July. Our new digital microform scanner will be easy to use and will allow you to read microfilm on the screen, print to paper, or scan to the connected PC.



Patrons in the Kids Place enjoy the new stuffed elephant donated to the library by Debra Shanahan.

## **Healthy Body Healthy Mind**

The Great Falls Public Library just purchased over 100 DVD's from the PBS award-winning series [Healthy Body, Healthy Mind](#). The DVDs cover a wide range of health topics.

In addition to compelling stories, you'll get advice from top experts in health and wellness fields, and hear about the latest advancements.

The Great Falls Public provides a range of books on health topics, two separate health databases, and now a large collection of health DVDs. All of this information can be easily accessed through our health portal: <http://www.greatfallslibrary.org/health.htm>.

## **Library Blog**

The Great Falls Public Library has joined the blogosphere. Log on to [www.greatfallslibrary.org](http://www.greatfallslibrary.org), link to the library's blog, and you'll get a unique view on what's going on at the library.

The blog is also a mechanism you can use to let us know what you like, or don't like, and share your ideas for improvement, along with new ideas. Blogs are a sharing space, giving the library one more tool to share with the community.

If you have questions about the blog you call 453-0349 or log on to the blog and write us. You'll always get an answer.

## **Music in Library Park**

This year we've added a Brown Bag Lunch acoustic series on Wednesdays in August, to our annual Thursday evening music.

Music in Library Park – Evening

**July, 19, 7:00 pm**

*Exit 277 & Leaving for Tomorrow*  
(Teen Alternative/Punk)

**July 26, 7:00 pm**

*49<sup>th</sup> Street Blues Project* (Blues)

**August 9, 7:00 pm**

*Bees in the Doorway & The Five Points* (Edgy/Alternative)

**August 16, 7:00 pm**

*Cold Hard Cash* (Johnny Cash Tribute Band)

**August 23, 7:00 pm**

*Radio K.O.A.S.* (Contemporary)

**August 30, 7:00 pm**

*Johnny Mack Dance Band*  
(15-piece Dance Band)

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**August 8, Noon**

*Amy Eyles and Friends* (Classic)

**August 15, Noon,**

*Jeni Dodd* (Guitar and Folk)

**August 22, Noon**

*Wendy Huelit & Tom Halvorson*  
(Singer & Guitar, Contemporary)

**August 29, Noon**

*Rich Matoon* (Guitar, vocals, flute)

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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 1981

Mrs. Jean Koppang  
Mr. Victor Weible  
Mayor Gene Thayer  
Mrs. Cherie Kuenning  
Mrs. Roberta Ormseth

### January – June 1982

Mrs. Jean Koppang  
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