

Library Views

New Library Director



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Congratulations to the Great Falls Public Library's new director, Kathy Mora, who has been serving as Interim Director since August 2009. Kathy's career at the library began as a page at the age of 15. In her mid-twenties, Kathy returned to the library as a temporary inventory clerk and shortly thereafter she was hired in a permanent position. During her tenure at the library she has worked in Technical Services, Interlibrary Loans, on the Reference Desk, as Systems Administrator, Assistant Director, Interim Director, and now, Director.

Kathy exemplifies her outlook on the role of libraries. "The fundamental purpose of libraries is to help people improve their lives and expand their knowledge," Kathy expressed recently. Her professional life reflects that philosophy. She will be the first to say she has personally been on the receiving end as well. While working on the reference desk, Kathy began to do basic computer troubleshooting, developing her interest and the roots of her expertise in the technological side of library work. While working fulltime, she returned to school, earning a networking certificate, a Bachelor of Sciences degree in Computer Information Systems, and her Masters Degree in Library Science. To accomplish her goals she utilized both the public and school libraries extensively, and feels she is proof of how libraries can improve lives and expand knowledge.



Book Buzz

Book Buzz, the library's adult summer reading program now in week four, is in full swing. Patron and staff book reviews are rolling in and the number of participants has surpassed previous years.



Anyone nineteen or older with a valid library card is eligible to enter drawings – once for each book read or audio book listened to between June 7 and August 13. Weekly prize winners can win great gift certificates from a variety of local businesses including eateries, grocery stores, book stores and more. Two grand prize winners will be selected August 14 to win either an iPod or a year's worth of free parking. Participants can also submit short book reviews, which are posted on our *Book Buzz* wall.

Thanks for a Job Well Done

Jeff Savage, Information Services Librarian at the Great Falls Public Library, announced he will be retiring August 31, after 11 years of service. Jeff was happiest when hip deep in challenging research projects. As for retirement, it would come as no surprise if Jeff hung up the "Gone Fishing" or maybe the "Gone Hiking" sign. We at the Great Falls Public Library thank him for a job well done.

Making A Splash @ Great Falls Public Library



Upcoming Projects @ GFPL

Thanks to the Great Falls Public Library Foundation for providing the Great Falls Public Library with \$10,000 for a variety of ongoing projects.

\$1000 will be used for downloadable audio and/or ebook materials through the state MontanaLibrary2Go consortium.

\$2000 will sponsor the Budding Babies early literacy project. The Foundation is working on finding a sponsor for the project for matching funds, which could double the funds available. The library initiated the Budding Babies project last fall with great success, distributing 200 early literacy packets to various organizations around town. These organizations included the City/County Health Department, Planned Parenthood, Quality Life Concepts, and the Indian Health Clinic.

The remaining money from the Foundation is being used to reupholster 100 chairs used in the second floor public area. These chairs were originally purchased by the foundation.

The Great Falls Public Library is also the recipient of a \$3000 grant from PPL. This money will be used to purchase young adult series bestsellers.

Summer Music

Summer Music programs will be held in the Library Park behind the library. They are free and open to the public.

The schedule for the **Summer Music Series** is as follows:

July 6, Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Impromptu – features horn section

July 13, Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Skeye Cats – good old rock & roll

July 20, Tuesday, 6:00 PM
Jeni Dodd & Dale Lee – Bluegrass

July 27, Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Willson & McKee – Celtic

August 10, Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Four Shillings Short – Celtic

August 17, Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Montana Old Time Fiddlers

August 24, Tuesday, 7:00 PM
Eklegian Jam – eclectic, modern

Welcome to Board

Montana State Senator Mitch Tropila was recently appointed as the newest member of the Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees.



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Make a trip downtown for lunch on Thursdays in July and August to catch the library's Brown Bag Lunch series from Noon to 1:00 P.M. in the Library Park. July's potpourri includes Community Health Specialist Penny Paul teaching exercise for life and portion distortion; Counselor Aleece Reynolds defining and discussing depression; and a Voyagers Ball Club Meet and Greet with free game ticket giveaways. In August, Janine Tillman, a local counselor and healer will present a three-part program on the power of soul healing techniques.

The *Foreign and Independent Film Series* begins its new season the first Wednesday in September, with a matinee on the following Saturday, and continues with monthly showings through May 2011.

September is also *Library Card Sign-Up Month* and includes *Banned Book Week*. This year the Great Falls Public Library is working with the University of Great Falls to present a week-long series of programs on banned and challenged books. These will include panel discussions, readings, film screenings, and special drawings. In September, the Great Falls Public Library will host a staff art exhibit.