



# Library Views

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## *Working Hard For Community*

A recent survey conducted by the Macerich Company (developers of Holiday Village Mall and Market Place) highlighted the importance of the Great Falls Public Library to the



community. In a section of the survey entitled "Use of Key Community Facilities", 54% of the respondents indicated that they use the library. Only the parks (73% usage) and the Civic Center (56% usage) had higher ratings.

## *Independent Film Series*

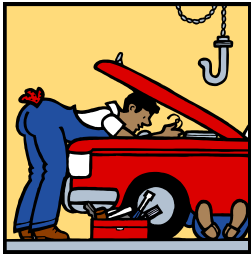
We're excited to announce plans to host a film series in 2004. This series features first run, award-winning, independent films on DVD. The films will be shown on a large screen, with audio running through our sound system. All titles are simultaneously released to our library and movie theaters nationwide. Some of the titles include the Spanish, Goya Award winning film *El Bola*, the Moroccan *Ali Zaoua*, and the Australian *He Died with a Felafel in his Hand*. Details for the series will be available soon.

## *Target Grant Awarded*

Youth Services librarian Bente Snow was recently informed she had been awarded a \$3,700 grant from Target for the Summer Reading Program. "What a great Christmas gift," she enthused. The money will be used for programs, printings and other supplies.

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## *New Auto Repair Database*



Have you ever tried to fix a turn signal on a '74 Chevy pick-up? Have you ever needed a wiring diagram for that same vehicle? How about needing one at 8 a.m.? Now the Great Falls Public Library can help thanks to our new subscription to Ebsco's Auto Repair Reference Center (ARRC).

Anyone can access this resource, available from the library or home, via the library's homepage [www.greatfallslibrary.org](http://www.greatfallslibrary.org) during the free trial period running through January. You will need a User ID (*mln*) and a password (*auto*). Beginning in February access will be limited to registered library patrons.

Some of the things offered on ARRC include 150 easy-to-read, illustrated auto repair manuals on all auto procedures for about 21,000 vehicles; more than 56,000 Technical Service Bulletins; wiring diagrams; and labor time estimates. Every major manufacturer for both domestic and imported vehicles is represented including auto repair manuals for most vintage makes starting as far back as 1954. New repair updates will be continuously available and Technical Service

Bulletins will be added on a monthly or quarterly basis.

This database is part of an ongoing project made possible by the Great Falls Public Library, which pays subscription fees through a statewide license made available by the Montana State Library. This license is made possible with support of the Montana State Library, The MSL Networking Task Force, The Montana Library Network, Governor Judy Martz and our state legislators.

## *New Faces*

The Circulation Department welcomes to its ranks two new members.

### **Shannon Smith**

has been on board since late summer. Previously Shannon worked in the Curriculum Library for the public schools.

You can't miss Shannon's beaming smile.



### **Shirley Gearhart**

joined the staff as a part-time clerk at the end of November.

She had been working on-call for the library, getting us through tight spots. Shirley is a self-proclaimed jack-of-all-trades, which is perfect for the Circulation Department.

## *Did You Know...*

You can access lists of popular and award winning fiction including the **Today Show Book Club**; **Pulitzer Prize for Fiction**; the **Agatha Award** (Mystery); the **Spur Award** (Western) and the **Nebula Award** (Science Fiction) on the library's online catalog.

After linking to a list, you can read reviews, purchase recommendations or put a hold on a title that is checked out. You can do this from your home or office computer or from within the library! Check it out at [www.greatfallslibrary.org/catalog.html](http://www.greatfallslibrary.org/catalog.html).

## *Library Staff in Demand*

Assistant Library Director **Kathy Mora** has been asked by the Montana State Library to conduct a series of workshops for public librarians on Microsoft Access, a computer database. Kathy will be holding training sessions in Helena, Kalispell, Havre and Forsyth at the beginning of March.

Library Director **Jim Heckel** recently conducted a half-day workshop on challenged materials for the Helena School District.

**John Finn**, the head of Information Services, was interviewed for an article about libraries and politics for the November 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the national publication, *Library Journal*.

John is the current president of the Montana Library Association.



## *OpenBook The Mysterious West*

January 8<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of our third annual book discussion series. Books for this year's series, *The Mysterious West*, will be available at the library. This series is part of **OpenBook** sponsored by the Montana Committee for the Humanities. Below is the series schedule.

January 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Red Harvest**  
by Dashiell Hammet

January 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Death and the Good Life**  
by Richard Hugo

February 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Coyote Wind**  
by Peter Bowen

March 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Specimen**  
by Peter Bowen

April 8<sup>th</sup>  
**An Unfortunate Prairie Occurrence**  
by Jamie Harrison

April 29<sup>th</sup>  
**The Wrong Case**  
by James Crumley

## 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.

*As a footnote to our historical recognition, we encourage you to stop by the library and see the noteworthy display on the second floor tracing the history of the Great Falls Public Library. You'll have a chance to see old photographs and documents that paint a more complete picture of the library's role in the community.*

### 1941

Mayor Ed Sheilds  
Mr. H.A. Burke  
Mrs. Leo Graybill  
Mr. Earl Talbott  
Rev.G.T. Olson

### 1943

Mayor Ed Sheilds  
Mr. H.A. Burke  
Mrs. Leo Graybill  
Mr. Earl Talbott  
Mr. Stephen M. Swamberg  
Rev. Goodwin T. Olson

### 1945

Mayor Fritz Norby  
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Mr. Stephen M. Swanberg

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