



# Library Views

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*Your Lifelong Resource*

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## *Your Library Anytime, Anywhere*

The Great Falls Public Library is excited to offer a new service as a part of the **Montana Library2Go Program**. Anyone with a library card can access free downloadable audio books anytime, from anywhere. It's as simple as logging onto the library's website, [www.greatfallslibrary.org](http://www.greatfallslibrary.org), from any Internet-connected computer or the library's designated download station.

After installing free software, you can check out up to five audio books for a 14-day loan period. These audio books can then be enjoyed from your PC or transferred to an array of MP3 devices. (You can check the site to make sure your MP3 is compatible.) You don't have to worry about due dates or fines as the audio books automatically expire at the end of the checkout period.

Selections are chosen by browsing a growing digital collection of nearly 1500 titles. With popular novels by such authors as Orson Scott Card and Stephanie Meyers, to classic works from Mark Twain, this digital library offers something for everyone's reading, or in this case, listening, pleasure.

This convenient service is ideal for both usual and unusual circumstances, such as late night insomnia or military personnel stationed overseas. Library patron Eleanor Scurlock loves the service. When traveling with her husband, they always take their laptop. "Now I can eliminate packing so many books. I love the fact I can still use my library even when I'm a 1000 miles away," Scurlock commented.

This service is funded by the Great Falls Public Library Foundation. For more information call 453-0349.

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## *Wii Gaming*

Teens, grab your game face, bring your screen name, and come to the library every other Friday afternoon beginning January 16 for *Wii @ the Great Falls Public Library*, two hours of free fun for anyone 12 to 18. The sessions will run from 4:00 – 6:00 PM and will include Wii Sports and DDR (Dance Dance Revolution).

While not a substitute for the real thing, studies have shown that Wii games do offer some of the benefits of exercise, such as increased heart rate, burning more calories, hand-eye coordination, and enhanced concentration. Plus they are fun, popular, and can boost social interaction.

## *FYI*

When told it's time to renew their library card, many patrons commonly respond, "I didn't know library cards expire."

Most library cards (excluding new patrons, institutional and homebound cards) expire after three years. A replacement card, which costs \$1.00, is not issued unless a patron has lost his/her card, or it is in poor physical condition. Renewals, which are free and only take a minute to complete, typically involve updating patron records. They allow staff to speak with patrons in-person about changes to their accounts. The most common changes are new addresses (physical and email) and phone numbers.

## *Friends Corner*

The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library meet on Thursday, March 5, at 5:30 PM. This meeting is open to anyone interested. The main topics of discussion will be the Friends' May book sale and hosting a reception for the Great Falls Festival of the Book on March 27.

Anyone may donate items for the book sale by bringing books and videos to the library. Volunteers to help organize for the sale are needed. In addition, the Friends are looking for a new secretary and a volunteer with the technical know-how to revamp the group's webpage. If you're interested in any of these activities, email Tracey Robinson at [traceyr1984@msn.com](mailto:traceyr1984@msn.com).

Check out the Friends new bulletin board in the lobby of the library for updates on the group. You may also pick up a brochure at the front desk or go to [www.greatfallslibrary.org](http://www.greatfallslibrary.org) and click on the link for the Friends.

## *New Staff*

Evelyn Goldinger is the latest addition to the library's staff. Evelyn joins us as a circulation clerk, which is perfect since her warm smile welcomes all who come in the front door. When she's not working, Evelyn is busy being the mother of four. Welcome, Evelyn!



## Dry Rain Screening

Join nationally honored author and Great Falls resident Pete Fromm, and film director Matthew Clark of LOADED Productions in Seattle for a free screening of *Dry Rain* based on Fromm's short story of the same name. The screenplay is also written by Fromm. The screening will be followed by an informal reception and discussion with Fromm and Clark. They will share filming vignettes and details of the creative process that went into making this film.



*Dry Rain* stars James Le Gros as a father who steals, or rather, borrows, his son from his ex-wife in an attempt to get some desperately needed money. As a father he's not bad, but as an extortionist he's more than inept. Luckily for him, his son has a better head on his shoulders.

The film debuted in early 2008 and has screened around the country. Le Gros is a film and TV actor. He has a diversified body of work including *Drugstore Cowboy*, *Living in Oblivion*, *Enemy of the State*, and *Vantage Point*.

## Armchair Traveler

Beat the winter blahs with this eight-part *Armchair Traveler Series* on Thursday evenings. Programs begin at 7:00 pm and include digital slides and great travel stories. You might even get a touch of history and lore from the locales being visited.

### January 15, *Living Legends:*

#### *Ireland*

with Becky Scott

### January 22, *Off the Beaten Tourist*

#### *Track: Meeting the French of the Loire Valley*

with Aart Dolman

### January 29, *China: A Unique*

#### *Perspective*

with Kim Skornogoski

### February 5, *Ecuador in All It's*

#### *Wild Splendor*

with Nora Flaherty-Gray

### February 19, *Miracle in the Sand:*

#### *Dubai*

with Aart Dolman

### February 26, *Living Legends:*

#### *Scotland*

with Becky Scott

### March 5, *Costa Rica: Enchantment and Adventure*

with Mike Enk

### March 12, *Your Own Backyard:*

#### *The Rocky Mountain Front*

with Montana Wilderness Association Representative

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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 installment we continue our tribute to these citizens of the past and the present.

### June 1989

Mr. James Parker Shield  
Ms. Mary Dykstra  
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Ms. June Kavulla  
Mr. Jack Giesler  
Mr. Larry Williams

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