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## Great Falls Public Library April 2024 Events

### Art in the Library – Great Falls Public Schools

**When:** Through the month of April

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**What:** The Great Falls Public Schools Art Program will be displaying art in the Library March through April.



### No More Violence Week

**When:** April 8 - 12

**Where:** Various venues across Great Falls

**What:** No More Violence Week occurs during the month of April and includes a full week of free training, awareness building activities, and community events for all ages. Through partnerships with more than 20 community organizations, this week addresses challenging topics - child abuse, intimate partner violence, family violence, trauma, human trafficking, missing and murdered indigenous people, addiction, suicide, mental health, isolation and more - in a spirit of collaboration, partnership, growth, hope and unity.



### Brad Orsted Author/Movie Talk

**When:** Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 to 7:30 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** Acclaimed Montana author Brad Orsted will be showing clips of his movie **The Beast of Our Time** and reading from his book **Through the Wilderness**. This will be followed by a Question and Answer session.



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### Tax Help Montana

**When:** Wednesday April 3 and 10 from 2 to 6:30 pm & Saturday, April 6, 10 am to 4 pm

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room

**What:** Tax Help Montana (THM) is a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program made up of a coalition of community partners led by RDI, offering free tax preparation and filing services to seniors and low-moderate income families and individuals. Tax Help Montana volunteer tax preparers are trained and IRS-certified to help ensure each client is receiving this and other tax credits for which they qualify.



### Friends of the Library Donation Days

**Where:** Garage entrance behind Library

**When:** Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

**What:** The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library will collect items for the upcoming Book sale in May.

### Memory Cafe

**When:** Tuesday, April 2, 12:30 to 2 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** Memory Cafés are a comfortable, social gathering that allow people experiencing memory loss and a loved one to connect, socialize, and build new support networks. Cafés are free to attend and welcome to all. For more details, contact Katrin Finch at MSU Extension, Cascade County 406-454-6980



### Museum Showcase with the Great Falls Museum Consortium

**When:** Thursday, April 11, 6 to 8 pm

**Where:** First and Second Floor of Library

**What:** Come join the Museum Consortium at the Library for an open-house style event as they get ready for the 2024 Sunday Sampler! The Museums will be present with hands on activities or examples of their collections to get the community excited for Sunday.





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### Montana Primary Care Association Health Insurance Navigator



**When:** Friday, April 12, 10 am to 2 pm.

**Where:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Game Room

**What:** If you are struggling with enrolling in the Health Insurance Marketplace or just want to learn more about health insurance options available to you, then come talk with a Healthcare Navigator.

### Community Paramedic

**When:** April 12 and 26, 2 to 3 pm

**Where:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Game Room

**What:** The Alluvion Health Community Paramedic will be in the Library providing free blood pressure checks and community referrals.



### GF Museum Consortium Sunday Sampler

**When:** April 14

**Where:** Museums across Great Falls

**What:** Join 11 Great Falls Area museums and cultural centers for Sunday Sampler! Visit at least 3 museums on Sunday, April 14 between noon and 4pm, and find the answers to scavenger hunt questions at each museum. The Library will be participating virtually and our scavenger hunt questions can be found on our website since we are not yet open on Sundays.

### Craig Lancaster author talk on 'Northward Dreams'

**When:** Tuesday, April 16, 7 to 8 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** Former *Great Falls Tribune* reporter Kristen Inbody talks with Montana author Craig Lancaster about his newest book, ***Northward Dreams***. Lancaster is a two-time winner of the High Plains Book Award, and the author of the popular book ***600 Hours of Edward***. Lancaster will sign books and will be sold by Cassiopeia after the event.





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#### Winter Speaker Series: Storytelling and Public Lands with John Clayton

**When:** April 18, 7 to 8 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** John Clayton, author of *Natural Rivals: John Muir, Gifford Pinchot, and the Creation of America's Public Lands*, examines elements of storytelling and how they apply to the public land debate. He shares examples of stories from the world's first national forest (quick: where was it?) to the creation of Muir Woods to the alliance of rivals John Muir and Gifford Pinchot on the shores of Glacier's Lake McDonald.



#### Give Great Falls (Library event on May 1 at 3 pm)

**When:** April 28 to May 3

**Where:** Cordingley Room (and across GF)

**What:** Give Great Falls is a week of giving fueled by the power of philanthropy and collaboration. Give Great Falls is an initiative of the Non-Profit Alliance, with the Great Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Great Falls Area Community Foundation.



The Library will host a program on **May 1 at 3 PM** for Estate Planning with DPHHS and the Montana Community Foundation.



#### Financial Literacy course with Jose Garrigo

**When:** Tuesday, April 17 and 24,  
6:30 to 7:30 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** Jose Garrigo instructs a 6-week FREE financial class to help you live a debt free life. The financial classes are best if you are able to make it to all 6 of them. However, if you feel certain weeks would be better suited for you, please join us for as many as you would like!

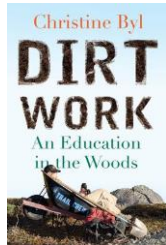


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### April Book Clubs

The only thing better than reading a good book is talking about good books.

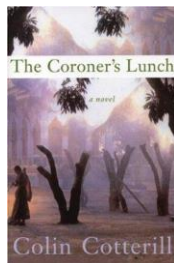


#### Open Books with Penny - 1st Thursday

**When:** April 11, 7 to 8 pm

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Montana Room

**What:** Discussion of *Dirt Work: An Education in the Woods* by Christine Byl

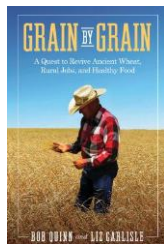


#### Book Sleuths with Kalena - 2nd Tuesday

**When:** April 9, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

**What:** Discussion of *The Coroner's Lunch*, by Colin Cotterill



#### Page Forward Saturday with Debbie - 2nd Saturday

**When:** April 13, 10 to 11 am

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

**What:** Book club discussion of *Grain by Grain*, by Bob Quinn and Liz Carlisle



#### Page Forward Tuesday with Susie - 4th Tuesday

**When:** April 23, 7 to 8 pm

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Montana Room

**What:** Discussion of *First Assignment* by Mary Snyder



#### Silent Book Club at Luna Coffee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

**When:** April 20, 10 am to noon

**Where:** Luna Coffee Bar, 9 5th St S.

**What:** Chat with others about a book you've brought, read your book, relax or write/continue to read.





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### YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

#### April Story Time

**When:** Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:30

April 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**Audience:** Preschoolers 2 ½ to 5 years old, their families, and caregivers

**What:** Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us to build early literacy skills with songs, movement, and a great story. In celebration of No More Violence Week, April's theme is Feelings.

No More Violence Week is an annual event that raises awareness about violence against children and in families in our community and shares skills for violence prevention. For a complete list of events, please visit: <https://www.allianceforyouth.org/no-more-violence-week-great-falls-mt>



#### April Toddler Time

**When:** Friday mornings, 10:30 to 11:30 am, April 5, 12, 19, and 26

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**Audience:** Babies and toddlers birth to 2 ½ year and their families and caregivers

**What:** Babies, toddlers, and their families are invited to join us face-to-face at the Great Falls Public Library to build early literacy skills with songs, movement, lap bounces, and a great story. April's Theme is **Spring!**





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### No More Violence Week Story Walk



**When:** Saturday, April 6 to Thursday, May 2

**Where:** Gibson Park

**Audience:** Families with kids of all ages

**What:** Take a stroll in Gibson Park this April and celebrate No More Violence Week by learning about emotions! Our books this month are *The Color Monster* by Anna Llenas and *The Boy with Big, Big Feelings* by Britney Winn Lee.

To hear these great books read aloud by Great Falls community readers, visit our SoundCloud:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-781769430>

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### Dungeons and Dragons Spring Campaign

**When:** Saturdays from 3 to 5:30 pm on April 13, 20, and 27

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**Audience:** Preteens and teens 10-18

**What:** Attention heroes: Are you ready for a new adventure?

Our Spring Dungeons & Dragons Campaign starts on April 13th! Space is limited!

Contact Youth Services staff to sign up:

[rmcfadden@greatfallslibrary.org](mailto:rmcfadden@greatfallslibrary.org)

(406) 453-0349, ext. 215. Make new friends and get creative with this fantasy-themed tabletop role-playing game. D&D supports the development of social, problem solving, and even practical math skills! A snack will be provided. ASL interpretation available.

