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## Great Falls Public Library December 2023 Events

### ELDER ABUSE AND SCAM PREVENTION PROGRAM



**When:** Monday, December 4, 2 to 3:30 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room (Basement)

**What:** Elder Justice Prosecutor for the Assistant Attorney General Michael Fanning will join us to speak about scams that target elders and how to avoid them. He also will discuss what elder abuse is, and how to contact Adult Protective Services or local law enforcement when there is an emergency. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially those with elders in their family or who are living alone.

### MEMORY CAFE

**When:** Tuesday, December 5, 12:30 – 2:00 pm

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room (basement)

**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. Bring a dish for our potluck meal as well. For more details, contact Katrin Finch at MSU Extension, Cascade County 406-454-6980

**Memory Cafe @  
Great Falls Public Library**

### BETSY GAINES QUAMMEN: AUTHOR TALK ON HER BOOK TRUE WEST

**When:** Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room (basement)

**What:** Author of *American Zion* and *True West*, Betsy Gaines Quammen collects stories to make sense of a place defined by colonization, extraction, rebellion, myth, beauty, and land. Gaines Quammen is a historian and a writer. She received a PhD from Montana State University where she studied religion, history and the philosophy of science.





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#### ART IN THE LIBRARY – GIL PARK

**When:** November & December Gil Park

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

**What:** **Gil Park** is an oil painter currently living in Great Falls. In 1998, Park graduated from Kangnam University in South Korea, earning a bachelor's degree in Oriental Water and China Ink Painting. He then relocated to the United States in 2004, expanding his artistic repertoire to incorporate Western impressionism and realism.



While working as a portrait and caricature artist at Disneyland park in CA for 13 years, Gil exhibited his artwork at prestigious venues like the Hilbert Museum and several art galleries across Southern California, attracting the attention of collectors.

As a member of the Laguna Plein Air

Association, he actively participated in exhibitions and received several awards for his exceptional oil painting skills, including the prestigious "Best of Show" recognition at the 2011 summer San Clemente art gallery show for his oil painting titled "A Gallery Sitter."

#### HEALTHCARE NAVIGATOR



**When:** Friday December 8, 10:00 am -2:00 pm

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Game Room

**What:** Healthcare Navigators are trained to help people who need assistance enrolling in health plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace or, if eligible, Medicaid. They can also help people who are already enrolled in the Marketplace but are having issues managing their care.

#### COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

**When:** Friday December 8 and December 22, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, 2nd Floor Game Room

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

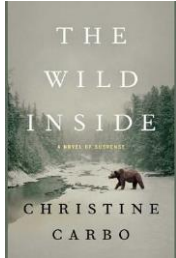


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### DECEMBER BOOK CLUBS: GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

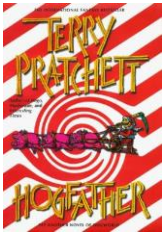


Open Books with Penny – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm

**When:** December 7, 7:00 pm

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *The Wild Inside*, by Christine Carbo

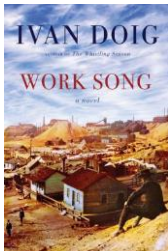


Book Sleuths with Kalena - 2nd Tuesday, 4:30 pm

**When:** December 12, 4:30 pm

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *Hogfather*, by Terry Pratchett

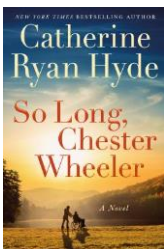


Page Forward Saturday with Debbie - 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am

**When:** December 9, 10:00 am

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *Work Song*, by Ivan Doig



Page Forward Tuesday with Susie - 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm

**When:** December 26, 7:00 pm

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *So Long, Chester Wheeler*, by Catherine Ryan Hyde



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### SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE PRESENT DONATIONS



**When:** Every day through December 14

**What:** The Library will be participating in the Salvation Angel Tree program this year.

You can take an Angel Tree card and donate a gift for a child who filled out a card. All gifts are due back to the front desk no later than December 14 by the time of closing.

### LIBRARY CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

**When:** Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1, 2024

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library

**What:** The Great Falls Library is closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day 2024, but will be open December 26 through December 31 during normal days and hours.



### LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR DECEMBER

**When:** Wednesday, December 20

**Where:** Cordingley Room (basement)

**What:** The Great Falls Library Board of Directors will meet for their monthly meeting to discuss library business. The public and media are welcome to attend each month.



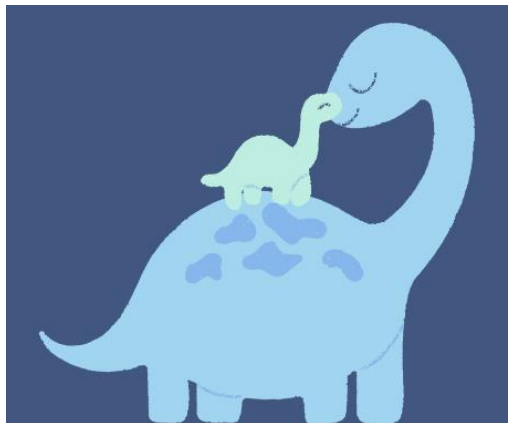


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### DECEMBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

#### STORY TIME



**When:** Wednesday & Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am

December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room (basement)

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

**What:** Preschoolers 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, and a great story.

NOTE: There will be no Story Time on Wednesday, December 27 and Thursday December 28. Storytime will resume on Wednesday, January 3.

**December's theme is Dinosaurs.**

#### TODDLER TIME

**When:** December 1, 8, 15, and 22

*There will be no Toddler Time on Friday, December 29.*

*Toddler Time will resume on January 5.*

**Where:** Cordingley Room (basement)

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

**What:** Babies, toddlers, and their families are invited to join us in the Cordingley Room (basement) to build early literacy skills with songs, movement, lap bounces, and a great story.





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### HOLIDAY STORY WALK IN GIBSON PARK

**When:** December 6 to January 10 from dawn to dusk

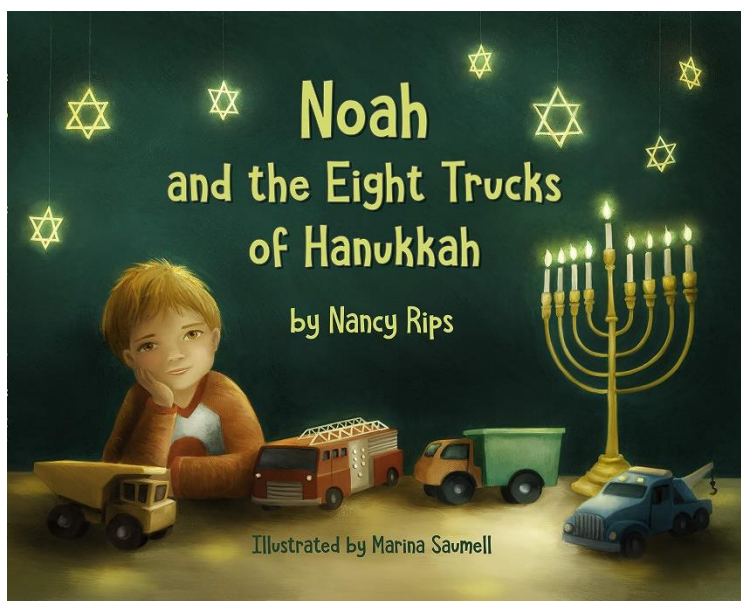
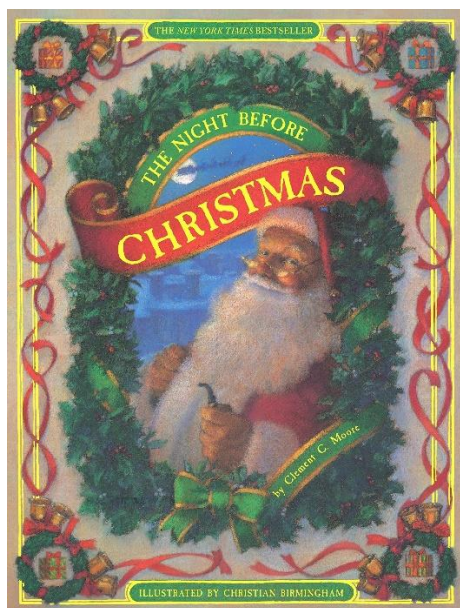
**Where:** Gibson Park

**Audience:** Community members of all ages

Enjoy a winter stroll and celebrate the season by reading *The Night Before Christmas*, written by Clement C. Moore and illustrated by Christian Birmingham and *Noah and the Eight Trucks of Hanukkah* by Nancy Rips, illustrated by Marina Saumell.

Follow this link to hear these books read aloud on our SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-781769430>

Scan the QR code included in the Story Walk to share your feedback and earn a chance to win a free copy of one of these great books!





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### HOLIDAY PARTY FEATURING A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS WITH RAISING READERS AND THE CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



**When:** Saturday, December 9, 11:00-12:30

**Where:** Cordingley Room (basement)

**Audience:** Kids 2 to 10 and their families

**What:** Kids and their families are invited to enjoy hot chocolate, Christmas and Hanukkah stories, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Take a free picture, then make your own picture frame ornament to display it.

This program is a collaboration with the Raising Readers Committee of the Early Childhood Coalition and the Cascade City-County Health Department. As always, this program is free and open to the public.