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## Great Falls Public Library June 2023 Events

### MEMORY CAFE

**When:** Tuesday June 6 12:30 – 2:00 pm

**Where:** GIBSON PARK for a car show!!

**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

Memory Cafe @  
Great Falls Public Library

### ART IN THE LIBRARY – SHARON SMITH AND THE LIBRARY'S HISTORIC DOLL COLLECTION

**When:** May and June

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

**What:** Sharon Smith's eclectic collection of portraits and landscapes will decorate the Library's walls in May and June. A sampling of the Library's historic doll collection will fill the Library's display cases. Come down and see these interesting local art offerings.

### PARIS GIBSON MONTH: WAKING THE DEAD HISTORICAL TOURS

**When:** Sunday June 25 at 1:00 & 3:00

**Where:** Highland Cemetery (South of GF)

**What:** Watch history come alive during the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Waking the Dead tours! Ten graves will be visited as storytellers present the story of those buried there.

This educational event is scheduled on the Sunday afternoon closest to the birthday of Great Falls Founder Paris Gibson. This July 1 marks his 193<sup>rd</sup> birthday.



Tour tickets are \$20 to ride, \$15 to walk and are available at Kaufmans Menswear, 415 Central Ave. Great Falls MT starting June 1.

Cars will park in the field inside the cemetery gate where three trailers and trucks will be waiting to be loaded. At the conclusion of the tours, participants will receive a booklet with photos and the featured grave stories provided by Croxford Funeral Home & Crematory.



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### SUMMER IN THE LIBRARY PARK: MUSIC

**When:** Tuesday June 20 6:00 pm

**Where:** Library Park (North of Library)

**What:** Music in the Park: The Wilbur Rehmann Quintet



**When:** Tuesday June 27 6:00 pm

**Where:** Library Park (North of Library)

**What:** Music in the Park; Joel Corda



Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy these FREE performances in the Library Park.

NEW THIS YEAR: Select food vendors will be onsite!!

Thanks to our Sponsors!



### COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

**When:** Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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

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

### HEALTHCARE NAVIGATOR

**When:** Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.



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#### JUNE BOOK CLUBS: GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

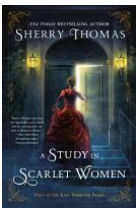


Page Forward Saturday with Debbie - 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am

**When:** June 10, 10:00 am

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *Let Him Go*, by Larry Watson



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

**When:** June 27, 7:00 pm

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *A Study in Scarlet Women*, by Sherry Thomas

**Book Sleuths with Kalena and Open Books with Penny will be back in September.  
Happy Summer Reading!!**

#### JUNETEENTH FAMILY CELEBRATION

**When:** Saturday June 17 1:00 – 4:00

**Where:** Gibson Park Bandshell

**Audience:** Everyone!

**What:** Join us for a community party to celebrate the end of slavery in the United States!

There will be an educational program, FREE food, music, games and great community time.

Thanks to the YWCA for organizing this great event. We are grateful to the YWCA, Neighborworks and community members for providing the funding for this great event!





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### YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

#### SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTY

**When:** Friday, June 2, 12:30 – 3:00

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

**Audience:** Kids and teens of all ages and their families

**What:** Celebrate Great Falls Public Schools' last day and the start of Summer Reading by **decorating a free tote bag** and **getting signed up for Summer Reading**.

Our **Summer Reading Incentive Program** rewards kids and teens birth to 18\* with a prize for every 5 hours they read all summer long. Track your reading using our Beanstack app or a paper log.



Download Beanstack from Google Play or App Store, or visit our Beanstack site here:

[greatfallslibrary.beanstack.org](http://greatfallslibrary.beanstack.org)

Teens 12 to 18\* are invited to sign up for a **Library Loot Box** stuffed with hand-selected books, treats, and prizes. Teens who signed up for their Loot Boxes by May 17 can pick them up at the Circulation Desk starting today, June 2.

Sign up for your Loot Box here: <https://forms.gle/bMT6qMywsW24a85o8>

\*Students over 18 who will be enrolled in high school or life skills programs in the 2023-2024 school year are also invited to sign up for a Library Loot Box and to earn prizes through the Summer Reading Incentive Program.

#### TODDLER TIME

**When:** Friday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

**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.







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#### BEAR AWARE STORY WALK—A COLLABORATION WITH THE LEWIS & CLARK INTERPRETIVE CENTER

**When:** June 10 to August 4 from dawn to dusk

**Where:** Gibson Park

**Audience:** Community members of all ages

**What:** Take a stroll in Gibson this summer to learn more about bears and bear safety with our Bear Aware Story Walk! Read *All About Bears* by Jennifer Szymanski, then find out how to safely share the woods with Montana's top predators. This bear safety presentation was created by Forest Rangers at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. It is color-coded with age-appropriate information for little kids, big kids, and adults.

The Gibson Park Story Walk starts and ends at the parking area near the bandshell. The stroller-friendly path begins at the statue of Paris Gibson, loops around the duck pond, and ends back at the parking area. It is less than a mile long.



To hear this great bear book read and safety presentation read aloud, please visit our SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-781769430>

For more information about Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, please visit their website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/hlcnf/recarea/?recid=61458>

#### MUSIC4KIDS BY BASS CLEF SCHOOL OF MUSIC & FINE ARTS

**When:** Wednesday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am June 7, 14, 21, and 28

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

**Audience:** Toddlers and preschoolers 1-5 years and their families

**What:** Music4Kids is a hands-on music event lead by instructors from Bass Clef. Join us to feel the rhythm and make some noise! All Great Falls Public Library events are free and open to the public.

For more information about Music4Kids at Bass Clef School of Music & Fine Arts, please visit their website: <https://bassclefschool.com/>





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#### KINDNESS CRAFTS-DOG AND CAT TOYS AND TREATS

Spread the love this summer with Kindness Crafts! Make new donatable, giftable and self-care projects on Wednesday afternoons this June and July. Please see our website calendar for full details.

Questions? Interested in attending with your summer camp or other group? Please contact Youth Services staff: (406) 453-0349, ext. 215 [rmcfadden@greatfallslibrary.org](mailto:rmcfadden@greatfallslibrary.org)

#### KINDNESS CRAFTS-DOG AND CAT TOYS AND TREATS WITH THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS ANIMAL SHELTER

**When:** Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-2:00pm

- June 7-Snuffle mats, catnip empanadas, and tennis ball dog tugger toys
- June 14-Braided fleece cat toys and pumpkin sunflower dog treats

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

**Audience:** Kids 5 to 12 and their families and caregivers

**What:** On June 7 and 14, we will partner with the City of Great Falls Animal Shelter to make safe toys for dogs and cats. We ask participants to make 2- one to take home for their pets and one to donate to the Shelter.

Our June 14 event is sponsored by Kong. *Thank you!*

Find out more about Kong dog toys by visiting their website: <https://www.kongcompany.com/>



#### KINDNESS CRAFTS- KINDNESS ROCKS! WITH GREAT FALLS ROCKS

**When:** Wednesday, June 21, 1:00-2:00

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

**Audience:** Kids 5 to 12 and their families and caregivers

**What:** On June 21, we will spread the love by painting rocks with words and images of kindness. Make one to keep or hide yourself and another to donate to Great Falls Rocks.

Find out more about Great Falls Rocks by visiting their Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/296265917416943>



#### KINDNESS CRAFTS- SENSORY KEYCHAINS WITH MANY RIVERS WHOLE HEALTH

**When:** Wednesday, June 28, 1:00-2:00

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

**Audience:** Kids 5 to 12 and their families and caregivers

**What:** On June 28, we will make Sensory Keychains in partnership with Many Rivers Whole Health. Make one for yourself, and a second to donate to Many Rivers' clients. We will make own silly putty, calm strip textured keychains, and pony bead fidgets.



To find out more about mental health services from Many Rivers Whole Health, please visit their website: <https://manyriverswholehealth.org/>



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#### LEGO CLUB

**When:** Saturdays from 11-12 June 10, 17, and 24

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

**Audience:** Kids and teens 5 and up and their families

**What:** Expand your building skills with all new artistic and STEM projects developed by Youth Services Specialist Nikki Robinson

Please leave your Legos at home!

We have plenty for everyone at the Library, and we don't want yours to get lost!



Groups are welcome! Please contact Youth Services Staff:  
(406) 453-0349, ext. 215 [nrobinson@greatfallslibrary.org](mailto:nrobinson@greatfallslibrary.org)

#### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS (5E) SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**When:** Saturdays from 3-5:30

June 10, 17, 24

No meeting Saturday, July 1 due to the 4th of July holiday.

July 8, 15, 22, and 29

**Where:** Library basement meeting rooms

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

**What:** Spaces are limited! Sign up now for our Summer Dungeons & Dragons Campaign!

Our Summer Campaign will meet on Saturdays from 3-5:30 for 8 weeks starting June 10. 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 is available upon request.



To sign up or for more information about D&D at the Library, contact Youth Services staff:

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D&D at the Library is powered by volunteers! If you are at least 16 years old and interested in sharing your love of the game with kids and teens 10-18, please visit the Circulation Desk to fill out a volunteer application or contact Youth Services staff for more information.



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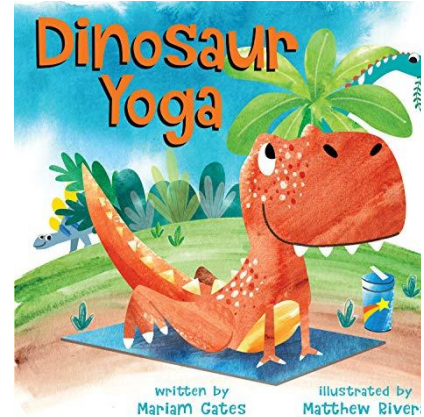
#### DINOSAUR YOGA WITH CERTIFIED YOGA TEACHER SAGE GUINN FROM THE GREAT FALLS COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER

**When:** Thursday, June 15, 10:30-11:30

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

**Audience:** Kids 4 to 12 years and their parents and caregivers

**What:** Enjoy a playful yoga flow for kids and their grownups based on the book *Dinosaur Yoga* by Mariam Gates and Matthew Rivera. Dress in comfortable clothes and be prepared to move and have fun! Extra yoga mats are available, but please bring your own if you have one.



Be sure to check out yoga teacher Sage Guinn's Unicorn Yoga event on Thursday, June 29 from 10:30-11:30!

All Library programs are free and open to the public.

Sage Guinn is a Licensed Yoga Instructor and Yoga Therapist. Find out more about her yoga classes on her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/779490156574881>

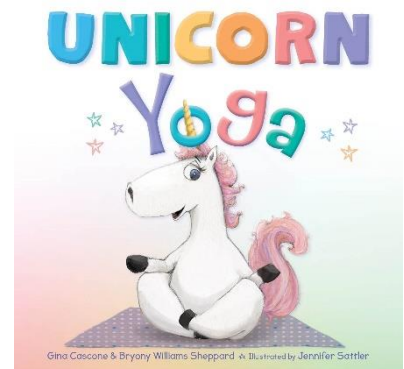
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Be sure to check out yoga teacher Sage Guinn's Dinosaur Yoga event on Thursday, June 15 from 10:30-11:30!

Sage Guinn is a Licensed Yoga Instructor and Yoga Therapist. Find out more about her yoga classes on her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/779490156574881>





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#### WORLD DOLL DAY

**When:** Saturday, June 10, 11:00 am -12:00 pm

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library, Lobby

**Audience:** Kids of all ages and their parents and caregivers

**What:** The Great Falls Public Library is delighted to join Treasure State Doll'ers in celebrating World Doll Day.



Come to the Library to see the Treasure State Doll'ers amazing doll display and receive a FREE doll of your own!

#### DRAGONS ON THE CASE-A DRAGON MYSTERY PUPPET SHOW BY MASTER PUPPETEER MARKIE SCHOLZ

**When:** Thursday, June 22, 11:00-12:00

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

**Audience:** Kids 2 to 8 and their families and caregivers

**What:** The Great Falls Public Library is excited to announce the return of an annual Summer Reading tradition-an exciting new dragon puppet show by Markie Scholz, the Dragon Puppet Lady. This year's show is *Dragons on the Case*. Once upon a time in lovely Dragonwood (the home of all dragons) something is horribly wrong! Dragons are disappearing all over.

Meanwhile, mad scientist Wizard Warren, who has never really liked dragons, is suddenly becoming very powerful. Zed the dragon and his best friend, Estelle the mouse, must find out what has happened to all the dragons!



For more information about Markie Scholz and Dragons Are Too Seldom Puppet Productions, visit her website here: <https://dragonsaretooseldom.com/>

Questions? Interested in attending with your summer camp or other group?

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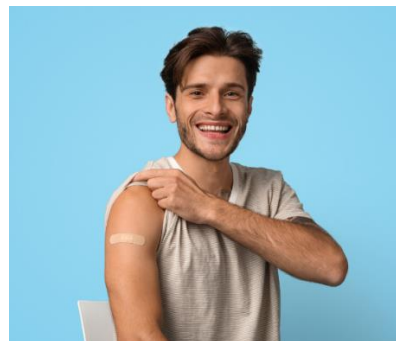
#### VACCINE CLINIC-ALLUVION HEALTH

**When:** Thursday, June 22, 10:00-1:00

**Where:** Small meeting room (basement)

**Audience:** Community members of all ages

**What:** Alluvion Health will offer a variety of free and low-cost vaccinations for kids, teens, adults, and seniors at this event. No one will be turned away because they are unable to pay. If you have an insurance card, please bring it with you.



Questions about vaccinations?

Please contact Alluvion Health: (406) 454-6973

#### PUPPET-MAKING WORKSHOP BY MASTER PUPPETEER MARKIE SCHOLZ<sup>^</sup>

**When:** Thursday, June 22, 2:00-3:30

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

**Audience:** Kids and teens 7 to 15 years\*

**What:** Markie Scholz is a Master Puppeteer with more than forty years' experience creating puppets, writing and performing puppet shows, and working with kids and teens. This workshop is designed to give participants a complete experience of the art of puppetry. Participants will make a puppet, learn to manipulate it, write a short show, and have a lot of fun pushing their imaginations! As they move from concept to presentation, they will actively learn the skills of collaboration, cooperation and giving expression to what is on their minds.



Spaces are limited! Please email Youth Services Staff to sign up: [rmcfadden@greatfallslibrary.org](mailto:rmcfadden@greatfallslibrary.org)  
[nrobinson@greatfallslibrary.org](mailto:nrobinson@greatfallslibrary.org)

<sup>^</sup>This summer's dragon puppet show, Dragons on the Case, is Thursday, June 22 from 11:00-12:00 in the Cordingley Room (basement). The puppet show is for kids 2 to 8 years old, and no sign-up is required to attend the puppet show.

This workshop is free. No library card is required.

\*This workshop requires that participants be able to use hot glue guns safely. Hot glue guns are very hot and can cause burns. The minimum age for sign-up is 7.

\*Children under 8 years old must be supervised by a parent or care-giver over the age of 12 at all times when using the Library. We request that an adult attend the workshop to assist children under 10 or any child who may need extra assistance to use a hot glue gun.