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Great Falls Public Library November 2023 Events

KEN ROBISON: LOUIS RIEL IN EXILE: THE MONTANA YEARS OF THE GANDHI OF THE MÉTIS

When: Thursday, November 2, 6 pm – 7 pm

Where: Cordingley Room (basement)

What: No figure in western Canadian history is more controversial than the eloquent, brilliant, mystical Métis leader Louis Riel—and Montana and Fort Benton share his powerful tale. A hero to his people, a villain to many English Canadians, Louis Riel spent five years from 1879 to 1884 in exile in Montana before his death by hanging for leading the Red River Rebellion of 1885. Ken will sign copies of his new *Historic Tales of Fort Benton*.



MEMORY CAFE

When: Tuesday November 7, 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.

For more details, contact Katrin Finch at MSU Extension, Cascade County 406-454-6980

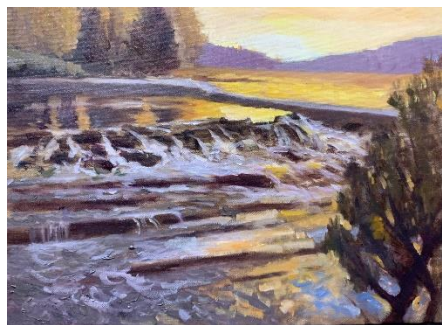
**Memory Cafe @
Great Falls Public Library**

ART IN THE LIBRARY – GIL PARK

When: November & December Gil Park

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 1st and 2nd 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."



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LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE – LEARN ABOUT MILL LEVY IMPLEMENTATION



When: Thursday, November 9, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library

What: The Library staff will welcome the public for an open house with snacks, 15 activity stations, and raffle prizes. Come meet your library team and find out how the library is planning on implementing the funds collected from the Mill Levy.

HEALTHCARE NAVIGATOR

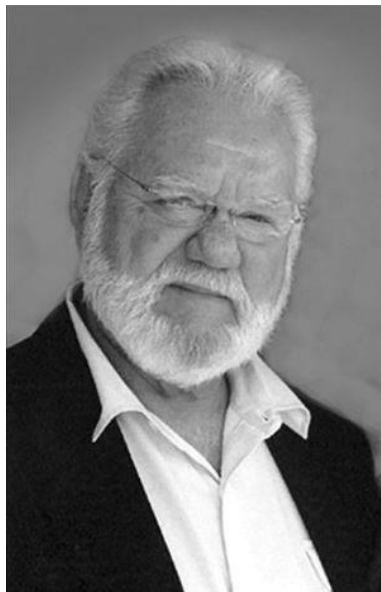


When: Friday November 10, 10:00 am -2:00 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 2nd 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.

JOHN KUNZ: JOURNEY TO FREEDOM, THE FLIGHT OF A POLISH FAMILY TO AMERICA



When: Thursday, November 16, 6 to 7 pm

Where: Cordingley Room (basement)

What: Community member John Kunz was born in a Nazi concentration camp. He and his parents survived imprisonment in Germany and arrived in the United States of America as refugees after the war. Kunz was just 6 years old at the time. With the support and sponsorship of a family through the Catholic Church in Fairfield, MT the Kunz family was able to make Great Falls home. After graduating from Central Catholic High School in 1962 he enlisted in the US Marine Corps. Upon discharge as a Sergeant, he lived in New Jersey tending bar at his brother's Polish tavern.

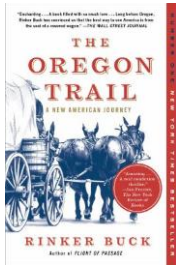


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NOVEMBER BOOK CLUBS: GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

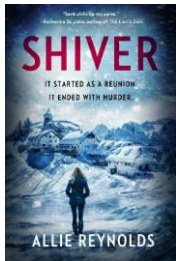


Open Books with Penny – 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm

When: November 2, 7:00 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 3rd floor Montana Room

What: Book club discussion of *The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey*, by Rinker Buck



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

When: November 14, 4:30 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Shiver*, by Allie Reynolds

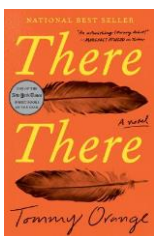


Page Forward Saturday with Debbie - 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am

When: November 18, 10:00 am

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Stone Sister*, by Caroline Patterson



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

When: November 28, 7:00 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 3rd floor Montana Room

What: Book club discussion of *There, There*, by Tommy Orange

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

When: Friday November 10, 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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GRATITUDE CHAIN ACTIVITY

When: Starting Thursday November 9 through November 25

Where: Creation station inside library (will have signs)

What: In honor of the season of giving thanks, a gratitude chain station will be set up where patrons can write down what they are grateful for on a piece of construction paper, which will be added to the library display that will wrap around the inside of the building depending on how many people participate.



LIBRARY CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY AND THANKSGIVING.

When: Saturday, November 11 & Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24

Where: Great Falls Public Library

What: The Great Falls Library is closed on Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving but will reopen on Saturday, November 25 from 10 am to 6 pm.





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NOVEMBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

FOSTER CARE BOOK GIVE-AWAY

When: Saturday November 4, 11 am to Noon

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

Audience: Kids 4 to 12 and their families

What: Twice each year, the Great Falls Public Library and Raising Readers of Cascade County team up to provide kids in foster care with free books. Kids (including non-foster siblings) are invited to decorate their own tote bag and choose 6 free books to keep! No sign-up is required to attend this event. If you and your child(ren) are not able to attend on November 4, please reach out to Youth Services staff! We would be happy to pack a tote bag with books and a few Sharpie markers for your child(ren) in foster care. The last day to sign up for a bag of free books is Tuesday, November 7. Please pick up your child's tote bag in Kids' Place by 6pm on Friday, November 10.



GREAT FALLS TEEN COUNCIL KICK-OFF PARTY

When: Sunday, November 5, 2 pm to 4pm

Where: Community Recreation Center-801 2nd Ave N

Audience: Teens 12-18

What: Attention teens You're invited to join the new Great Falls Teen Council! Be a community leader-plan fun, free events for your peers, and raise your voice to tell your local government what you really think about the issues that matter to you, all while building your resume and college applications! Find out more at the Kick-Off Party!





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STORY TIME

When: Wednesday & Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am
November 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 29, and 30

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.

November's theme is An Attitude of Gratitude.



TODDLER TIME

When: November 3, 10, and 17

*There will be no Toddler Time on Friday,
November 24 as the Library will be closed in
celebration of Thanksgiving.*

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.

November's theme is Family.





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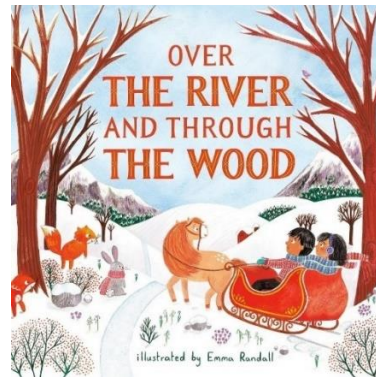
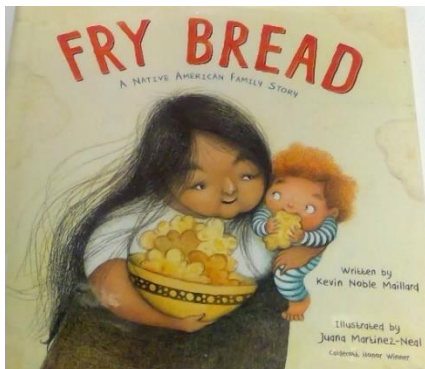
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH STORY WALK IN GIBSON PARK

When: November 8 to December 2 from dawn to dusk

Where: Gibson Park

Audience: Community members of all ages

Enjoy an autumn stroll and celebrate Native American Heritage Month and Thanksgiving with two sweet family stories, **Fry Bread** by Kevin Noble Maillard and **Over the River and Through the Wood** illustrated by Emma Randall. 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!



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (5e) FALL CAMPAIGN FINALE

When: Saturday November 4 from 3 to 5:30 pm

Audience: Preteens and teens ages 10 to 18



Where: Library basement meeting rooms

What: The final meeting of our Fall Campaign is November 4. Thanks for the adventure, and have a great winter!

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 is provided. ASL interpretation is available upon request. SIGN UPS FOR THE FALL CAMPAIGN IS NOW CLOSED

For more information or to add your name to the wait list for the Spring Campaign starting March 2024, contact our Youth Services staff: rmcfadden@greatfallslibrary.org or call (406) 453-0349 ext. 215

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