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Great Falls Public Library October 2023 Events

MEMORY CAFE

When: Tuesday October 3rd, 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 – FRANKIE STOCKMAN & SAMANTHA HOUSTON

When: September & October Frankie Stockman

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

What: **Frankie Stockman** is an oil painter currently living in Great Falls. During her pursuit of knowledge and experience of the art community, she has recognized and learned through personal experiences just how much of an impact being an artist and the art world in general could have on a person if given a chance. Frankie received her Associates in Fine Art/Humanities (2007) and has been able to continue her artistic education through books, the internet and personal experiences.

Born in the American Southwest and growing up in Great Falls MT, **Samantha Houston's** work has been influenced by the colorful style and diverse subject matter that ranges from New Mexico to Montana. Working mainly in acrylics, with the occasional usage of pastels, charcoal, and gold leaf, her main focus is to communicate mood and intrigue the viewers of her art through color, form, and subject matter composition. Houston's works build layers of brushwork and color to create depth and texture in her pieces. Her favored subjects are iconography, wildlife, and fantastical scenes.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

When: Friday October 13 & 27, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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

What: Community Paramedic from Great Falls Emergency Services will be in the Library providing free blood pressure checks and community referrals.

HEALTHCARE NAVIGATOR

When: Friday October 13, 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.





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OCTOBER 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: October 5, 7:00 pm

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

What: Book club discussion of *The Lost Painting*, by Jonathan Harr

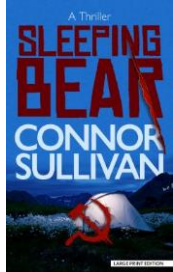


Book Sleuths with Kalena - 2nd Tuesday, 4:30 pm

When: October 10, 4:30 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *The Nothing Man*, by Catherine Ryan Howard

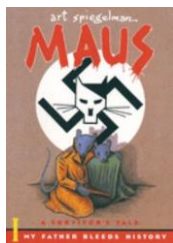


Page Forward Saturday with Debbie

When: October 21, 10:00 am

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Sleeping Bear*, by Connor Sullivan



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

When: October 24, 7:00 pm

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

What: Book club discussion of *Maus: a Survivor's Tale*, by Art Spiegelman

LATE OPEN ON OCTOBER 14 FOR GATHERING OF FAMILIES



The Library will open at 1 pm on Saturday, Oct. 14 so library staff can participate in the Gathering of Families Parade in downtown Great Falls from 11 am to Noon in Downtown Great Falls



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MLN VIRTUAL PROGRAM: HAUNTINGS OF MONTANA WITH ELLEN BAUMLER

When: Thursday October 12th, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Zoom webinar

Registration required, registration link at

www.tinyurl.com/hauntingsMT

Audience: EVERYONE!

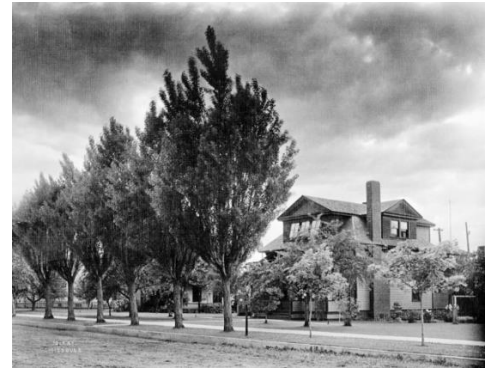
What: History and the supernatural are the canvas for this program that intertwines the past with the present.

Historian, storyteller, and award-winning author Ellen Baumler weaves a ghostly web in a thought-

provoking journey to Montana's most spirited places.

Basing her true stories on firsthand accounts, personal interviews, and historical

records, her well-researched tales have scared and delighted audiences of all ages. Haunted places include hotels, houses, cemeteries, mines, and historic landscapes across Montana.



AAUW BOOK SALE DONATION DAYS

When: Tuesdays through October 3 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, drop-off in the alley on the North side of the Library

What: AAUW Library are asking for book donations for the Annual FALL Book Sale.

Bring your gently used books for collection to the Library garage on the North side of the Library in the alley.



AAUW BOOK SALE

When:

Wednesday October 18 & Thursday October 19: 10 am to 7 pm FULL PRICE

Friday October 20 and Saturday October 21: 10 am to 5 pm FULL PRICE

Wednesday October 25 & Thursday October 26: 10 am to 7 pm HALF PRICE

Friday October 27: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm HALF PRICE

Saturday October 28: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm SACK SALE

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 3rd Floor Book Room

What: The AAUW is hosting their annual book sale. Come purchase from the fabulous collection of used books and support AAUW and the library. Come purchase from the fabulous collection of used books! All of the money raised supports the AAUW Branch's scholarships, donations to local libraries and local schools.



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PRACTICE PREPARING QUICK & HEALTHY MEALS: NUTRITION MADE SIMPLE

When: Wednesday, October 25, 2023 - 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, Small Meeting Room (basement)

What: Join SNAP Education Instructor Nina for this interaction and engaging class. Buy, Eat and Live Better by exploring: Tasty ways to eat healthy, Ideas for stretching your food dollar, Easy meal planning according to MyPlate and Tips for increasing physical activity.

VACCINE CLINIC

When: Wednesday October 18 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Join us at the Great Falls Public Library to protect yourself and your family. Flu and COVID boosters available.

For questions, call Lacey at 406.791.9272

Please bring your insurance card with you

Flu vaccine - standard dose & higher dose available

COVID boosters - Moderna & Pfizer

MUST BRING COVID CARD WITH YOU



CITY OF GREAT FALLS CANDIDATE FORUM SPONSORED BY THE ELECTRIC

When: Thursday, October 26 at 6 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library

What: The Electric is hosting the candidate forum for city offices- mayor, commissioner and Municipal Judge. All candidates are invited to participate.





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VISITING THE BEYOND: AN INTERACTIVE PARANORMAL PRESENTATION

When: Thursday, October 12 at 6 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library Cordingley Room (Basement)

What: Curt Strutz takes the audience on a paranormal journey as he guides guests through some of the nation's most haunted locations including abandoned hospitals, schools, asylums, homes and more. Curt uses original photos, deep historical documents, and haunted experiences. Curt has done his presentations at hundreds of libraries, museums and was a guest speaker at Troy Taylor's Haunted America Conference. He also was a keynote speaker for the Illinois Paranormal Conference several years back, also. This program is free to attend.





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STORYTIME

When: Wednesday & Thursday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am
October 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26

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.



October's theme is (Not So Scary) Monsters!

TODDLER TIME

When: Friday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am
October 6, 13, 20 and 27

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

Audience: Babies and toddlers birth to 2 ½ year, 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.

October's theme is Bats!

MONTANA BIRD STORYTIME WITH KAY SILK

When: Thursday, October 5 and Wednesday October 18, 10:30-11:30

Where: Cordingley Room (basement)

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

What: Guest host Kay Silk will read books to help children build early literacy skills along with songs, movement and more all related to birds! Kay is a bird enthusiast and a member of the Last Chance Audubon Society in Cascade County.





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PIRATE STORY WALK IN GIBSON PARK

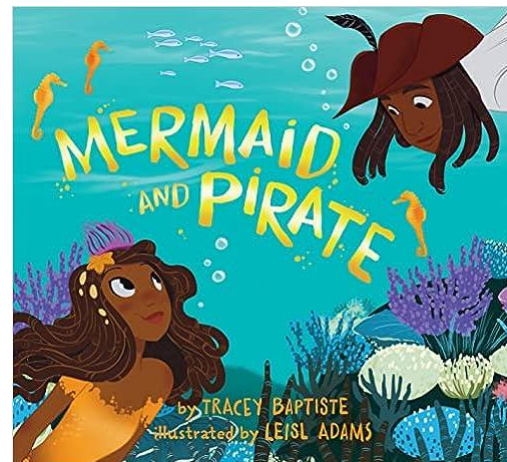
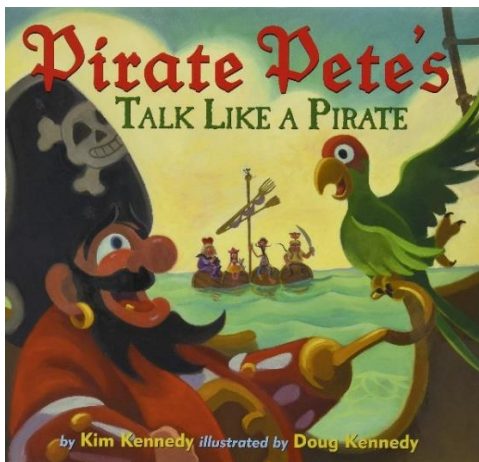
When: September 13 to October 6 from dawn to dusk

Where: Gibson Park

Audience: Community members of all ages

What: Celebrate *Talk Like a Pirate Day* with a Pirate English-themed Story Walk in Gibson Park. Enjoy a stroll with your family any time from dawn to dusk. 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 pirate stories!

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.



PIRATE YOGA WITH CERTIFIED YOGA TEACHER SAGE GUINN

When: Saturday October 21, 11 am to Noon

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

Audience: Kids 4 to 12 and their families

What: Say Arrrrrrrrrr to pirate yoga for kids and their grownups led by Certified Yoga Instructor Sage Guinn. Dress in comfortable clothes and prepare to move and have fun. Extra Yoga mats are available, but bring your own if you have one. Find out more about Sage's yoga classes on her Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/779490156574881>.





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HALLOWEEN STORY WALK IN GIBSON PARK

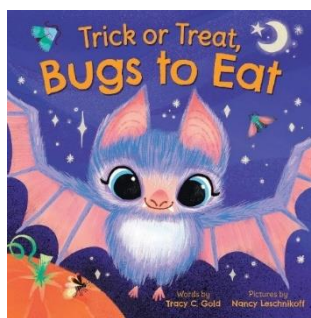
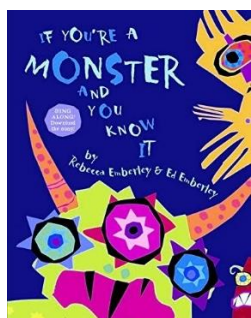
When: October 11 to November 4 from dawn to dusk

Where: Gibson Park

Audience: Community members of all ages

What: Enjoy an autumn stroll and celebrate Halloween with two cute, colorful, preschool friendly stories! Scan the QR code included in the Story Walk to share your feedback and earn a chance to win a free copy of Trick or Treat, Bugs to Eat by Tracy C. Gold.

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.



HALLOWEEN PARTY AND COSTUME CONTEST

When: Saturday, October 28, 11-12:30pm

Audience: Kids and teens of all ages and their families

What: Kids and teens 3-18 are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Create Your Own Costume Contest. Make your own costume with the supplies we provide.

Winners will be chosen at Noon and will win a free gift card from Walmart to add finishing touches on their costume! Must be present to win.

Beginning in September, Storytime will meet on both Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30!

This event is free and open to the public.

Craft projects are suitable for kids over 3 with the help of an adult caregiver.

Children under 8 must be supervised by a responsible caregiver over 12.



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DOWNTOWN GREAT FALLS ASSOCIATION'S SAFE TRICK OR TREAT FOR KIDS, TEENS, AND FAMILIES

When: Saturday, October 28, 3-5pm

Audience: Kids and teens of all ages and their families

What: The Great Falls Public Library is delighted to participate in the Downtown Association's annual Trick or Treat tradition! Get dressed up and visit the Library's table and local merchants to collect some sweet treats!

As always, this event is free and open to the public.



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS (5e) FALL CAMPAIGN

When: Saturdays October 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 3 to 5:30 pm

Audience: Preteens and teens ages 10 to 18



Where: Library basement meeting rooms

What: Our fall campaign will meet on Saturdays from 3 to 5:30 for eight weeks through October. 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.