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Great Falls Public Library April 2023 Events

Memory Cafe

When: Tuesday April 4 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, 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

Art in the Library – Great Falls Public Schools

When: April 1 thru Wednesday, April 26th

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

What: Come and celebrate Youth Art Month with a k-12 art show presented by GFPS and hosted by the Great Falls Public Library. Artwork will be on display from all schools in the District.



Tax Help Montana

When: January 26 through April 15

NO SERVICE APRIL 8 PICKUP ONLY ON APRIL 15

Every Thursday: 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Every Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 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.



Community Paramedic

When: Friday April 14th and 28th 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.

Healthcare Navigator

When: Friday April 14 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.

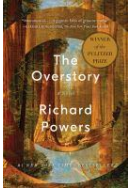


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April Book Clubs: Great Falls Public Library

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



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

When: April 6, 7:00 pm

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

What: Book club discussion of *The Overstory*, by Richard Powers

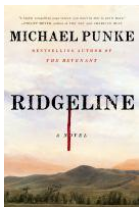


Book Sleuths with Kalena - 2nd Tuesday, 4:30 pm

When: April 11, 4:30 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, by Alexander McCall Smith

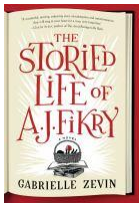


Page Forward Saturday with Debbie - 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am

When: April 8, 10:00 am

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Ridgeline*, by Michael Punke



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

When: April 25, 7:00 pm

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

What: Book club discussion of *Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*, by Gabrielle Zevin

Friends of the Library Book Sale Donation Days

When: Every Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm starting February 4th and continuing until May 6

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

What: The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library are asking for book donations for the Annual Spring Book Sale.

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

All funds raised through the book sale go directly to supporting the Library.

The Book Sale will start on n May 11th



Volunteers needed—if you would like to volunteer to help with this year's sale please call the library for more information at 406-453-0349.



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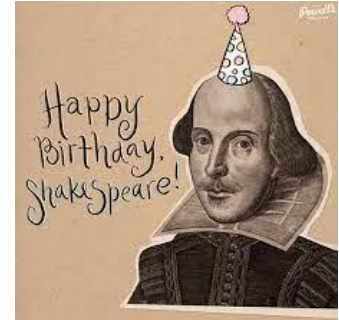
Partnerships with Cassiopeia Books!

Happy Birthday Shakespeare

When: Thursday April 20 Time 6:00 pm

Where: Cassiopeia Books 606 Central Avenue

What: Come to the Shakespeare birthday celebration and read your favorite sonnet, soliloquy, or short scene. All are welcome to perform



Poetry Night

When: Wednesday April 26 Time 6:00

Where: Cassiopeia Books 606 Central Avenue

What: come to the monthly poetry and prose readings. Read your original work to a supportive audience.



Sunday Sampler

When: Sunday April 2 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

Where: Ten local Great Falls museums and the Great Falls Public Library

What: The Great Falls Museums Consortium (ten local Great Falls museums and the Great Falls Public Library, as well as a sister museum, Miracle of America Museum in Polson Montana) will open their doors, for free, for the 21st annual Sunday Sampler.



The event is free to all. Come explore your community's museums and experience the richness of Great Falls arts and culture. In addition to the diverse exhibits at each museum, there will be crafts, gift giveaways, and a scavenger hunt. <http://greatfallsmuseums.com/sunday-sampler/>

Local museums participating in the 2023 Sunday Sampler event include:

- Children's Museum of Montana
- CM Russell Museum
- First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park
- Galerie Trinitas, University of Providence
- Great Falls Public Library
- Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Interpretive Center

- Malmstrom Air Force Base Museum
- Montana Museum of Railroad History
- Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art
- The History Museum
- Ursuline Center
- Miracle of America Museum



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Foraging for Wild Mushrooms in Montana

When: April 20th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Where:

IN PERSON: Great Falls Public Library, small meeting room (to watch together)

ONLINE: Format: Zoom Webinar, registration required ahead of time

Registration Link: www.tinyurl.com/mushroomMT

What: Foraging for wild mushrooms has become a popular activity in Montana and across the country. The idea of free food from forests and meadows is appealing, but a wrong choice for the frying pan can be potentially deadly. There are dangerous mushrooms out there--and also lots of delicious ones! This presentation covers how to get started collecting wild mushrooms, including how to find them, how to pick them, and how to identify them. Choice Montana edibles such as King Boletes, chanterelles, morels, hawk wings, lion's mane, oysters, and more, are shown

in full color and their edible properties described. The general rules for eating wild mushrooms are also important to know. Lastly, a few of the toxic species to be avoided, especially those that have caused poisonings in Montana, will be discussed. Further resources for wild mushroom hunting in Montana are provided. Learn about the diversity of mushrooms in our state and how they promote ecosystem health!

MLN VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING
SERIES PRESENTS



FORAGING FOR WILD MUSHROOMS

WITH DR. CATHY
CRIPPS



Great Falls Public School Candidate Forum co-hosted with Jenn Rowell of *The Electric*

When: Wednesday April 19 6:15 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room

What: Candidates for the Great Falls Public Schools board will take questions in a forum moderated by Jenn Rowell of *The Electric*.

The forum will also be live streamed/or recorded for later viewing.

To submit questions for consideration, email them to jenn@theelectricgf.com.





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No More Violence Week: Self Defense Class

When: Tuesday April 11 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room

What: Join Susie McIntyre for this interactive, participatory workshop where participants will learn physical skills, practice boundary setting, investigate personal responses to violence and explore community safety. This is NOT your stereotypical self-defense class! You will learn and explore an expanded understanding of what self-defense truly is.



No More Violence Week:

Books as Co-Parents: Engaging Conversations with Children and Youth

When: Friday, April 14th, 2023 12:00 - 1:00pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, Cordingley Room

What: Join Susie McIntyre with the Great Falls Public Library to learn more about how books can be a tremendous resource for parents and guardians in raising children and youth of today. This will be an interactive workshop using books as tools with take-aways that you will be able to keep coming back to!



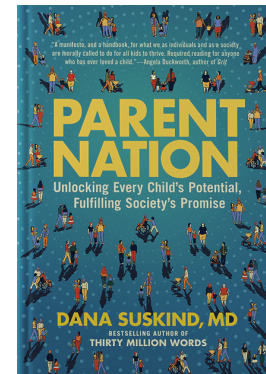
No More Violence Week: *Parent Nation* Book Club

When: Wed. April 26th 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **OR** Thurs. April 27th 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Where: Great Falls Public Library, Small Meeting Room

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED

What: Pick up a free copy of *Parent Nation* by Dana Suskind. Read the book and join fellow parents for book club discussion. Let's build a community of parents with better resources and supports to raise healthy children!



Thanks to funds from Humanities MT, all participants get to keep their free copy of the book.



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YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Storytime

When: Wednesday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am April 5, 12, 19, and 26

Please note that Thursday Storytimes are currently suspended. We look forward to seeing you and your child when Thursday Storytimes return in September!

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.

April's theme is Feelings.



Me & My Grown-Up Yoga

with Certified Yoga Teacher Sage Guinn from the Great Falls Community Recreation Center

When: Wednesday April 5, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Audience: Kids 2 to 8 years and their parents and caregivers

What: Enjoy a playful yoga practice for kids and the adults in their lives! 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.

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>



Toddler Time

When: Friday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am April 7, 14, 21, and 28

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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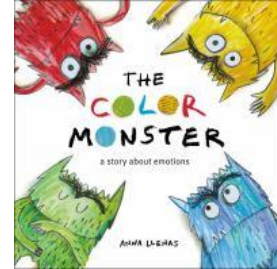
Feelings Story Walk for No More Violence Week

When: Wednesday, April 5 to Thursday, April 27

Where: Gibson Park

Audience: Community members 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>

Dungeons & Dragons (5e) Spring Campaign

When: Saturdays from 3-5:30

April 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; May 6

Where: Great Falls Public Library, Game Room and Teen Scene- 2nd floor

Audience: Preteens and teens 10-18

What: Our Spring Dungeons & Dragons Campaign will meet on Saturdays from 3-5:30 for 8 weeks beginning March 18.



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.

Space is limited. Contact Youth Services staff to sign up for the Spring Campaign today!

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

rmcfadden@greatfallslibrary.org (406) 453-0349, ext. 215



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Dungeons & Dragons DM Bootcamp

When: Friday, April 7th, 12:00-4:30

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

Audience: Volunteers age 16 to adult who are interested in learning how to run their own D&D campaigns

What: Do you love D&D? Would you like to learn how to run your own campaigns or taking your DM (Dungeon Manager) skills to the next level? Interested volunteers 16 to adult are invited to sign up for this free intensive DM training workshop!



Learn more about volunteering for the Library's D&D program for teens and preteens 10 to 18, and improve your personal campaigns. This training is free and lunch from Jimmy John's will be provided.

How to sign up:

Visit the Circulation Desk and fill out a volunteer application and background check form. These can take a little while to come back, so please fill out your application sooner rather than later.

Rae will contact you when your background check comes back to complete your sign-up and take your lunch order!

Questions about volunteering at the Library?

Please contact Aaron Kueffler-Volunteer Coordinator:

(406) 453-0349, ext. 219

akueffler@greatfallslibrary.org

Make a Square for the Threads of Connection Community Quilt

When: Available whenever the Library is open

Monday, April 10 12:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday, April 11 to Thursday, April 14 10:00am-8:00pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library lobby

Audience: Community members of all ages

What: Visit the Great Falls Public Library to create a fabric square sharing what you are doing to end violence in our community. These squares will then be sewn together to create a warm and beautiful mosaic of our efforts to make our community safer.



Threads of Connection, a community quilt project, is returning for 2023! Participants are invited to create a quilt square to share their perspective on prevention of violence, with a variety of



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materials and locations to choose from. This collaborative project began last year with over 140 squares completed by individuals from the community and will be continuing through April of this year! Many community groups are already committed to creating more squares in 2023. In honor of the 10th annual year of the event in 2024, the squares will be threaded together to display as a monumental community quilt.

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 click here.](#)