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## Great Falls Public Library January 2024 Events

### **LIBRARY CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**When:** Monday, January 1, 2024

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library

**What:** The Great Falls Library is closed New Year's Day 2024, but will be open January 2 for normal hours.



### **ART IN THE LIBRARY – BLACKFEET ARTIST JESSE DESROSIER**

**When:** January and February

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

**What:** Jesse DesRosier, Amskapi Piikani, Blackfeet Tribal Member, is a teacher of the Blackfeet Language. He teaches at The Piegan Institute's Cuts Wood School and Blackfeet Community College in Browning, Mont. Along with being an artist, he also is a community and cultural advocate, a Veteran, a husband, and father. DesRosier served in the U.S. Marine Corps serving in Okinawa, Japan.

### **GREAT FALLS BOOKWORMS CHALLENGE 2024**

**When:** Every day through December 27, 2024

**What:** The Great Falls Reads challenge begins on Tuesday, January 2 and ends on Friday, December 27, 2024.

The challenge is open to all Great Falls Public Library cardholders. Choose one book per category, one category per book, for a total of 50 books read within 2024 by December 27. You can get a reading log at the library front desk to track your progress, or create your own log. A prize is given to the people who finish all 50 books by the end of the year!

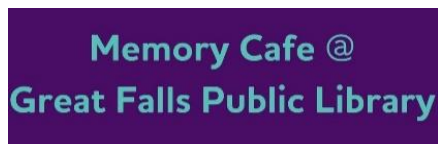


### **MEMORY CAFE**

**When:** Tuesday, January 2, 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





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### HEALTHCARE NAVIGATOR



**When:** Friday January 12, 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.

### WINTER SPEAKER SERIES: LAILANI UPHAM 'STORYTELLING & THE POWER TO CONNECT OUR WORLD'

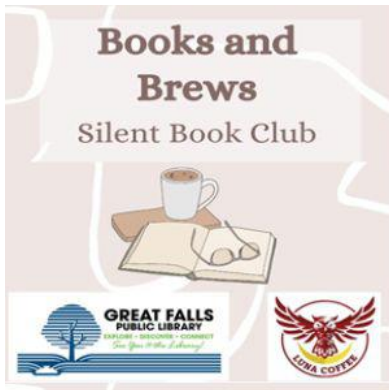
**When:** Thursday, January 18, 7 to 8 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room (Basement)

The documentary film projects *The Sixty-Four Flood* and *The Blackfeet Flood*, Lailani Upham leads participants through a discussion on the creative and healing process of storytelling. In the films, survivors on the Blackfeet Reservation told firsthand, historical accounts nearly 50 years after a tragic flood took lives and homes in the worst natural disaster in Montana history. Upham discusses how the documentary story connected our world. The conversation may explore questions like, How are we connected or divided? How do our stories build understanding and human connection? We all have a story that can change our worldviews and bridge a relationship for future generations. This program will offer engaging discussion on untold stories and understandings.



### BOOKS AND BREWS: SILENT BOOK CLUB



**When:** Saturday, January 20, 10 am to noon

**Where:** Luna Coffee Bar (9 5<sup>th</sup> St. N, Great Falls)

**What:** Often with traditional book clubs there's the scramble to finish the assigned book, and the pressure to have something smart to say. But the Silent Book Club is a place where you can just enjoy books, friends, and drinks—without any expectations.

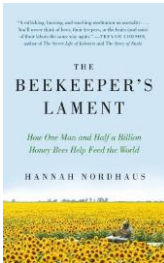


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### JANUARY BOOK CLUBS: GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

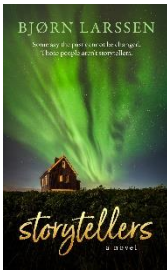


#### ***Open Books with Penny – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:00 pm***

**When:** January 4, 7:00 pm

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *The Beekeeper's Lament* by Hannah Nordhaus

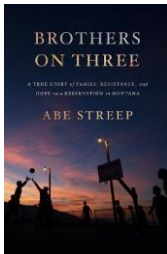


#### ***Book Sleuths with Kalena - 2nd Tuesday, 4:30 pm***

**When:** January 9, 4:30 pm

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *Storytellers*, by Bjorn Larssen

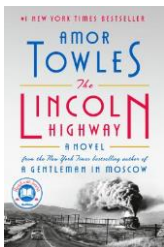


#### ***Page Forward Saturday with Debbie - 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am***

**When:** January 13, 10:00 am

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *Brothers on Three*, by Abe Streeb



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

**When:** January 23, 7:00 pm

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

**What:** Book club discussion of *The Lincoln Highway*, by Amor Towles



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### COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

**When:** Friday January 12 and January 26, 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.

### LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR JANUARY

**When:** Tuesday, January 23, 4:30 pm

**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.

### MLN VIRTUAL PROGRAM: A TASTE OF INDIGENOUS FOODS WITH MARIAH GLADSTONE



**When:** Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 pm

**Where:** Virtual online program only

Visit: [https://mt.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_gO-VCINqSdWrxO2XDr-7mw#/registration](https://mt.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gO-VCINqSdWrxO2XDr-7mw#/registration)

**What:** Mariah Gladstone, Piikuni (Blackfeet) and Tsalagi (Cherokee), grew up in Northwest Montana on and near the Blackfeet Reservation. She graduated from Columbia University with a degree in Environmental Engineering and returned home where she began her work on food advocacy. She developed Indigikitchen, an online cooking platform, to revitalize and re-imagine Native foods. Mariah has been recognized as a Champion for Change by the Center for Native American Youth and a Dreamstarter by the Running Strong for American Indian Youth foundation. She is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Leader, a MIT Solve Indigenous Communities Fellow, and a Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellow. During her cooking demonstration, she will prepare one of her original recipes and showcase other indigenous foods that can easily be used in your own kitchen.



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### JANUARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

#### STORY TIME

**When:** Wednesday and Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am, January 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25

**Where:** Cordingley Room (basement)

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

**What:** Preschoolers and their families are invited to join us in the Cordingley Room (basement) to build early literacy skills with songs, movement, and a great story. January's theme is Winter Snow.







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### TODDLER TIME

**When:** Fridays 10:30 to 11:15 am, January 5, 12, 19, 26

**Where:** Cordingley Room (basement)

**Who:** 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. January's theme is Winter Snow.





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### DR MARTIN LUTHER KING'S I HAVE A DREAM STORY WALK

**When:** Wednesday, January 10 to Saturday, February 3

**Where:** Gibson Park

**Who:** Community members of all ages

**What:** Visit Gibson Park between dawn and dusk this month to read Kadir Nelson's beautifully illustrated picture book adaptation of Dr. King's I Have a Dream Speech.

Watch American Sign Language interpretation of this book by artist Takiyah Harris on our YouTube channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiyG\\_h1tnZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RiyG_h1tnZE)

Listen to this book read aloud by Great Falls community members on our SoundCloud:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-781769430/i-have-a-dream-audiorecording-jan-23>

