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Great Falls Public Library May 2023 Events

Memory Cafe

When: Tuesday May 2 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

Memory Cafe @
Great Falls Public Library

Art in the Library – Sharon Smith and the Library’s Historic Doll Collection

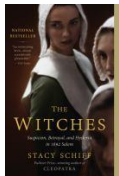
When: May and June

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

May Book Clubs: Great Falls Public Library

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

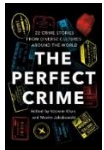


Open Books with Penny - 1st Thursday, 7:00 pm

When: May 4, 7:00 pm

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

What: Book club discussion of *The Witches*, by Stacy Schiff

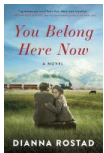


Book Sleuths with Kalena - 2nd Tuesday, 4:30 pm

When: May 9, 4:30 pm

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *The Perfect Crime*, by Vaseem Khan

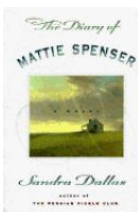


Page Forward Saturday with Debbie - 2nd Saturday, 10:00 am

When: May 13, 10:00 am

Where: Great Falls Public Library, basement Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *You Belong Here Now*, by Dianna Rostad



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

When: May 23, 7:00 pm

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

What: Book club discussion of *The Diary of Mattie Spenser*, by Sandra Dalls



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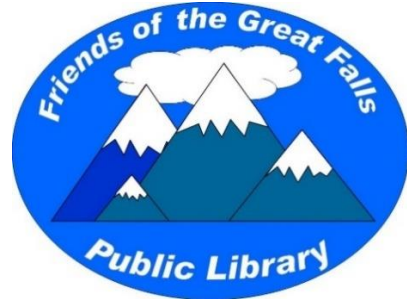
Friends of the Library Book Sale Donation Day

When: Saturday May 6 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: 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.

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.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

When:

Thursday May 11th: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm FULL PRICE

Friday May 12th & Saturday May 13th: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm FULL PRICE

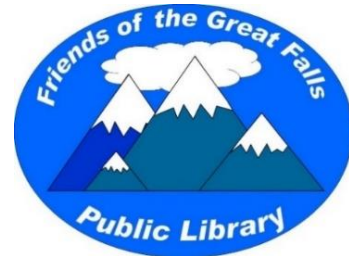
Thursday May 18th: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm HALF PRICE

Friday May 19th: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm HALF PRICE

Saturday May 20th: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm SACK SALE

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

What: The Friends of the Library is hosting their annual book sale. **Come purchase from the fabulous collection of used books and support the Library!** All of the money raised goes to support the Great Falls Public Library. Last year funds from the Friends Book Sale supported our electronic newsletter, the production of a documentary about Alma Smith Jacobs, updating of the Library website, our Book Club Kit software, and our expanded courier service to support the Library joining the Partners.



Community Paramedic

When: Friday May 12th 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 May 12th and 26th 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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YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Storytime

When: Wednesday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
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.

May's theme is Cats and Dogs.



Toddler Time

When: Friday mornings, 10:30-11:30 am May 5, 12, 19, and 26

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.

May's theme is Cats and Dogs.



Dungeons & Dragons (5e) Spring Campaign

When: Saturday May 6 from 3-5:30

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

Audience: Preteens and teens 10-18

What: Sign-up for our Spring Campaign is now closed.

Please contact Youth Services staff to be added to the wait list for our Summer Campaign, tentatively starting June 10!

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 is available upon request.



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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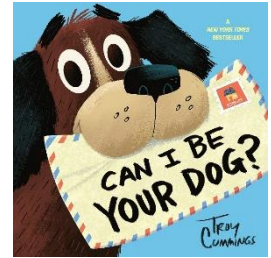
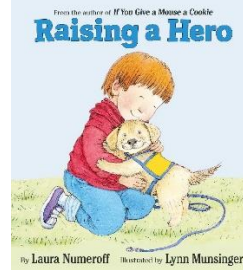
Dog Story Walk—A collaboration with the City of Great Falls Animal Shelter & Canine Companions

When: May 10 to June 2 from dawn to dusk

Where: Gibson Park

Audience: Community members of all ages

What: Take a stroll in Gibson Park this May with or without your furry friend and enjoy two great dog-themed stories: *Raising a Hero* by Laura Numeroff and Lynn Munsinger and *Can I Be Your Dog?* by Troy Cummings.



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 these great books read aloud by volunteers from the City Animal Shelter and Canine Companions, visit our SoundCloud: <https://soundcloud.com/user-781769430>
- Adopt a pet from the City of Great Falls Animal Shelter! Visit their website here: <https://greatfallsmt.net/animalshelter>
- Canine Companions trains service dogs for people with disabilities. Find out more here: <https://canine.org/>

Puppy Party in the Park—A collaboration with the City of Great Falls Animal Shelter & Canine Companions

When: Saturday, May 13, 12:00-2:00

Where: Gibson Park Bandshell

Audience: Kids, families, and community members of all ages

What: Join us at the Gibson Park Bandshell for Storytime songs, treats for humans and dogs and lots of wagging tails. Then enjoy our dog-themed May Story Walk.



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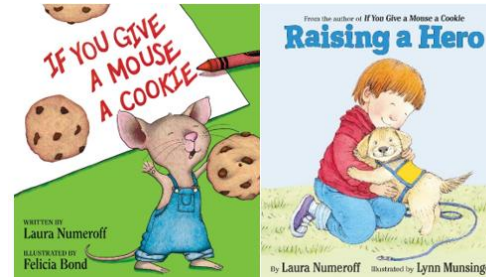
Laura Numeroff-A visit with the author of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*

When: Tuesday, May 23, 1-2pm

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

Audience: Kids, families, and community members of all ages

What: The Great Falls Public Library is delighted to welcome Laura Numeroff, best-selling author of dozens of beloved children's books, including *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* and



Raising a Hero. Community members of all ages are invited to attend this author talk. This free event is made possible by the Great Falls Public Library Foundation. *Thank you!*

Raising a Hero is featured in our Gibson Park Story Walk this May! Visit the park May 10 to June 2, dawn to dusk, take a walk and enjoy this great service dog story with your family!

For more information about Ms. Numeroff and her work, please visit her website:

<https://lauranumeroff.com/>

Raising Readers' Book Give-Away for Kids in Foster Care

When: Saturday May 6 11:00 – 1:00

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

Audience: Babies, kids, and teens birth to 18 and their families

What: A special event just for kids in foster care and their families! Kids (including non-foster care siblings) will be invited to decorate a tote bag and choose 6 books to keep!

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Kick-Off Party



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When: May 10, 10:30 – 12:30

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

Audience: Babies and kids 4 ½ and under and their families

What: Free books from Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library are finally available for Cascade County kids! Sign up your child (under 4 ½) and they will receive a free book in the mail every month until their 5th birthday!



Join us as we celebrate the launch of this phenomenal, free, early literacy program with tasty cookies, fantastic stories, and drawings for prizes for kids and adults!

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is available to all Montana families with children under 5 through the generous support of the First Lady Susan Gianforte’s Treasure State Foundation. *Thank You!*

To sign up your child 4 ½ and younger, please attend the Kick-Off Party or contact Youth Services staff for more information:

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