



# Library Views

**GREAT FALLS  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
*Your Lifelong Resource*

301 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. North  
Great Falls, MT 59401  
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Mon.	10am-6pm
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Fri.	10am-6pm
Sat.	10am-6pm
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## *What If...?*

What if the library had an auditorium seating 250 people?

One of the *what if...* visions I've thought about for some time is adding an auditorium with multi-level seating, either in the front of the library or the rear. The library has more and more programs that would function better in an auditorium environment. These include films, lectures, travel programs, theater and musical programs. Currently, we use the multi-purpose Cordingley Room, but while fine for meetings, the room is difficult for viewers of programs like those listed above. In addition, we have a problem with programs that go on after the library closes, since there is no separate entrance/exit for the Cordingley Room.

One advantage of adding a structure in front of the building is that it would solve a leakage problem we have from ground water into the basement of the library.

Great Falls has a small theater in Center Stage and a large facility in the Mansfield Center, but nothing in the 200-250-seat auditorium that most productions find optimal.

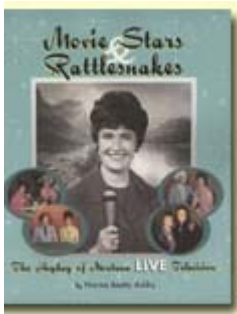
Cikan Architects has provided a scale model and computerized simulations of what a possible addition could look like. This is displayed in the lobby of the library.

I welcome your feedback about a project like this. Write or call me (Jim Heckel, library director) at the library, or email me at [jheckel@mtlib.org](mailto:jheckel@mtlib.org). I'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas.

-- Library Director Jim Heckel

## Books and Movies

**Books and Movies** is the theme of the sixth annual Great Falls Festival of the Book, held at the Great Falls Public Library, April 27 – 29. The Great Falls Public Library and the Great Falls Public Library Foundation sponsor the festival, which is free and open to the public.



The festival kicks off on April 27 with a presentation by author and former TV personality Norma Ashby. Ashby will discuss and read from her book *Movie Stars & Rattlesnakes*,

which is an account of the many movie stars and personalities Ashby worked with during her career. She will also show a short video of some of her more famous interviews.

The festival continues on April 28 with a reading and reception. Featured authors are Janet Muirhead Hill, Marcus Stevens and Annick Smith.

Hill is the founder of Raven Publishing and author of the Starlight Series of books for young adults. A film based on the first two books of the series is in the works.



Stevens, the 2004 recipient of the Montana Book Award for his novel *Useful Girl*, is an award-winning commercial director and cameraman. His screenplay *Smile*

*Cowboy* is in development, with Stevens slated as the director and his 2002 novel *Curve of the World* is also in development.



Award-winning author, editor and film producer Annick Smith has written four books including most recently *In This We Are Native, Memoirs and Journeys*. Her film credits include

producer of *Heartland* and co-producer of *A River Runs Through It*.

On April 29<sup>th</sup> Sue Hart, will show and discuss the documentary *Gravel in Her Gut & Spit in Her Eye*, based on the life of Dorothy Johnson who wrote such classics as *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*. Hart wrote and produced the documentary for PBS. Hart is also an award-winning author and professor at MSU—Billings.



Following her presentation, Hart will moderate a discussion between Annick Smith, Marcus Stevens, Janet Muirhead Hill and Andrew Smith on books and movies.

In the afternoon, local author and screenwriter Ted Geoghegan will talk about his work in the horror and science fiction genre. He has worked with such filmmakers as German horror master Andreas Schnaas. Geoghegan recently completed his first fantasy novel, *Rise of the Blackened Hand*.

Andrew Smith, who co-directed and wrote *The Slaughter Rules*, filmed in the Great Falls area, will talk about the making of that film, along with other screenwriting/film projects in the works. Along with his film work, Smith is a poet.

The festival will conclude with a screening of *The Slaughter Rules*.

## *Pets Stampede to Local Library*

Pets of all kinds have been gathering in the Kids' Place to announce **Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales**, the 2006 Summer Reading Program, running from May 30 – July 27. This year children can learn more about pets by attending and participating in age-appropriate programs, presentations and special events. All programs are free and open to the public.

Kids can also earn tokens to redeem for prizes at the Kids' Place Store by reading books to meet personalized goals. "We encourage parents and children to set individual reading goals based on the child's reading ability and level. We want to inspire children to read for fun," stated Youth Services Librarian Nola Huey.

You can register online or at the Kids' Place starting May 30 – July 19.

Program topics include miniature horses, pets from Petcetera, learning about pet obedience, military working dogs, tips on pet agility and grooming and pet-themed crafts.

For more information on Summer Reading call Nola Huey at 453-0349.



## *Walk to Library*

Curious about how many steps you take a day or are you trying to get motivated to increase your activity levels? The Great Falls Public Library can help. Residents of Cascade County can borrow pedometer kits from the library for one month as a part of the "Get Fit Great Falls" program. The Cascade County Physical Activity Council sponsors this program and is providing the pedometers. The library is facilitating by checking them out.

You don't need a library card to borrow a pedometer, but will need to fill out a form for a month's use of the step-counting gadget. Included with the pedometer are an instructional book, a few pamphlets and a tape measure to set your stride. The Great Falls Public Library is one of a handful of libraries in the United States and Canada that is involved in a pedometer program. Fresno County Library System, which has been participating since last spring has reported a strong, consistent use of the pedometers. We hope to see the same in our community.

For more information on the program, contact Cascade County Commissioner Peggy Beltrone at 454-6810. To get information on the pedometer checkout contact the Great Falls Public Library at 453-0349.

## *Library Store*

Check out the Library Store. New inventory includes T-shirts, fleece vests, aprons, and stainless steel travel mugs, all bearing the library logo. We also have book journals and book bags along with other fun goodies.

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## HISTORY OF LIBRARY SUPPORT

One of the most important elements of a successful library lies with the board members. These trustees are community members who volunteer their time and energy to the library, overseeing policy and the functioning of the library within the community. The Great Falls Public Library has a solid history of this support beginning in 1892. In this sixth installment we continue our tribute to these citizens of the past and the present.

### 1968

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Mayor John McLaughlin  
Mrs. R.D. Warden  
Mrs. Richard T. Ellis  
Mr. William H. Bertsche  
Mrs. C.H. Reissing

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Mrs. R.D. Warden

### 1970

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Mrs. Arlyne Reichert  
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