



# Library Views

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

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[www.greatfallslibrary.org](http://www.greatfallslibrary.org)

**HOURS:**

Mon.	10am-6pm
Tues.	10am-8pm
Wed.	10am-8pm
Thurs.	10am-8pm
Fri.	10am-6pm
Sat.	10am-6pm
Sun.	1pm-5pm (Oct.- May)

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## *Library Plaza Renovation*

We are making progress on the large renovation project for the Library Plaza in the front of the building. All the contracts for the design and for the sculptural element are in place. The Plaza design is by the architectural firm of L'Heureux Page Warner. Zak Zakovi, the sculptural artist, and I picked

over 20 tons of prime stone from a quarry near Ryegate this autumn and the massive stone blocks have been transported to Zak's Bozeman



studio. He has begun the arduous process of transforming the raw stone into a nine-foot archway/water feature. This will be installed in the plaza upon completion of renovations.

Anticipated completion for the plaza project is June 2008.

-- Library Director Jim Heckel

## *Annual Book-a-Thon*

The Great Falls Public Library Foundation's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Book-a-Thon kicked off on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Contributions are split between direct purchase of children's books and the corpus of the foundation so that funds will be available to benefit future generations of readers. Over the years, the Great Falls community has generously contributed nearly \$400,000 to ensure that children of the community have a great selection of reading materials at the library.

Contributions to the Book-a-Thon can be sent to the library or directly to the Great Falls Public Library Foundation, P.O. Box 742, Great Falls, MT 59403.

## Montana Room

The Montana Room, on the third floor of the library, is now home exclusively to the Great Falls Public Library's Montana collection and archival material. Until recently, the Cascade County Historical Society also kept archival collections there, as well as managed the space under a special arrangement with the library. They terminated that arrangement in November and relocated their collections to the History Museum. As a result, a new schedule, which is dependent upon volunteer availability, has been implemented.

Monday	10 am – 3 pm
Tuesday	10 am – 2 pm
Wednesday	10 am – 4 pm
Thursday	10 am – 1 pm
Friday	10 am – 2 pm

In the event volunteers are unavailable, the room will not open and Information Department staff will retrieve specific items for patrons.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Susie McIntyre, Head of Information Services at (406) 453-0349.

## Can We Talk? Civil Discourse Rethought

If you sense that more and more people are talking at, rather than to, each other, this may be for you. On March 6, the Great Falls Public Library, along with Humanities Montana, and The Great Falls Chamber of Commerce, will sponsor a day-long workshop on civil discourse. The centerpiece will be a workshop on *Gracious Space*, a method of constructing ground rules for positive conversation on contentious issues. More information will be available soon.

## New Faces



Lorrie Rader joined the Great Falls Public Library as a Library Specialist in the Youth

Services Department on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Originally from Illinois, Lorrie came to Montana in 1976 on a swimming scholarship to the University of Montana. After college, Lorrie taught elementary school around the state for 20 years. In her spare time, Lorrie swims, bikes and hikes.



Donica Marler joined the library's Circulation Department as a clerk at the end

of November. Previously, Donica had worked at West Elementary School as a paraprofessional in a self-contained classroom setting. Originally from Texas, this single mom of two children aged 10 & 17, likes to read and paint in her free time.

## Computer Classes

The Great Falls Public Library is presenting a series of free computer classes starting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Classes are from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, and will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month through June.

The first class each month will cover computer basics. The second class of the month will cover a variety of topics including Word 101, Blogging 101, and Finding Quality Health Information. Complete schedules are available at the library or from [www.greatfallslibrary.org](http://www.greatfallslibrary.org). Call 453-0349 for more information.

## **Montana Book Award Reception**

On April 10 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm, the Great Falls Public Library is hosting a reception for the Montana Book Awards. The reception is free and open to the public.

The Montana Book Award is an annual award that recognizes literary and/or artistic excellence in a book published during the award year. Eligible titles will be set in Montana, deal with Montana themes or issues, or be written, edited, or illustrated by a Montana author or artist. Books for all ages are considered for the award.

The 2008 award committee will select one winner and up to four honor books from 2007. The five honored authors will be invited to this reception.

Along with refreshments, the reception will include award presentations, acceptance speeches, and a possible panel discussion and book signings.

The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library will be helping to host the reception.

## **More Friends News**

The Friends of the Great Falls Public Library are holding a book sale at the library in the late spring. Proceeds from the sale will go towards a future Friends' project that will benefit the library.

Volunteers are needed to sort through books and help organize and work at the sale. This is a great opportunity to help the library, contribute to the community and make new friends. Contact Patsy Sowers at 453-2797 for more information.

## **Great Falls Festival of the Book**

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual *Great Falls Festival of the Book* is March 28 – 29. The festival, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Great Falls Public Library Foundation and Humanities Montana and includes local and regional prize-winning authors. Contact Jude Smith for more information.

### **Friday, March 28**

#### **7:00 pm *Hometown Authors***

A formal reading with local authors Jamie Ford, Aaron Parrett, & Pete Fromm. Following the reading, the short film based on Pete's short story *Dry Rain* will be screened.

### **Saturday, March 29**

#### **10:15 am *Student Reading***

Middle school authors read their works.

#### **11:30 am *Your Neighbor Is A Published Author***

Paul Lloyd-Davies converses with local novelist Jamie Ford and local free-lance writers Liz Larcom and Carleen Milburn.

#### **12:45 pm *Great Falls Writers' Group Reading***

Members of this long established writing group read from their works.

#### **2:00 pm *How To Establish and Maintain a Writing Community***

Award-winning author Anne Bauer and Fredrick Bridger, local author, editor, and educator, provide inside information for writers.

#### **3:30 pm *Writers from MO***

Contributors to *MO: Writings from the River*, a locally published, annual anthology from MSU—COT, read from their works.

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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 installment we continue our tribute to these citizens of the past and the present.

### June 1983

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