



Library Views

**GREAT FALLS
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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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Patrons enjoy the new second floor reading area.

Small Changes, New Look

The end of 2005 brought changes to the library; the most obvious is reflected in the use of the physical space. New shelving was added to the fiction room on the first floor to house the audio/visual collection, and give some breathing space to the already crowded shelves in that room. In order to accommodate the new shelving, the reading area was shifting to the second floor by the front windows. This included magazines, newspapers, tables and chairs. We purchased a couple of new lounge chairs for the area, and with the use of plants, created an inviting space to read or work.

The new shelving on the first floor defines a space we've designated as an art gallery space. Even though we still utilize many of the walls on the first floor and in the lobby for art exhibits, we will hold receptions in this designated area. The addition of an oak bench will offer a quiet place to enjoy the art, read, or simply reflect.

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New Head of Information Services

Susie McIntyre has joined the library staff as the Head of the Information Services Department. A Great Falls



native and resident, Susie got her Masters of Library Science degree from the

University of Washington. She most recently was employed at the Voices of Hope, a local, non-profit organization. Along with her experience and expertise, Susie brings her love of libraries and public service to her work.

Susie is replacing John Finn who left the Great Falls Public Library to accept a position as the director of the Hearst Free Public Library in Anaconda.

Hurricane Help

The majority of donations for those who experienced the devastation of Hurricane Katrina have gone to fill basic needs and services. Libraries in the area can be overlooked when focusing on essential services. Enough folks feel them important enough, however, to have helped the Great Falls Public Library raise \$881.86 for Louisiana libraries. A check for this amount was sent to the Louisiana Public Library Foundation, which will dispense the funds. We thank all of our patrons who generously gave to this cause.

New Bookmobile Driver

As of the first of December, a new bookmobile driver got behind the wheel. Circulation clerk Jessie Damyanovich took over as bookmobile driver, replacing Arla Thompson. Along with driving, Jessie assumed all of the associated duties, which



include stocking shelves and keeping track of bookmobile patron records.

In the event a substitute driver is needed, Thompson will fill in.

The bookmobile has both Great Falls and Cascade County stops. Call Gwen Carter at 453-0349 for more information, or check our website at www.greatfallslibrary.org. Current funding for the bookmobile comes from the Great Falls Public Library, Cascade County, and a grant from PPL.

Did You Know That Library Cards Expire?

After three years a library card expires. This provides a prompt to staff to review and update patron records for that card. If a card is not used in four years after expiration, it is deleted from the database. A patron wishing to activate his/her account after this extended period of inactivity may apply for a new card.

Writing Personal History

Everybody has a story to tell but not everybody feels up to the challenge of telling it. This winter you can hone your skills at the six-part personal history-writing workshop sponsored by the Great Falls Public Library. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., January 19 – February 23, in the Cordingley Room of the library. Local author Ruth McLaughlin will teach the workshop. The cost for the six weeks is \$40.

This will be a lively, supportive workshop for those interested in writing from their own experience, or wanting to begin a family history. Handouts and class discussion will deal with such issues as the effective use of detail and how to keep a story moving. Students are encouraged to bring in their own work, but can also write from prompts. Limited enrollment will allow each participant to receive a close reading on at least one piece and much personal attention.

McLaughlin grew up in northeastern Montana. Her work has appeared in two-dozen magazines and four anthologies. She has a Master of Fine Arts degree and has received a 1998 Montana Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship for her memoir-in-progress. She has taught community-writing workshops throughout the state.

Class size is limited so register now by calling Jude Smith at 453-0349.

A Good Place For A Story

The Kids' Place bustles with activity during Story Hour, of which there are now four per week. The latest addition, *Books and Babies*, happens every Friday morning from 10:30 – 11:15, for children ages 0-2 and a parent. Youth Services Librarian Nola Huey uses the Cordingley Room for this story hour to allow parents and babies a space free of any distractions.

According to Huey, "We sing songs, play with toys and generally socialize during *Books and Babies*. It's a perfect environment for beginning exposure to books as well."

Children ages 2 – 5 continue to learn and enjoy books during the Tuesday and Wednesday Story Hours. Nola states, "we focus on weekly themes during these Story Hours to foster interest in learning, language, and reading." Schedules for Story Hours are available on our website: www.greatfallslibrary.org/KP/storyhour.html



A mother and her children reading in the Kids' Place

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.

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Mr. Robert Farnsworth

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