

### Art in the Library – Robert Fineman

**When:** Through the month of August

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

**What:** Local artist/photographer Robert Fineman has his photos of Great Falls landmarks/icons in the Library on the second floor.



### Memory Café

**When:** Tuesday, August 6, 12:30 to 2 pm

**Where:** Library Park (Behind GFPL)

**What:** Fair Fun! The Memory Café is a comfortable social gathering for community, connection, and support to socialize and connect with those that are concerned with memory loss. This month we will be meeting in Library Park to have some “fair fun” with the MSU Extension Memory Café Mobile Unit. Join us as we play games, hang out outside, and win some prizes.

### Little Shell Tribal Health Medicaid sign-ups

**When:** Wednesday August 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 10 am to Noon

**Where:** First Floor Display area

**What:** Have you recently lost your Medicaid coverage? Do you know if you can re-apply or if you could be losing coverage? A Little Shell Tribal Health Care Worker will be at the library to provide help to determine if you can re-apply for coverage, or sign up to get a plan on the Health Insurance Marketplace.



### Shakespeare in the Parks presents ‘Hamlet’ in Gibson Park

**When:** Wednesday, August 7, 6 pm

**Where:** Gibson Park Bandshell

**What:** The Montana Shakespeare in the Parks troupe performs “Hamlet” in the Gibson Park bandshell. This free show is organized by the Great Falls Public Library. Hamlet tells the story of the young prince of Denmark who returns home following the sudden death of his father. The most famous ghost story ever told, Hamlet grapples with the weight of his responsibility to avenge his father’s death, to out-manuever his traitorous uncle, and “to be, or not to be.”.



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### Great Falls Public Library August 2024 Events

#### Weekly Open Tech Sessions

**When:** Thursday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 1 to 3 pm

**Where:** Small Conference Room downstairs

**What:** The Great Falls Public Library is hosting Open Tech Sessions every Thursday to assist you with all your technology needs and questions. Whether it's setting up your new smartphone, troubleshooting software issues, or navigating social media platforms, our friendly tech-savvy team is here to help!

**\*\*Please note:\*\*** While we're eager to lend a hand, we are not a repair shop. We won't be able to physically repair devices, but we'll do our best to guide you through any digital challenges you may face.



#### AAUW Donation Days

**When:** Tuesday August 6 through Oct. 8 from 10 am to 2 pm

**Where:** Back entrance loading area

**What:** The AAUW Is taking donations for their upcoming book sale in October. They take used books, CDs, DVDs, games and puzzles in good condition. They do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, Reader's Digest books, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, materials in poor condition, discarded library books.

#### Montana Women Vote Voter Registration

**When:** August 14, Noon to 4 pm

**Where:** Display table on first floor

**What:** Montana Women Vote will be at the library to register people to vote on the first floor near the front window display table. This service is free and open to anyone who is a resident of Great Falls.





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#### Financial Literacy for Women with Rural Dynamics and the Montana State Library

**When:** August 15 at 6 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** RDI Financial Wellness, the Montana Cooperative Development Corporation (MCDC), and Montana State Library Join forces to empower women through financial literacy workshops. This summer, RDI Financial Wellness, the Montana Cooperative Development Corporation, and the Montana State Library are proud to announce a collaborative effort to empower women across Montana through a series of financial literacy workshops. This workshop at the library aims to provide the essential tools and knowledge to manage finances effectively and confidently.



#### ArtsFest Montana Paw Print Trail Painting

**When:** Saturday, August 24, 10 am to 2 pm

**Where:** Great Falls Public Library and Gibson Park

**What:** The 6<sup>th</sup> annual ArtsFest Montana in Great Falls is put together by the Destination Downtown Association. We will meet at the Great Falls Public Library front entrance, and start our painting from there. The art for this year will be animal foot prints going from the front of the Library, down 3rd St N, over 4th Ave S, and to Gibson Park. GFPL will provide paint and stencils. Community members are welcome to join in on this activity! Wear something you are willing to get dirty, and we will see you there!

**Great Falls Public Library August 2024 Events**

**Summer Music in the Park for August**

**When:** Tuesday August 6, 7 to 9 pm

**Where:** Library Park (North of Library)

**What:** Music from Little Jane and the Pistol Whips

**When:** Tuesday August 13, 7 to 9 pm

**Where:** Library Park (North of Library)

**What:** Music from The Lucky Valentines




**Little Jane & the Pistol Whips**  
August 6  
7 PM




**The Lucky Valentines**  
August 13  
7 PM




**John Floridis**  
August 20  
7 PM




**Sally Jo and Friends Blue Grass**  
August 27  
7 pm

**When:** Tuesday August 20, 7 to 9 pm

**Where:** Library Park (North of Library)

**What:** Music from John Floridis

**When:** Tuesday August 27, 7 to 9 pm

**Where:** Library Park (North of Library)

**What:** Music from Sally Jo and Friends Blue Grass

Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy these FREE performances in the Library Park. Select food vendors will be on site!! Thanks to our Sponsors:



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**Montana Credit Union**

**Great Falls Public Library Foundation**





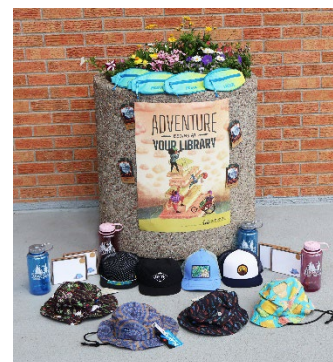
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**Great Falls Public Library August 2024 Events**

### Summer Reading Celebration and After Party

**When:** Saturday, August 17, 5 to 8 pm

**Where:** Annie’s Tap House (112 Central Ave in Great Falls)

**What:** Join us for an end of season party at Annie's Tap House. For every pint of beer sold, a dollar comes back to the Library. We will be drawing the winners for all of the Summer Reading Prizes at this event. We will also have some Library Trivia to win some awesome prizes! Haeli Allen will perform covers and some original tunes as well. This event is sponsored by TDS Fiber. A food truck will also be on site. August 17 is also the final day to submit your Adult Summer Reading Bingo Cards for your tote bag, or to put your name in the drawing for the Blackout Bingo Card prizes.



### Emergency Services' Mobile Integrated Healthcare

**When:** August 9 and 23, 2 to 3 pm

**Where:** First Floor Display area

**What:** Great Falls Emergency Services, as part of the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program, will be at the first-floor display table to offer blood pressure checks, pulse oximetry checks, blood glucose checks, medical referrals, medication checks and will answer other medical questions as needed.



### Western Native Voices Voter Registration

**When:** Thursdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

**Where:** First Floor Display area

**What:** Montana Western Native Voices will be in the library helping register people to vote in the upcoming election in November, and answer any questions about the process.

**Great Falls Public Library August 2024 Events**

**August/September Book Clubs**

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



**City Employee Book Club (Open to City of Great Falls employees)**

**When:** Monday, August 12, Noon to 1 pm

**Where:** Small Meeting Room

**What:** Discussion of *Someone Else's Summer* by Rachel Bateman

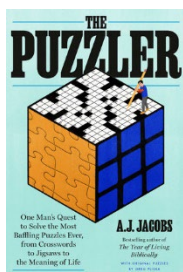


**Silent Book Club at Luna Coffee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

**When:** Saturday, August 17 and September 21, 10 am to noon

**Where:** Luna Coffee Bar, 9 5th St S.

**What:** Chat with others about a book you've brought, read your book, relax or write/continue to read.

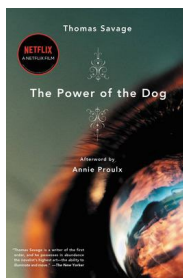


**Book Sleuths With Kalena in September, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**

**When:** Tuesday, September 10, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

**Where:** Small Meeting Room

**What:** Book club discussion of *The Puzzler* by AJ Jacobs

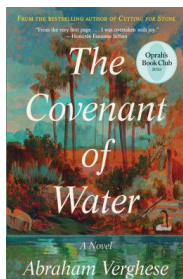


**The Very Arbitrary Book Club in September, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

**When:** Tuesday, September 17, 10 am to 11 am

**Where:** Small Meeting Room

**What:** Book club discussion of Discussion of *The Power of the Dog* by Thomas Savage



**Page Forward Thursday With Susie in September, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

**When:** Thursday September 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

**Where:** 3rd floor Montana Room

**What:** Book club discussion of *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese

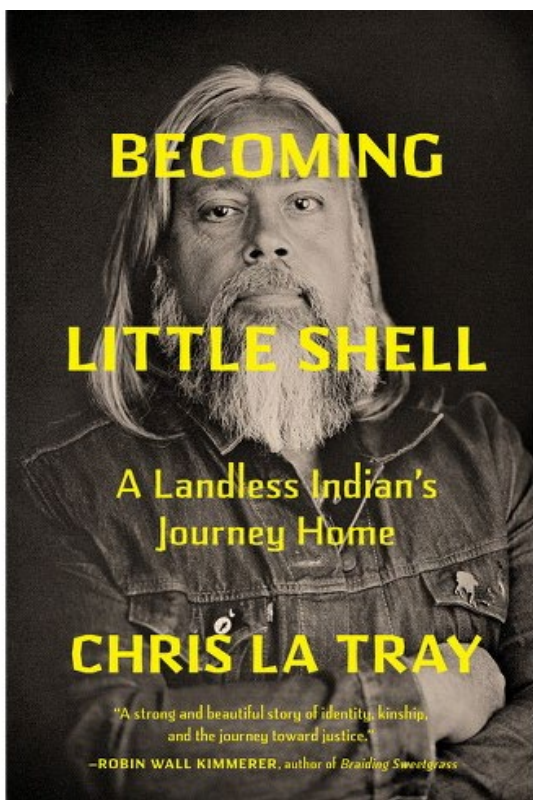
### Arts & Culture Listening Session with the Montana Arts Council

**When:** August 23, 4:30 to 6 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** Krys Holmes, new director of the Montana Arts Council, hosts a listening session about the state of arts and culture in the Great Falls area, some economic data, and what creative colleagues across Montana are doing, dreaming of, and wanting from their communities.

# MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL



### Book Release Party with Montana Poet Laureate Chris La Tray

**When:** August 23, 7 to 8 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** Join us in Library Park as we celebrate the latest book from Chris La Tray, ***Becoming Little Shell: A Landless Indian's Journey Home***. Both Personal and historical, *Becoming Little Shell* is a testament to the power of storytelling, to family and legacy, and to finding home. Infused with candor, heart, wisdom and an abiding love for a place and a people, Chris La Tray's remarkable journey is both revelatory and redemptive. Bring a blanket or chair to sit in during this free program. Cassiopeia Books will be on site to sell his book, as well.

## Great Falls Public Library August 2024 Events

### **New Stories of Race and Change: Bridging Cultures and Generations with Dr. Kitty Oliver**

**When:** August 29, 7 to 8 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** This entertaining, inspirational multimedia program blends memoir, music, video interviews, and research to go beyond the news headlines and into the lives and hearts of everyday people dealing with the complexities of race and ethnic relations in the U.S. Drawing on her landmark Race and Change Oral Histories archive of native-born and immigrant voices. Dr. Kitty Oliver is an official Race and Change scholar, writer, and performing artist who does presentations nationally using stories and music to entertain, inspire, and build bridges across cultures and generations. She is founder of the landmark cross-cultural Race and Change Initiative oral history archive that is part of the American Folklife Center's Civil Rights Project.



### **GFPL Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting**

**When:** Tuesday, August 27 at 4:30 pm

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**What:** The Great Falls Public Library Board of Trustees meets for its monthly meeting to discuss items appearing on the board agenda available on our website or on the bulletin board in the library.



## YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS



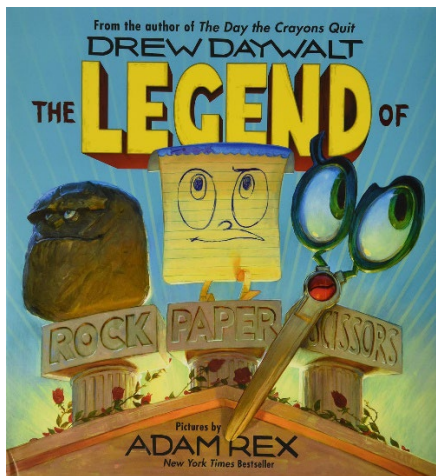
### Math Maze-Move and Learn Storytime

**When:** Wednesday, July 24, and Thursday, August 1  
10:30 to 11:30 am

**Where:** Cordingley Room (basement)

**Audience:** Children ages 2 ½ to 10 and their families and caregivers

**What:** Move and learn with us this summer! Enjoy a great math story, then explore basic math concepts with engaging games and an obstacle course.



### The Epic Battle of Rock Paper Scissors-Move and Learn Storytime

**When:** Wednesday, August 7 and August 15, 10:30 to 11:30 am

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**Audience:** Kids 2 ½ to 10 and their families and caregivers

**What:** Move and learn with us this summer! Get ready to sweat as we read Drew Daywalt's *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* and then compete in a full-body Rock Paper Scissors tournament. In addition to developing cardiovascular endurance, this thrilling game helps improve reaction time and builds cognitive flexibility.

### Parachute Party-Move and Learn Storytime

**When:** Thursday, August 8, 10:30-11:30 and  
Wednesday, August 14, 10:30-11:30

**Where:** Cordingley Room (basement)

**Audience:** Children ages 2 ½ to 10 and their families and caregivers

**What:** Move and learn with us this summer! Join us to play parachute games like Shark Attack, Snakes, and Popcorn. Parachute games teach cooperation and impulse control while building upper body strength.





### Back2School Blast at the Mansfield Center

**When:** Friday, August 16, 11am-4pm

**Where:** The Great Falls Mansfield Civic Center-2 Park Drive S in Great Falls

**Audience:** School-aged kids and teens and their families

**What:** The Great Falls Public Library is delighted to participate in Alliance for Youth and the United Way of Cascade County's Back2School Blast! This phenomenal annual event offers free backpacks and school supplies, free haircuts and hygiene products, free wellness checks and vaccinations, low cost sports physicals, and much more! If you have a school-aged child or teen, don't miss it!

### Todder Time

**When:** Friday mornings, 10:30-11:15 on August 2 and 9

***There will be no Toddler Time on August 16 as Youth Services staff attend the Back2School Blast at the Civic Center. There will be no Toddler Time on August 23 and 30 during the Youth Services Departments' annual programming break. Toddler Time will resume on Friday, September 6! See you then!***

**Where:** Cordingley Room

**Audience:** Babies and toddlers birth to 2 ½ years and their families and caregivers

**What:** You are invited to join us in the Cordingley Room (basement) to build early literacy skills with songs, movement, lap bounces, and a great story.





## Great Falls Public Library August 2024 Events



### Summer Reading Celebration and Tie-dye T-shirt Making

**When:** Saturday, August 17, 11am to 1pm

**Where:** Library Park (Behind the Library)

**Audience:** Kids, teens, and adults who earned a prize for their reading this summer

**What:** Congratulations on all your reading this summer! Everyone who earned at least one prize for their reading is invited to celebrate by making a tie-dye t-shirt and enjoying a free ice cream treat in the Library Park!



The winner of our Library Loot Boxes grand prize, a Nintendo Switch OLED, will be announced at noon. This annual literacy program for teens 12-18 is made possible by the Town Pump Charitable Foundation. Don't worry-Loot Box readers do not need to be present to win.

Youth Summer Reading is made possible by the **Great Falls Public Library Foundation**, and **Marshall Orthodontics**. Library Loot Boxes are made possible by a Keep Kids Reading Grant from the **Town Pump Charitable Foundation**. Thank you!

### Dungeons and Dragons Summer Campaign

**When:** Every Saturday, Aug. 3 through Aug. 17

**What:** Our Summer D&D Campaign meets on Saturdays from

3 to 5:30 pm for 8 weeks. A snack is provided.

ASL interpretation available upon request.

**We're sorry! Our Summer Campaign is full!**

**For more information or to get on the wait list for our**

**Fall Campaign, please contact Youth Services staff:**

[xlee@greatfallslibrary.org](mailto:xlee@greatfallslibrary.org)

(406) 453-0349, ext. 215





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#### Youth Services Department annual programming break

**When:** Sunday, August 18-Tuesday, September 3

**What:** Thank you for making Summer, 2024 the best yet! Every year following our Summer Reading Program, the Youth Services Department takes a break from programming to clean up and regroup for Fall events. Programs for kids and teens will pause beginning Sunday, August 18 resume on Wednesday, September 4. Storytime and Toddler Time will not meet during this time.



**Congratulations to all the young readers who earned prizes this summer! We wish you the best of luck in the 2024-2025 school year!**