

Great Falls Public Library December 2024 Events

Art in the Library – Studio 706 Artist Guild

When: Throughout December

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

What: The Studio 706 is a local, non-profit artist association organized to improve artists' talent, mentor and provide exhibition opportunities to help young artists with their education. They have artists working in a variety of media including watercolor, oil, acrylic, jewelry, wood carving, and photography.



Memory Café

When: Tuesday, December 3, 12:30 to 2 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

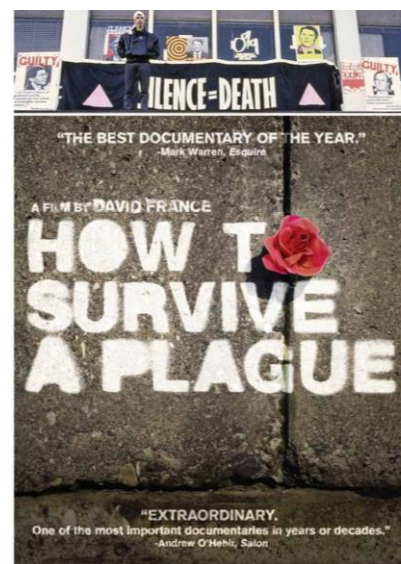
What: This month is the holiday potluck and celebration. Please bring a dish that connects you to your family traditions. If you know someone in your life who is struggling with memory loss, the Memory Café is held each month. It is designed to be a comfortable, social setting for community, connection, and support to socialize with those that are concerned with memory loss.

How to Survive a Plague documentary film showing

When: Tuesday, December 3, film starts at 6 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What This film is brought to the Great Falls Public Library with a variety of community partner groups just days after World AIDS Day. Light snacks and refreshments will be available. This event is co-sponsored by GFPL, the LGBTQ Center, and Independence Rock Coalition. Described as, "A riveting, powerful telling of the story of the grassroots movement of activists, many of them in a life-or-death struggle, who seized upon scientific research to help develop the drugs that turned HIV from a mostly fatal infection to a manageable disease. Ignored by public officials, religious leaders, and the nation at large, and confronted with shame and hatred, this small group of men and women chose to fight for their right to live by educating themselves and demanding to become full partners in the race for effective treatments. Around the globe, 16 million people are alive today thanks to their efforts."



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Emergency Services' Mobile Integrated Healthcare

When: Friday, December 13 and Friday, December 27, 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.



Christmas Stroll - Downtown Great Falls.

When: Friday, December 6, 5 to 9 pm

Where: Downtown Great Falls

What: The Library will be tabling during this event supporting the Downtown Community. Celebrate the holiday season at the 41st Annual Christmas Stroll in Downtown Great. This year's theme is "Holiday Luau" -- so come out and enjoy activities for the whole family, delicious food vendors, meet Santa, and much more!"

Armchair Traveler with Susie McIntyre

When: Thursday, December 12, 7 to 8 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: The Great Falls Public Library's director Susie McIntyre talks about her travels sailing through the Adriatic Sea earlier this year.



Little Shell Tribal Health Medicaid sign-ups

When: Wednesday December 4, 11 and 18, 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.



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Library Closed for Christmas

When: Wednesday, **December 25**

What: The Great Falls Public Library will be closed on Christmas Day, a Federal Holiday. We will open back up on Thursday, December 26.

Board Game Night at the Great Falls Public Library for December

When: Sunday, December 22 from 3 to 5:30 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: For this month’s Board Game Evening we will be playing **Just One** and **Codenames**. Games are provided by event co-sponsor Let’s Play Games and Toys. **Codenames** is a party game involving “Two rival spymasters who know the secret identities of 25 agents. Their teammates only know the agents by their codenames. Teams compete to see who can make contact with all of their agents first. Spymasters give the clues. Teammates guess the words while avoiding those of the opposing team.

Just One is a cooperative party game in which players discover as many mystery words as possible. Secretly write down clues working with your teammates to try and guess the Mystery Word!



Silent Book Club for November

When: Saturday, December 21, 10 am to noon

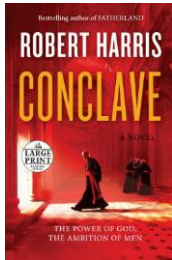
Where: Luna Coffee Bar in Downtown Great Falls

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

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December Book Clubs

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

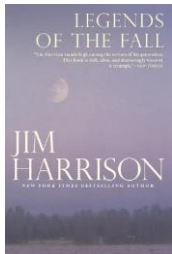


Open Books with Penny, 1st Thursday

When: Thursday, December 5, 7 to 8 pm

Where: 3rd Floor Montana Room

What: Book club discussion of *Conclave* by Robert Harris

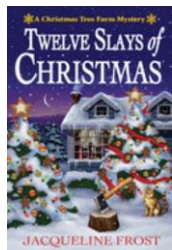


City Employee Book Club (Open to City of Great Falls employees) 2nd Monday

When: Monday, December 9, Noon to 1 pm

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Legends of the Fall* by Jim Harrison

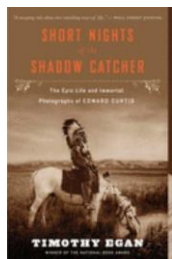


Book Sleuths With Kalena, 2nd Tuesday

When: Tuesday, December 10, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Twelve Slays of Christmas* by Jacqueline Frost



The Very Arbitrary Book Club, 3rd Tuesday

When: Tuesday, December 17, 10 am to 11 am

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* by Timothy Egan



Page Forward Thursday With Susie, 4th Thursday

When: Thursday, December 26, 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: 3rd floor Montana Room

What: Book club discussion of *Storm Breaker* by Anthony Horowitz

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Family Storytime

When: Saturdays from 11 am to noon
on December 7, 14, and 28

Audience: Babies and kids birth to 8 and their families

What: The family that reads together grows together!

Babies, kids, and their families are invited to learn and play at this fun, interactive event. We will build language and literacy skills with songs, movement, and a great story. December's theme is *Animals in Winter*.



Books & Babies: A lap bounce program

When: Thursdays from 10:30-11:15 on December 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Where: Cordingley Room

Audience: Babies birth to 1 ½ and their parents and caregivers

What: Babies and their families are invited to join us for this fun, snuggly early literacy program for your littlest learners.

Babies will enjoy lap bounce songs and a quick, engaging story followed by playtime.

Bookworms Storytime

When: Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 am on December 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Where: Cordingley Room

Audience: Kids 3-8 years and their families and caregivers

What: Is your child ready for a more challenging Storytime? Join us for Bookworms this fall! This program for preschoolers and emerging readers K-2nd grade will feature more challenging songs and physical movement and longer stories to build attention span and vocabulary. Perfect for homeschool families! December's theme is Light and Color. Explore the season of winter lights with color vocabulary and hands-on light experiments.



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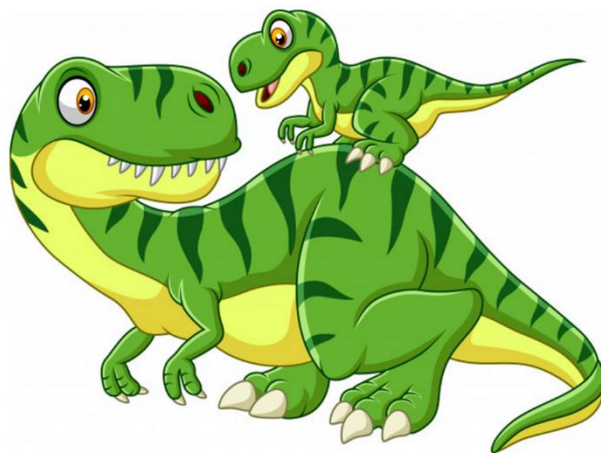
Preschool Storytime

When: Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am
December 4, 11, and 18 (There is no Preschool
Storytime on Dec. 25 due to the Christmas holiday)

Where: Cordingley Room

Audience: Kids 3-5 years and their families and
caregivers

What: Preschoolers and their families are invited to
join us in the Cordingley Room (basement) to build
early literacy skills with songs, movement, and a great
story. This month our theme is Dinosaurs in
December!



Toddler Time

When: 10:30-11:15 am on December 6, 13, 20 and 27

Where: Cordingley Room

Audience: Toddlers 1 ½ to 3 years

What: Toddlers and their families are invited to join us in the
Cordingley Room (basement) to build early literacy skills with songs,
movement, lap bounces, and a great story, followed by playtime.

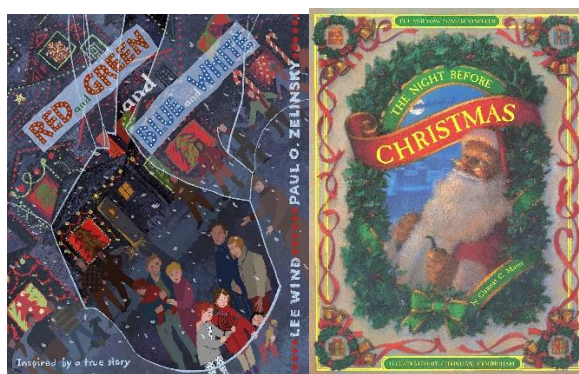
Holiday Story Walk in Gibson Park

When: Friday, December 5 to January 9, dawn to
dusk

Where: Gibson Park Walking Trail

Audience: Community members of all ages

What: Enjoy a winter stroll and celebrate the season
by reading *The Night Before Christmas*, written by
Clement C. Moore and illustrated by Christian
Birmingham, and *Red and Green and Blue and
White*, written by Wind Lee and illustrated by Paul
O. Zelinsky



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Raising Readers Holiday Party

When: Saturday December 21 from 11 am to noon

Audience: Babies and kids birth to 10 years of age and their families

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Kids and their families are invited to celebrate the season at the annual Raising Readers Holiday Party. We are delighted to welcome our guests of honor: The Montana Jewish Project along with Santa and Mrs. Claus! Feel free to take a polaroid picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy Christmas and Hanukkah stories, tasty hot chocolate and candy canes!

The Montana Jewish Project is based in Helena and is dedicated to fostering and strengthening Jewish life in Montana.

This event is free to attend!



New Year's Eve Party and Balloon Drop

When: Tuesday, December 31 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Audience: Kids ages 3 to 10 years old and their families

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Kick off your 2025 at our New Year's Eve Party for kids and their families! Get ready to dance your socks off! We will count down to the New Year and celebrate by dropping balloons at 12 noon.

