

Great Falls Public Library January 2025 Events



Library Closed on New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day

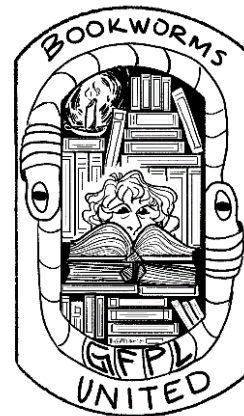
When: All Day on Wednesday, January 1 and Monday, January 20

What: The Library is closed for New Year's Day, a Federal holiday. We will re-open on Thursday, January 2 at 9 am. The Library is also closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 21 at 9 am.

Bookworms United 2025 Challenge Begins!

When: From January 2 to December 26, 2025

What: Read 50 books in 50 different categories in approximately 50 weeks for your chance to win a prize. Grab your paper copy of the challenge at the display table, or online.



January-February Artist in the Library – Sharron Mashburn

When: January through February

What: Sharron Mashburn was born in Florida but quickly moved to Las Vegas in 1947. She completed her education in the public school system there, when the population was still less than 13,000 people. She attended University of Nevada Las Vegas after graduating high school. Sharron then moved to the Bay Area where she entered into San Jose State and majored in Art History and Studio Art. She returned to Las Vegas and taught k-12 art history, teaching from 1974-2004. In 2008, Sharron and her husband Paavo moved to Great Falls, which is "The Last Best Place"!



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Memory Café

When: Tuesday, January 7, 12:30 to 2 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: January’s Memory Café is all about dance and music, so bring your dancing shoes for this instructor led program. 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.



Volunteer Orientation and Appreciation Dinner

When: Tuesday, January 7. Orientation at 5, Potluck dinner at 6:30

Where: Cordingley Room

What: An opportunity for volunteers to be trained together, to meet each other, and for the Great Falls Public Library to appreciate all the work they do to help us out. Must RSVP to Sarah Cawley by **January 3**. This is for current and active volunteers. If you wish to become a volunteer with GFPL, please contact **Sarah Cawley** at scawley@greatfallslibrary.org You can download an application to become a new volunteer on our [website](#), as well!



Emergency Services' Mobile Integrated Healthcare

When: Friday, January 10 and Friday, January 24, 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.

Armchair Traveler Series Talk with Kelli Smith

When: Thursday, January 9, 7 to 8 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Travel down to Disney Land with Kelli and her family as we explore the incredible and magical place that is Disney.



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Little Shell Tribal Health Medicaid sign-ups

When: Wednesday January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 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.

Board Game Night at the Great Falls Public Library for January

When: Sunday, January 26 from 3 to 5:30 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: For this month's Board Game Night, we will be playing the game K2. K2 is the second-highest mountain on Earth as well as the second deadliest. It's known as the Savage Mountain, as it kills one person for every four who have reached the summit. Now your team stands in its shadow, ready to climb for fame and glory. You know the dangers of K2 all too well. K2 is a hand management game for 1-5 players, with strong interaction and low luck factor, lasting up to 60 minutes. The theme is very well represented by the mechanics, including such elements as changing weather, lack of oxygen and death of the mountaineers. The result is an exciting match for gamers and non-gamers alike.



Silent Book Club for January

When: Saturday, January 18, 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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January Book Clubs

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

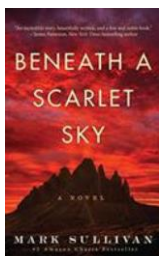


Open Books with Penny, 1st Thursday

When: Thursday, January 2, 7 to 8 pm

Where: 3rd Floor Montana Room

What: Book club discussion of *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson

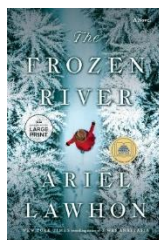


City Employee Book Club (Open to City of Great Falls employees) 2nd Monday

When: Monday, January 13, Noon to 1 pm

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark T Sullivan

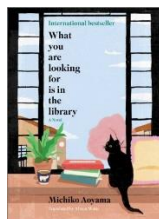


Book Sleuths With Kalena, 2nd Tuesday

When: Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon



The Very Arbitrary Book Club, 3rd Tuesday

When: Tuesday, January 21, 10 am to 11 am

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *What You Are Looking For is in the Library* by Michiko Aoyamaby



Page Forward Thursday With Susie, 4th Thursday

When: Thursday, January 23, 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: 3rd floor Montana Room

What: Book club discussion of *The Collector* by John Fowles

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YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS

Family Storytime

When: Saturdays from 11 am to noon
on January 11 and 25

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. This January, we celebrate National Science Fiction Day with stories about aliens and outer space!



Books & Babies: A lap bounce program

When: Thursdays from 10:30-11:15 on January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.

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 January 7, 14, 21, and 28.

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! January's theme is Math. Get ready to explore math fundamentals like counting, addition, and subtraction with great stories and hands-on games!



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Preschool Storytime

When: Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am on January 8, 15, 22, and 29

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 Animals in Winter!



Toddler Time

When: Fridays from 10:30-11:15 am on January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Story Walk in Gibson Park

When: Friday, January 3-February 5, dawn to dusk

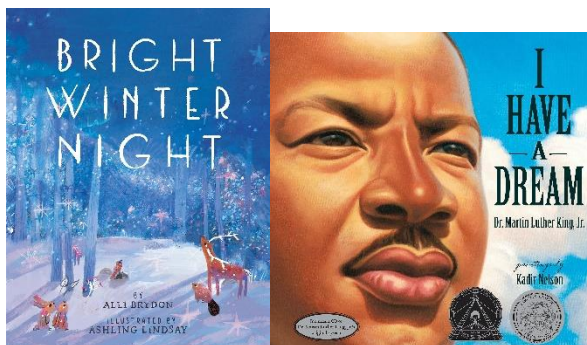
Where: Gibson Park Walking Trail

Audience: Community members of all ages

What: Visit Gibson Park between dawn and dusk this month to read Kadir Nelson's beautifully illustrated picture book adaptation of Dr. King's I Have a Dream Speech. Bright Winter Night by Alli Brydon, a charming picture book about animals searching for the Northern Lights, will also be featured.

Watch American Sign Language interpretation of the I Have a Dream Speech by artist Takiyah Harris on our [YouTube channel](#).

Listen to the I Have a Dream Speech read aloud by Great Falls community members on our [SoundCloud](#).



STEAM Club-Bridge Building

When: Thursday, January 2, 11 am to noon

Audience: Kids ages 8 to 12 years old and their families

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Learn about engineering, design, planning, and construction by building a bridge of popsicle sticks. Kids will practice their communication skills as they work in teams to create their bridge. At the end of the build, each team will get to test the strength of their bridge.



Family Lego Club--Self-portraits or free build

When: Saturday, January 4, 11:00-12:30

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

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Kids and their families are invited to build and play! Create a Lego portrait of yourself or a family member, or let your imagination guide you on a free building adventure!

Please leave your Legos at home! We have plenty for everyone, and we're worried yours might get lost! Photo and project idea from:

<https://mamapapabubba.com/2017/06/14/lego-self-portraits/>

Tabletop Gaming Winter One-Shot (single-session)

When: Saturday, January 4, 2:30 to 5:30 pm

Audience: Teens ages 12 to 18 years old

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Join us for a stand-alone Tabletop Gaming session this Winter! Give one of several different gaming systems a try. Tabletop roleplaying games develop practical math, creative problem solving, and social skills.

There is no sign-up required for this event. Players are welcome until tables are filled.

A snack will be provided, and ASL interpretation is available upon request. Beginners welcome-no character creation or player preparations are needed before the session.





Dragon Appreciation Day

When: Saturday, January 18, 11 am to 12:30 pm

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

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Kids, teens, and their families are invited to celebrate dragons in literature and mythology with a variety of crafts from fire-breathing dragon cups for little ones, to dragon bobble heads for big kids, to challenging optical illusion Gathering for Gardner dragons for teens and adults, and shrinky-dink dragons for everyone!