

Great Falls Public Library February Events



Artist in the Library – Sharron Mashburn

When: Through the end of 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.

Memory Café

When: Tuesday, February 4, 12:30 to 2 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: For February Memory Café, we will meet at Paris Gibson Square. 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.



Digital Literacy Workshop



February 6 - Computer Basics
February 20 - Internet Basics
March 6 - Email Basics
March 20 - Cybersecurity
April 3 - Video Conferencing Basics
April 17 - Mobile Devices

Digital Literacy Workshop

When: Thursday, February 6 and Tuesday, February 20 from 1 to 2:30 pm

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: **Feb. 6 Computer Basics with Chris DiSalvatore, Network and Communications Analyst for GFC-MSU.** In this workshop, attendees will learn how to navigate the Windows 11 operating system, manage applications using the task manager, find and manage files and folders, save and delete files and more.

Feb. 20 Internet Basics In this workshop, attendees will learn how to browse the internet safely, what to watch out for to protect your system, and how to keep your information safe.

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Emergency Services' Mobile Integrated Healthcare

When: Friday, February 14 and Friday, February 28, 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 Kevin Fairhurst

When: Thursday, February 13, 7 to 8 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Kevin shows us his recent trip scuba diving and exploring the local hotspots in Honduras! Fairhurst and his wife, Heidi, recently went on a trip to Honduras. While there, they indulged in a week-long all inclusive dive trip. During the February Armchair Traveler, travel with us to warmer locations and experience their dives first hand. Lots of photos, lots of memories, and of course, stories that will inspire you to get your diving certification done soon.



Little Shell Tribal Health Medicaid sign-ups

When: Wednesday February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 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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Hosted by the Alma Smith Jacobs Foundation
and the Great Falls Public Library

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF HISTORY, MUSIC,
ENTERTAINMENT, AND
FREE FOOD

Black Heritage Evening at the Great Falls Public Library

When: Thursday, February 6 from 6 to 8 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: The Great Falls Public Library (GFPL) hosts a special event celebrating the Heritage of Great Falls' African American community. The program features African American culture, history, and cuisine. This free program, open to the public, is co-sponsored by the Alma Smith Jacobs Foundation, a non-profit promoting education, and the GFPL.

York: The Untold Story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

When: Wednesday, February 12. 2 to 3 pm at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center and 7 to 8 pm at the Great Falls High Auditorium

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Hasan Davis, a nationally acclaimed living history performer will give two performances of "York: The Untold Story of the Lewis & Clark Expedition." York was an enslaved man who played a pivotal role in the success of the Lewis & Clark journey. This deeply engaging and educational performance explores York's courage, resilience, and contributions to a journey that shaped America's history. These programs are presented in collaboration with the Portage Route Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance, the Lewis and Clark Foundation, the GFPL, and the United States Forest Service. The 2 pm performance is at the Interpretive Center and the 7 pm performance is in the GFH Auditorium at 1900 2nd Ave S. in Great Falls.



Board Game Night at the Great Falls Public Library for February

When: Sunday, February 23 from 3 to 5:30 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: For this month's Board Game Night, we will be playing the games Dominion and Quarriors. A GFPL Staff member will be at the event to teach the rules to people who have not played the game before!

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Silent Book Club for February

When: Saturday, February 15, 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.



Great Falls Public Schools' Art Department Open House

When: Friday, February 28 from 4-to 5:30 pm

Where: First and Second Floor –

What: Join GFPS as they celebrate Youth Art Month with their annual showcase of student work. Light refreshments will be provided.

Escape the Vape at the Great Falls Public Library: No Smoke, Just Facts

When: Thursday, February 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Think vaping is harmless? Think again! Join us for Escape the Vape, a fun and interactive presentation that's perfect for everyone—from 10 to 100 (even your grandma will want in on this). We'll bust myths, explore how vaping affects your brain and body and share the not-so-sweet truth about nicotine! Presented by Beth Price Morrison, Alliance for Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program Manager.



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February Book Clubs

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

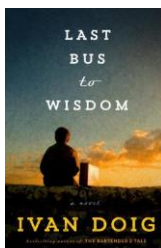


Open Books with Penny, 1st Thursday

When: Thursday, February 6, 7 to 8 pm

Where: 3rd Floor Montana Room

What: Book club discussion of *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson



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

When: Monday, February 10, Noon to 1 pm

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *The Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig

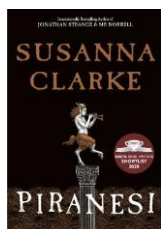


Book Sleuths With Kalena, 2nd Tuesday

When: Tuesday, February 11, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *The One* by John Marrs

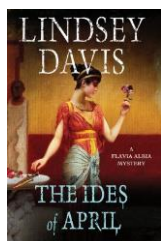


The Very Arbitrary Book Club, 3rd Tuesday

When: Tuesday, February 18, 10 am to 11 am

Where: Small Meeting Room

What: Book club discussion of *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke



Page Forward Thursday With Susie, 4th Thursday

When: Thursday, February 27, 7:00-8:00 pm

Where: 3rd floor Montana Room

What: Book club discussion of *Ides of April* by Lindsey Davis

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YOUTH SERVICES EVENTS



Valentine's Day Party

When: Saturday, February 1 from 11 am to noon

Audience: Kids 3 to 10 years and their families and caregivers

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Share the love this Valentine's Day by decorating yummy sugar cookies and making valentines to give your family and friends!

DM Bootcamp! Find out how to volunteer for our Teen Tabletop Gaming program

When: Saturday, February 1 from 3 to 4:30 pm

Audience: Adults and teens 16 and up interested in volunteering

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Teen Tabletop Gaming at the Library powered by volunteers. If you are at least 16 years old and interested in DMing D&D 5E, Kids on Bikes, or another system, please join us to find out more about our program. Thank you for sharing your time with the Library and our young patrons! If we don't have enough volunteer DMs, we will not be able to meet demand for this popular program. Our next 8-week campaign for teens 12 to 18 begins March 1. We will meet on Saturday afternoons from 3-5:30 in the Library's basement.



Family Storytime

When: Saturdays from 11 am to noon on February 8, 15, and 22

Where: Cordingley Room

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 February, we will celebrate the season of love with sweet picture books about families



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Books & Babies: A lap bounce program

When: Thursdays from 10:30-11:15 on February 13, 20 and 27.

Join us in February for **Me and My Grownup Yoga with Sage.**

Please see our website calendar for more information.

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 February 11, 18, 25 and March 4 and 11.

Join us on Tuesday, February 4 for Yoga with Sage for kids and their families.

Where: Cordingley Room

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

What: Is your child ready for a more challenging Storytime? 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!



This February and March, we will read 5 fantastic picture books that have been nominated for the Montana State Literacy Association's Treasure State Award. Decide which one is your favorite, then vote for it using our Beanstack reading tracker app to win a free gift card.

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Preschool Storytime

When: Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 am on February 5, 12, 19, and 26

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 Friendship!



Toddler Time

When: Fridays from 10:30-11:15 am on February 7, 14, 21, and 28

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.

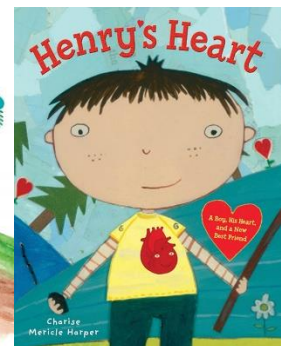
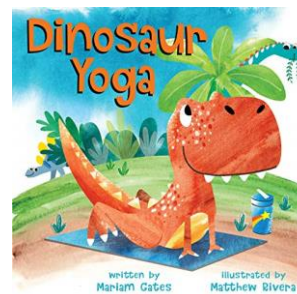
Heart Health Month Story Walk

When: February 6-March 5, dawn to dusk

Where: Gibson Park Walking Trail

Audience: Community members of all ages

What: February is Heart Health Month. Visit Gibson Park between dawn and dusk this month to read two awesome heart health stories: First, read Henry's Heart by Charise Mericle Harper to learn about everything our hearts do for us and what we can do to keep them healthy, then stretch and relax with Dinosaur Yoga by Mariam Gates.



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Yoga with Sage for kids and their families

When: Tuesday, February 4 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Audience: Kids ages 3 to 8 years old and their families

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Enjoy a playful yoga flow for kids and their grownups with Licensed Yoga Instructor Sage Guinn.

Dress in comfortable clothes and be prepared to move and have fun! Yoga mats are available, but please bring your own if you have one.

Sage Guinn is a Licensed Yoga Instructor and Yoga Therapist. Find out more about her yoga classes on her Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/779490156574881>

Me and My Grownup Yoga with Sage

When: Thursday, February 6, 10:30-11:30

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

Where: Cordingley Room

What: Enjoy a playful yoga flow for babies and their grownups with Licensed Yoga Instructor Sage Guinn.

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