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Flathead County Library Hosts Glacier Drawing Project Reception and Live Paint Demo

Kalispell, MT – This fall, Flathead County Library invites the public to view three new art exhibits on display at Kalispell, Bigfork, and Columbia Falls libraries. The library is highlighting three artists, Jane Latus Emmert, Jonathan Marquis, and Tom Roberts.

At the Kalispell library, view the work of Montana artist Jane Latus Emmert, AKA Montana Jane. Jane paints the outdoor life she lives and loves near Glacier National Park with a spontaneous style that captures the freedom of the wilderness and Big Sky country. Her current show at the Kalispell library features oil paintings that allow viewers to travel back in time to the days when the west was wild and life moved at a gentler pace. The Kalispell library will be hosting an artist reception and live painting demo by Jane on October 9th from 4:30-5:30pm. Enjoy refreshments and take a stroll around the library to view her work currently on display through November, 2025.

The Bigfork library is excited to welcome artist and mountaineer Jonathan Marquis for a reception and talk about his current work, The Glacier Drawing Project, on October 18th from 12-2pm. The Glacier Drawing Project is the only on-site, hand-drawn visual record of the fifty-nine named glacial features in the Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone ecosystems of Montana. The drawings explore a personal connection with glaciers through color, mark-making, and careful attentiveness. View pieces from this collection on display at the Bigfork library through November. This exhibit is sponsored by the Flathead Library Foundation.

Come see the work of local artist and art educator Tom Roberts at the Columbia Falls library. Tom's acrylic paintings focus on big game, wildlife, and Montana landscape. Tom Roberts earned a degree in Art Education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1978 and has taught art for 40 years in Iowa, Virginia, Austria, Japan, and Kalispell. His love for Montana was inspired in part by the 20 years that he and his wife, Cindy, spent as seasonal park rangers in Yellowstone National Park. Tom worked as an interpretive guide and reenacted many live histories. These experiences continue to influence his art. View Tom's current exhibit on display at the Columbia Falls library through November, 2025.

Flathead County Library is excited to showcase these works to the community and inspire patrons to explore creativity and art through the library's collections and materials. The library welcomes the opportunity for local artists to display artwork for public viewing in their exhibit spaces. Artists are encouraged to apply at flatheadcountylibrary.org/programs/art-exhibits/.

Flathead County Library provides educational and recreational materials, programs, and resources to promote literacy, inspire lifelong learning, and enrich the community. For more information, visit flatheadcountylibrary.org.

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