

Monday, January 23, 6:30 p.m.
***Keeping Montana Culture Alive on the
Montana Frontier***
Talk and book signing with Mark Johnson

Join us for a special Chinese New Year presentation!

From the earliest days of non-Native settlement of Montana, Chinese pioneers played a key role in the region's development. Navigating life in this new land, Montana's Chinese residents gained comfort through the continuation of their spiritual and cultural practices. Yet publicly practicing cultural traditions invited unwanted attention from anti-Chinese forces who sought to expel the Chinese from the region. In this lecture, Mark Johnson, the author of *Middle Kingdom under the Big Sky*, will detail how Chinese Montanans achieved cultural continuity and togetherness through these practices while resisting tensions and threats from their detractors.

