Thursday, October 20, 4:30 p.m.

*The Middle Kingdom under the Big Sky*

Talk and book signing with Mark Johnson
(In conjunction with a Community Read hosted by the Lewis and Clark Library)

In 1870, Chinese residents made up more than 20 percent of Helena’s population. But this population, so crucial to Montana’s history, remains underrepresented in historical accounts. Using documents left by Chinese pioneers and preserved through the efforts of the Montana Historical Society, *The Middle Kingdom under the Big Sky* recovers stories of Montana’s Chinese community members in their own words. Join Mark Johnson as he examines the experiences of Chinese residents of Helena: the pressures they faced, how they advocated for their rights, and how they fought to keep their culture alive in an often-hostile environment.