

# The Turning Page

## COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Celebrate libraries and library workers during National Library Week April 18-24. It's a time to rediscover all that Parmly Billings Library has to offer and why there's something for everyone. Usually people think of books when they think of libraries, but that's only the start of what you will discover when you walk in the door or click on the website at [www.billings.lib.mt.us](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us). There are movies for the weekend, audiobooks for your next trip, online resources for those last-minute research projects, computer games, storytimes and more.

Parmly Billings Library celebrates the successes of the past year as well. Over 1800 children and teens "Laughed It Up at the Library" during the Summer Reading Program. The Library helped host the inaugural High Plains Bookfest with a slate of programs. We hosted our first Poetry Slam for teens. Half a dozen Library-organized bookgroups discussed the first One Book Montana selection, *Winter Wheat* by Mildred Walker. Nearly every day of the year, the Library held a program – everything from jobhunting for teens, crafts for kids, and free presentations on any subject you can imagine.

Join us during National Library Week. On Sunday, April 18, we're having a kickoff celebration from 2-4 pm. The Children's Services staff has storytimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30 am, and will show videos on Friday morning at 10:30 am. On Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm, attend a program exploring the concepts of Feng Shui. At Wednesday night's program at 7:00 pm, learn to protect yourself from identity theft. The Teen Pit

hosts the teen bookgroup's discussion of *Red Midnight* by Ben Mikaelson on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm. Come be part of the festivity – we would love to have you with us!



## IDENTITY THEFT PROGRAM COMING IN APRIL

Have you found that someone has used your credit card to purchase things you know nothing about? Have you tried to get a loan only to find that your credit history has errors on it? Then you may have been the victim of identity theft.

In the age of e-commerce and the Internet, this is becoming an increasingly common crime.

The Library will sponsor a program titled *Identity Theft: What It Is & How To Prevent It* on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room.

Heidi Williams & Karen Taylor of Pre-Paid Legal Services in Billings will talk about the increasing phenomenon of identity theft, how you can prevent it, & what steps to take if you have been a victim of it.

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## LIBRARY CONTINUES TEEN BOOK GROUP

The Library will continue its teen book discussion group, *Talking About Books*, into the summer, and middle school students who are interested in reading books and talking with their colleagues about what they read are encouraged to join this monthly discussion group.

The following books will be read:

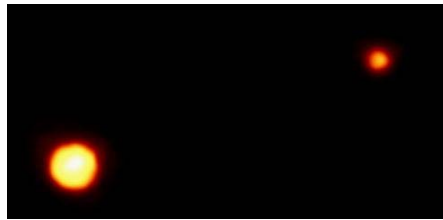
Thursday, April 22: ***Red Midnight***, by Ben Mikaelson.

Thursday, May 27: ***Lionclaw***, by Nancy Springer.

Thursday, June 24: ***Gold Dust***, by Chris Lynch.

Thursday, July 22: ***Don't You Know There's a War on?*** by Avi.

The Library will provide copies of each of these books to those who attend. The talks are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Pit on the second floor and registration is required. To register, call 657-8258.



## ASTRONOMY SERIES CONTINUES

Members of the Yellowstone Valley Amateur Astronomers will present the second of three programs at the Library on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. when they talk about ***Discovering Pluto: the Search for Planet X at the Lowell Observatory***.

## ORGANIZE YOUR LIFE WITH FENG SHUI

Is clutter getting the best of you in your life & workplace? Do you feel the need to rearrange your office or home but are not sure of the best way to do this? You will want to attend ***An Introduction to Feng Shui*** at the Library on Tuesday evening, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor meeting room.

Feng Shui is the Chinese art of placement to interpret nature & discover the best positioning for furniture & structural details. Consultants Mary Cavanaugh & Valerie White will talk about how to apply this physical and spiritual art form at home & at your business.

For more information, contact the Library at 657-8258.



## LIBRARY TO SPONSOR BEAD PROGRAM

Members of the Billings Bead Society will present a special program titled ***Introduction to Bead Work*** on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor meeting room.

Those who attend will learn about the history of beads & beadwork, how beads were used for trade & decoration, & will see examples of some of the beautiful bead work created by those in the Bead Society. Members will also give hands-on instruction in making polymer clay beads.

For more information, contact the Library at 657-8258.



## Foundation News

The Library Foundation Board has identified four key priority areas on which to focus our efforts this coming year. To summarize, efficiency with our finances, effectiveness as an organization, collaboration with other community organizations and strong relationship with our benefactors will be the keys to successful year. Work has begun on these important actions. If you have an interest in assisting with this process, please let us know.

Once again, the Library Foundation would like to extend a special thanks to Greg and Eileen McDonald and George Sheckleton for their substantial contributions to the Parmly Billings Library through the Foundation. We hold these contributions in trust, and appreciate your willingness to invest in our library. We know that your generosity sets an example for this community.

Please remember the Library Foundation in your giving. Funds raised this year are helping the Library with all of its collections--books, CDs, audio-visual materials. Be part of the Library's story! Mail contributions to Parmly Billings Library Foundation, 510 North Broadway, Billings, Montana 59101.

We're in Cyberspace, too! Check out the PBLF website at Parmly Billings Library Foundation information -- [www.billings.lib.mt.us/found2.html](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us/found2.html) or send us an email at [libfound@billings.lib.mt.us](mailto:libfound@billings.lib.mt.us)

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## Friends News

The Friends held a very successful Book Give Away Day on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. The purpose was to provide free access to thousands of children's & adult books that were not sold at last October's book sale. The Friends receive so many donations, that they can not possibly sell all of them, & they have found that a periodic book giveaway is a good way to handle the overflow of materials that they receive.

The Friends recently made a significant gift to the Library when they purchased a new system that will inspect, clean & polish CD's and DVD's. Because of the quantity of musical CD's and DVD's the Library has collected, and because it is difficult to maintain these, the Library welcomes this new equipment that staff can use to clean and maintain these discs.

The next Friends Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. on the third floor of the Library. Any Friends member is welcome to attend.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Check one

- Regular Member \$10.00  
 Family Member \$25.00

MAKE YOUR CHECK  
PAYABLE TO:  
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY  
510 NORTH BROADWAY  
BILLINGS, MONTANA

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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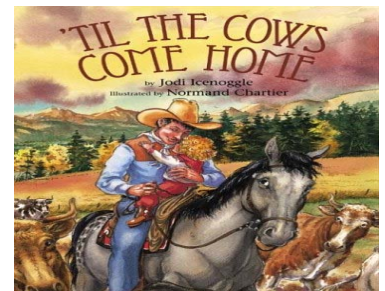
Interested in Volunteer Work:  Sort Books  Book Sale  
 Price Books  Book Sale Committee

Please clip and mail application back with your payment

### AUTHOR VISIT

The leather was smooth as silk yet tough as a tornado. The cowboy made himself a pair of chaps, saying "I'll wear these 'til the cows come home..." And so begins this western version of an old Jewish folktale, known as the button story. Come see why kids from miles around think it's **finer than frog's hair!**

Bozeman author **Jodi Icenogge** will be at Parmly Billings Library for an author reading and book signing on April 6, 2004 7:00 p.m. in Children's Services. Please join us for this special program.



### "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Little Nutbrown Hare" Visit the Library

Get a head start on National Library Week (April 18-24) at Parmly Billings Library with a special program featuring "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Little Nutbrown Hare" from the book "Guess How Much I Love You". This program will take place on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> in Children's Services. The characters will be here along with a special guest who will be reading the stories. Free books will be given out to children in attendance. This special event is being sponsored by the Billings Association for Young Children.





### Library Hours

#### LABOR DAY - MEMORIAL DAY

Monday	10 am - 9 pm
Tuesday	10 am - 9 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 9 pm
Thursday	10 am - 9 pm
Friday	10 am - 6 pm
Saturday	10 am - 5 pm
Sunday	1 pm - 5 pm

#### MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY

All above, except Library is closed on Sundays.

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## APRIL STORY TIME

### Teddy Bear Cubs

Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
3-6 yr. olds

April 6 Happy Easter  
April 13 Happy Birthday to You!  
April 20 Think Spring  
April 27 Fish Fun – **Movie/No Story Time**

### Honeycomb Kids

Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
2-3 yr. olds

April 7 Happy Easter  
April 14 Happy Birthday to You!  
April 21 Think Spring  
April 28 Fish Fun

## The Story Bears

Thursdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
3-6 yr. olds

April 1 Going Quackers  
April 8 Happy Easter  
April 15 Happy Birthday to You!  
April 22 Think Spring  
April 29 Fish Fun

## Bears at the Movies

April 2 It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown  
April 9 Easter Egg Mornin'  
April 16 Fun Videos  
April 23 Caillou Hello Springtime  
April 30 Rainbow Fish

