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The Turning Page

"SNEAK PREVIEW" BOOK SALE

What would National Library Week be without a book sale? And the Friends of the Library are happy to accommodate.

The Friends will hold a "Sneak Preview" book sale on Saturday, April 8th from 10 – 2 on the third floor of the Library. This is a teaser to the annual book sale that the Friends hold every fall.

The "Sneak Preview" sale will be open to members of the Friends of the Library, or to those who wish to join at the door. Those who come will find thousands of books, magazines, videos, CD's, children's books and collectible books available for great prices. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stock up on your summer reading.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

The week of April 2 – 8 is National Library Week, a time when libraries throughout the country are recognized for the wide variety of services they provide. Parmly Billings Library will hold a number of programs during the week for all members of the community. We hope that you enjoy this month's issue of *The Turning Page*, which will talk about the many activities the Library provides, and that you will plan on attending these activities throughout the month.

LIBRARY'S ASTRONOMY SERIES CONTINUES THIS MONTH

The second in a series of programs presented by the Yellowstone Valley Astronomers Association will take place on Thursday, April 27th when Prof. Matthew Benancquista talks about ***The Life Cycle of Stars***. This program will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor meeting room.

CHRYSTI THE WORDSMITH IS COMING THIS MONTH

The ever-popular Chrysti Smith, aka "Chrysti the Wordsmith" of Yellowstone Public Radio, will present a program titled ***Dictionary Caravan*** on Monday April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Chrysti's new program will feature an evening of readings from 11 curious, unusual and inspiring dictionaries, featuring lexicons dedicated to bird words, war slang, surnames and recently coined terms in popular American culture.

If you listen to Chrysti on Yellowstone Public Radio, you know what a treat her program is, so you won't want to miss her in person. Her appearance at the Library is spon-

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IN-DEPENDENT FILM SERIES CONTINUES

The Library's *Thursday Night at the Movies* series continues this month with the showings of 2 more independent films.

On Thursday, April 6th, the Library will show ***Stage Beauty***, starring Billy Crudup and Claire Danes. On April 20th, ***The Singing Detective*** with Robert Downey, Jr. will be shown. Both of these movies received excellent reviews when they were released and both are rated R for mature subjects and themes. These showing will begin at 7:00 p.m., so brings your snacks (the Library will provide the comfortable chairs) and enjoy these movies.

LIBRARY HOSTS PROGRAM ON WILD FLOWERS

April is the beginning of spring, and it is the time when wildflowers start to appear in the surrounding mountains. The Library will present a seasonal program titled ***An Introduction to Wildflower Identification*** on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor meeting room.

Dr. Jennifer Lyman, from Rocky Mountain College, will talk about the most common types of wildflowers to be found in the area, how to identify them and where to find them in this colorful and informative program.

KIDS BOOKS TO MOVIES

Celebrate National Library Week April 2nd – 8th with special after school movies. The Library will have special showings of kid's movies that are based on books. At the end of each movie a drawing will be held to give away copies of the book. The movies will be held on the first floor of the library in Children's Services beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 3rd - **"Zathura"** 113 min.based on the book by Chris VanAllsburg

Tuesday, April 4th - **"The Wizard of Oz"** 102 min based on the book by L. Frank Baum

Wednesday, April 5th - **"Ella Enchanted"** 96 min. based on the book by Gail Carson Levine

Thursday, April 6th - **"Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events"** 108 min. based on the books by Lemony Snicket

Friday, April 7th - **"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory "** 106 min. based on the book by Roald Dahl.

POETRY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

April is National Poetry Month, and the Library will sponsor 2 programs for teens that encourage the writing of, and listening to, poetry.

On Thursday, April 13th, students from West High School will present ***An Evening of Teen Poetry***. Teens, and adults, are invited to come and listen to some of the creative writing students from West High read and discuss their poetry. This program will begin at 7 p.m. in the Teen Pit.

On Saturday, April 29th, local poet Mike Cucciardi, author of ***Angels: Angelic Reflections***, will present a workshop titled ***How to Create a Poem: A Poetry-writing Workshop for Teens.*** This workshop is aimed at middle and high school students who are interested in writing poems. This workshop will begin at 11:00 on the third floor. Registration is required, so call the Library at 657-8258 to register for this workshop.

Foundation News

Mark Your Calendars!

For the 1st Annual "Food for Thought, an Evening of Great Conversation."

This event, dedicated to the memory of Bette Bohlinger will be an exciting night of dinner, catered by Tom Nelson and stimulating conversation topics. People will choose one conversation topic from twenty that range from arts and literature to public policy, wine and other popular themes on the Montana scene.

"Food for Thought, an Evening of Great Conversation" will be Thursday, June 1, beginning at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Parmly Billings Library. Support your library and enjoy a stimulating evening of great conversation!

For more information about the foundation or tickets for "Food for Thought, an Evening of Great Conversation," please contact Leslie Modrow at 237-6149 or email her at lmodrow@billings.lib.mt.us

Friends News

The Friends will hold a special Sneak Preview or Mini Sale on Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 – 2:00 on the third floor. This sale will be open to Friends members only, or to those who wish to join at the door.

The Friends want to welcome Joanne Timm as the new Treasurer. Joanne has been a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and the Friends are fortunate to have someone so talented and dedicated on the Board.

At a recent Board meeting Friends also committed to contributing $1,000 to the Library's Chidlren's Services area to assist with the printing and distribution of the journals that are published each year for the Summer Reading program.

The Friends are also in need of a full size refrigerator to expand their ability to provide refreshments for their programs. If you can consider donating such an item, call Nicki Broch at 656-5187.

The next Friends Board meeting is Wednesday, April 5th at 11:00 a.m. on the third floor of the Library.

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 59101

Name: _____
Address: _____
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

BOOK CHARACTERS TO VISIT THE LIBRARY

Celebrate "The Week of the Young Child", April 2-8 at Parmly Billings Library with a special program featuring "Spot" the dog and "Curious George". This program will take place on Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 p.m. in the Story Time Corner. 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 Chapter of the Montana Association of the Education of Young Children.

APRIL STORY TIME

Story Time with Carina
Mondays 12:30-1:00 p.m.

April 3 Come and
April 10 enjoy fun
April 17 stories
April 24 with Carina!

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

April 4 Hats Off To You!
April 11 Hippity Hoppity Easter
April 18 April Showers
April 25 Going Quackers

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

Fun Afternoon Story Time!
12:30 – 1:00 p.m. 3 – 6 yr. olds

April 5 Hats Off To You!
April 12 Hippity Hoppity Easter
April 19 April Showers
April 26 Going Quackers

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

April 5 Hats Off to You!
April 13 Hippity Hoppity Easter
April 20 April Showers
April 78 Going Quackers

Bears at the Movies

April 7 Have fun
April 14 watching videos
April 21 with your
April 28 friends!

Library Hours

LABOR DAY to 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 to LABOR DAY
All above, except Library is closed on Sundays.

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