

Harry and the Potters rocked the Library last month

LIBRARY SPONSORS PROGRAM ON CREATING THE LIFE YOU WANT

Parmly Billings Library will sponsor a free program titled We Create What We Experience: Change Your Thought & Change Your Life on Monday, August 14th at noon on the third floor meeting room.

Connie Kvilhaug and Jana Stockdale. of Vibrant Insights, LLC, will discuss the ways in which our outlook on life, and the expectation that we have, can affect the way things happen to us. They will talk about how to begin the process of attracting into your life things that you truly desire.

LIBRARY SEEKS TEENS FOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Library is seeking interested middle and high school students willing to serve on a Teen Advisory Council at the Library.

The Council will meet every 2 months and will assist with planning programs and activities for teens at the Library

with recommendations for books and audio visual materials in the Library's collection, and with displays for the Teen Pit in the Library.

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Library, and have a say in the types of programs and materials for teens, call Jim Peters at 657-8291 at the Library and signup to help with the Advisory Council. You can also send an email to jpeters@billings.lib.mt.us. The first meeting of the Advisory Council is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m.

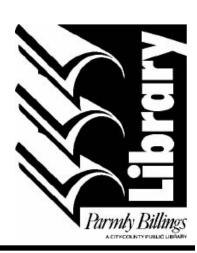
AUGUST STARGAZING

August is traditionally a good month for stargazing, because the nights are becoming longer, it's getting dark earlier and it's still warm enough to spend a night out looking at the stars. The annual Perseid meteor shower will take place around the 11th & 12th of August and is a good introduction to celestial phenomena just because shooting stars are fun to watch and pretty easy to see.

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There are a number of good stargazing Websites that you can find. A constellation map for August for the Northern Hemisphere can be found at http://gorp.away.com/gorp/electic/nightsky/star_summer4.htm. *Nightsky Magazine's* Website, at http://nightskymag.com, has several useful features for skywatching as well.

If you want to see some beautiful pictures of celestial objects, like nebulae, novae or galaxies, go to http://chandra.harvard.edu/. The Chandra observatory at Harvard has stunning color pictures in their photo gallery as does the Hubble Telescope's NASA homepage.

PBL REACHES A MILESTONE

The Library has just completed its busiest year ever. During the past year the library checks out over 900,000 items for the first time ever. The total circulation of 905,836 represents an increase of nearly six percent over the previous year. The number of visitors to the downtown facility also grew to over 334,000.

While most of the Library's collections saw increases in usage, the biggest rate of growth happened in the Teen Pit. The checkouts of teen music and audiobooks expanded by thirteen percent, while teen nonfiction grew eighteen percent, and teen fiction checkouts increased by a whopping thirty-three percent. And they say that teens don't read!

Our services outside the downtown library are also doing very well. Infomobile users around Billings and Yellowstone County checked out an additional 3,000 items over last year. The Senior/Homebound service saw an increase of six percent.

And what about things that don't check out? Computer usage in the Library was up, and we also received 55,000 unique visits to our website at www.billings.lib.mt.us. Over 75% more of you discovered our Chapter-a-Day book clubs, where book excerpts in 11 categories can be e-mailed to you each weekday. Two of the databases subscribed to by the Library were particular standouts this year: The Auto Repair Reference database, which includes repair manuals, technical bulletins and wiring diagrams for nearly every make and model of vehicle increased by 50%. Family history and genealogy buffs have really taken to using the Heritage Quest database, with over 23,000 searches - an upswing of over 150%.

Parmly Billings Library offered more programs in the last year as well. From storytimes to book discussions to lectures and film series and much more, there were 447 programs, attended by some 17,500 people.

Come see us soon!

"PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES & TALES" SUMMER READING 2006

The Parmly Billings Library Summer Reading Program "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" concluded on July 27th with an Open House at the Library. Over 1,800 area children and young adults registered for the program and read for 48,000 hours making this a very successful summer program. Children and Young Adults who registered for the program earned "Paw Prints" and "Creature Coins" by reading, playing the "Monkey Business" games and doing various other activities. The "Paw Prints" and "Creature Coins" were used to purchase t-shirts, book bags and also to register for prizes.

Activities during the program included story times, crafts and a weekly program featuring a special guest each week. The programs this year (Continued on page 3)



Foundation News

The love of books and art brought children into the Library for a fun class taught by our very talented Foundation board member and artist, Carol Spielman. Illustory kits were purchased at the Library and kids had the opportunity to work with Carol to learn how to illustrate their own book. Once the illustrations are done and a story is written, the kit can be mailed off. Within 8 weeks, a child has their own illustrated, hard bound book!

Illustory kits are available at the Library for \$25 and are wonderful gifts. Money raised from the kits goes to the Parmly

Billings Library Foundation. For more information on these kits or about the Foundation, please contact Leslie Modrow at 237-6149 or email her at Imodrow@billings.lib.mt.us.



Joey Nicholas works on his book.



Friends News

The Friends are still basking in the success of the concert by Harry and the Potters that was sponsored on July 12th. Over 150 people of all ages (but principally parents and children) rocked to the great music of this East Coast foursome who are making their way across the country playing in libraries. It was a great evening!

The next 2 activities coming up for the Friends are their annual sponsorship of the Montana Repertory Theater in a performance of a play titled Antigone 2026 on September 28th. After that will be the annual Friends Book Sale, perhaps their biggest event of the year, on October 19th – 22nd. There will be more about each of these activities in upcoming issues of the Turning Page.

The next Friends Board meeting is Wednesday, August 2nd at 11:00 a.m. on the third floor of the Library.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION Check one MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Regular Member \$10.00 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 510 NORTH BROADWAY Family Member \$25.00 **BILLINGS, MONTANA 59101** Name: Address: City: State: E-mail Address: Phone: __ Interested in Volunteer Work: Sort Books ☐ Book Sale ☐ Price Books ☐ Book Sale Committee Please clip and mail application back with your payment

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included the Mountain Musher's Dog Sled, Zoo Montana, Bear Aware with Gary Grocholski, the Billings Police Dept. K-9 dog, Bearcliff Dog Training and Wild Birds Unlim-

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Library HoursLABOR 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.

AUGUST STORY TIME

Story Time with Carina

Mondays 12:30-1:00 p.m.

August 14 Come and enjoy August 21 fun stories August 28 with Carina!

Story Time

Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.

August 1	No Story Time	
August 8	No Story Time	
August 1	5 No Story Time –	
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August 2	2 Welcome to Story	
Time!		
August 2	9 It's Back to School	
-	Time	

Story Time

Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 a.m. And 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

August 2	No Story Time	
August 9	No Story Time	
August 16	No Story Time –	
Have fun at Montana Fair!		
August 23	Welcome to Story	
	Time!	
August 30	It's Back to School	

Time

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Story Time

Thursdays 10:30-11:30 a.m.

August 3	No Story Time
August 10	No Story Time
August 17	No Story Time -
Have	fun at Montana Fair-
August 24	Welcome to Story
	Time!
August 31	It's Back to
_	School Time

Friday Videos

Fridays 10:	30-11:00 a.m.
August 4	Come and
August 11	watch fun
August 18	videos with
August 25	your friends!