



BARBERSHOP CHORUS TO PRESENT CONCERT

The Library will present a free holiday concert on Saturday, December 11th at 1:00 when members of the Big Sky Barbershop Harmony Chorus present "A *Celebration of Holiday Songs*" on the first floor of the Library.

This award winning group regularly performs throughout the community during the Christmas season and the Library is once again fortunate to have them present a medley of songs celebrating the holiday season.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, who will also serve refreshments.

LIBRARY CONTINUES FOREIGN FILM SERIES

The Library will continue its series of foreign films on Thursday evenings and will feature two excellent French films during December.

On December 2nd, we will show *My Night* at *Maud's* by Eric Rohmer and starring Jean-Louis Trintingant and Francoise Fabian. On December 16th, we will show one of the best political thrillers ever made: *Z*, directed by Costa-Gavras and also starring Jean-Louis Trintingant and Yves Montand. This film won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film in 1969.

All films will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor meeting room.

CHRYSTI THE WORDSMITH COMING THIS MONTH

Attention word lovers! Have you ever wondered why clams are so happy? Just what are the cockles of your heart? Does it really rain cats & dogs or, why would the kettle call the pot black?

To find out the answers to these mysteries, come hear Chrysti Smith, aka "Chrysti the Wordsmith" at a free program at the Library titled "*Happy as a Clam": a Study of Clichés* on Tuesday evening, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Library.

Chrysti is well known to listeners of Yellowstone Public Radio for her daily insights into, and love of, obscure words and phrases and their origins. This program will be a treat for all who attend, so...don't be "mad as a hatter" and "throw the baby out with the bath water." Be sure and attend what promises to be a great program.

Chrysti's program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library & is funded by the Friends of the Library.



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POETRY WORKSHOP FOR TEENS IS SCHEDULED

The Library, and the Friends of the Library, will sponsor a free poetry writing workshop for teens titled *How to Create a Poem* on Monday evening, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor meeting room.

Lolo-based poet and educator B.J. Buckley, who has taught poetry workshops throughout the region, will talk about writing poetry and help those who attend to get started on their own poems.

Any teen who wishes to learn to write poetry is encouraged to register for this free program by calling the Library at 657-8258.





LIBRARY INTRODUCES NEW SERVICE FOR BOOK CLUBS

If you are in an existing book club, or are interested in starting one & are not sure what to read, the Library has a program that will help. This month we will introduce *Book Club in a Bag,* a service funded by the Friends of the Library that will provide multiple copies of 11 different titles of books that can be checked out & used by the members of a book club.

Each Book Club in a Bag will consist of 10 copies of a book & a discussion guide packaged in a blue canvas bag. These bags may be checked out by an individual member of a book club for a period of two months. The individuals who check out the bags may then distribute them to the members of their club, but they are also responsible for seeing that the entire kit, with books and discussion guides, is returned to the Library within the two month period.

The eleven titles in the *Book Club in a Bag* series include:

Atonement, Ian McEwan
Berlin Stories, Christopher Ish-

erwood

Bonesetters Daughter, Amy

Tan

Empire Falls, Richard Russo Fools Crow, James Welch Heart Is a Lonely Hunter, Car-

son McCullers

One Hundred Years of Solitude, Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Shipping News, Annie Proulx When We Were Orphans, Ka-

zuo Ishiguro

Winesburg, Ohio, Sherwood Anderson

Winter Wheat, Mildred Walker

The Library feels that this will be an excellent new service that will help promote the growth of book clubs, as well as provide some fresh reading material for existing book clubs. To find out more about this service, contact the Library at 657-8258.



Foundation News

At this Holiday season, we are reminded of the many ways in which we are blessed. We give thanks for our families, friends, homes and neighbors. We indeed have a special community, one we must care for as well as enjoy. A treasure we share is Parmly Billings Library.

It's a remarkable place as illustrated by these few statistics:

Last year, 374,530 people visited Parmly Billings Library, or 1,100 per day, making it one of the busiest destinations in Downtown Billings.

Over 39,000 library cards are in circulation throughout Yellowstone County.

Last year, the Library's Teen Pit checked out 15,762 books, a 28% increase over the previous year. The new room serving area teens was created with funding from the Library Foundation.

The Library offered 343 programs for all ages last

year, with a total attendance of 16,658. New offerings this year include classic and foreign film series, also funded by the Library Foundation.

We ask that you consider a year end gift to assure the future of the Parmly Billings Library. We on the Foundation pledge to work to make sure our community has a great library for its next 100 years. We need your help. Thank you so much.

Send your tax deductible contribution to: Parmly Billings Library Foundation 510 North Broadway Billings, Montana 59101

For more information call:
Bill Cochran, Library Director
(406) 657-8292
or
Ann Miller
Foundation President
(406) 259-6994



Friends News

As you've probably heard, the Friends recently completed a very successful book sale in October. To recognize this event, Book Sale chairman Linda Larsen came up with 10 reasons why the book sale was so successful.

- 10—Not 1, not 2, but 3 TV stations covered our act.
- 9 The Billings Gazette did a color photo of our poster boy, David, plus lots of press, both accurate and, well...
- 8 This year a HOT PINK street banner hung on Broadway!

- 7 We got Patti (Heimsness) Prints of every volunteer...the best!
- 6 Customers came from as far away as San Dieg!!
- 5 So many volunteers, we ran out of pink aprons!
- 4 We sold 2 Beatles records for \$400!
- 3 Will (Layman) got to use his homemade signs!
- 2 NO ONE made Wilma (Fender) cry!
- 1 Selling donated items & using unpaid volunteers, we garnered \$18,000+!!!

The next Friends Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 8th at 11:00 on the third floor. Any Friends member is invited to attend.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Come and enjoy Holiday Crafts at Parmly Billings Library on Fridays in December.

When:

December 3rd Christmas Count Down Calendar (ages 3 & up)

December 10th Holiday Tissue Paper Wreath (ages 4 & up)

December 17th Winter Photo Frame (ages 5 & up) *Children under 8 years must be accompanied by a parent.

Time: 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Where: Parmly Billings Li-

brary, 3rd floor

Cost: Free to the public. Registration is required.

657-8256

KID'S HOLIDAY VIDEOS

HANUKKAH

VHS J 296.435 Lamb Chop's Special Chanukah VHS J 394.2 Hanukkah VHS J 296.435 Candle Unto Candle: a Hanukkah Celebration

CHRISTMAS

VHS J LEGEND The Legend of the Candy Cane
VHS J OLIVE Olive the
Other Reindeer
VHS J BEST The Best
Christmas Pageant Ever

KWANZAA

VHS J RUGRATS Rugrat's: Kwanzaa VHS J 394.2 Kwanzaa VHS J 394.261 The Celebration of Kwanzaa

MULTI CULTURAL

VHS J DORA Dora the Explorer: Christmas!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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



Library HoursLABOR 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.

DECEMBER STORY TIME

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

December 7 Cookie Time
December 14 Happy Holidays!
December 21 Merry Christmas!
December 28 No Story Time

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

December 1 A Tree is Nice
December 8 Cookie Time
December 15 Happy Holidays!
December 22 Merry Christmas!
December 29 No Story Time

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

December 2 A Tree is Nice
December 9 Cookie Time
December 16 Happy Holidays
December 23 Merry Christmas!
December 30 No Story Time

Bears at the Movies Fridays 10:30-11:00 a.m.

December 3 Come and enjoy December 10 fun holiday December 17 videos December 24 with your December 31 friends!

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