

BARBERSHOP CHORUS TO PRESENT CONCERT

The Library will present a free holiday concert on Saturday, December 10th 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.



FOREIGN FILM SERIES CONCLUDES

The Library's series of foreign films that have been shown on Thursday evenings will conclude over the next two months with the following 4 films:

December 1st: **Everybody's Famous** (Academy Award nominee, 2000) December 15th: **In The Mood for Love** (2000)

January 5th: **Shall We Dance** (1996) **Pauline at the Beach**

All films begin at 7 pm on the 3rd floor.



FRIENDS TO SPONSOR POETRY READING

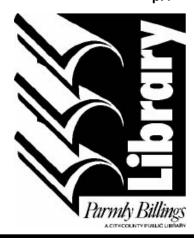
The Friends of the Library will sponsor a special poetry reading featuring New York-based poet Bertha Rogers on Tuesday evening, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor.

Ms. Rogers, who is the poet laureate of Delaware County, New York as well as a well-known visual artist, is also the translator of a well-received edition of *Beowulf* and the author of other collections of poetry. She conducts poetry readings and teaches throughout the country. She will be reading from her latest poetry collection titled *Even the Hemlock: Poems, Illuminations, and Reliquaries*, and signing copies of the book.

If you are in the mood for some excellent poetry, as well as a lively discussion about poetry writing, you will want to be sure to attend this program.

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FOOD AND DECORATING IDEAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Are you looking for some new and creative food or decorating ideas for the upcoming holidays? Tired of the same old stuff? Then be sure to come to the Library on Monday, December 5th to hear Yellowstone County Extension Agent Bernice Mason talk about *Food and Decorating Ideas for the Holidays.*

Bernice will talk about ways that you can spice up the holidays with some easy ideas for some new foods, as well as some ideas for easy-to-make decorations.

This free program will start at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor.

HOLIDAY SEASON ON THE INTERNET: THE VERY SHORT LIST

Here are a few Internet sites with Christmas, Hanukkah, & Kwanzaa information, games, and activities for adults and children:

All at once:

http://marilee.us/seasonal2.html

Marilee's Winter Holiday Links: links to information about and activities for all kinds of holidays.

Christmas:

http://www.santas.net/aroundtheworld.htm

Christmas around the world: Want to say "Merry Christmas" in Japaese? Find it here!

http://www.kate.net/holidays/ christmas/

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas page: decorating ideas, crafts, kids' games, family activities, links to other Christmas pages

http://www.claus.com/

Santa Claus at claus.com: Santa's home page from the North Pole – what's your Naughty or Nice rating? slow to load, but worth the wait

http://www.victoriana.com/christmas/

Victorian Christmas: links to crafts, decorations, etc.

Hanukkah:

History & traditions of Hanukkah http://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/default.asp

Virtual Hanukkah from Chabad.orghttp://www.jewfaq.org/ holiday7.htm Judaism 101 history & traditions of Hanukkah with recipes & games

Kwanzaa:

The Official Kwanzaa website http://www.tike.com/celeb-kw.htm

Everything about Kwanzaa: a unique African-American holiday, http://www.kidsdomain.com/holiday/kwanzaa/

Kwanzaa for children: crafts, games, activities

GARY SVEE TO TALK AT LIBRARY

Popular local author Gary Svee, winner of multiple Spur Awards, will present a program on Saturday, December 17th at 2:00 on the third floor of the Library.

Gary's latest book, *The Outcast*, is the subject of the current One Book Billings program, and has been read and discussed this month by over 75 participants in book discussion groups throughout Billings.

Gary will talk about his writing and his books, read selections from *The Out-cast*, and sign copies of his book. For







Foundation News

Foundation Announces New Development Director

The Parmly Billings Library Foundation is pleased to announce Leslie Modrow as the foundation's Development Director. She has over 10 years' experience in fundraising and marketing. In addition, she is a licensed securities agent.

Contributions to the Foundation are invested with the advice of local professionals. Proceeds from the investments benefit the library by providing a continual source of revenues -- year after year. All donations, no matter the size, are truly "gifts that keep on giving."

How can you make a lasting gift to the library? Consider the Parmly Billings Library Foundation. Contributions to the Foundation may include: gifts of cash, gifts of personal assets, memorial or honorary gifts and bequests in wills.

Your donation may allow you to receive a Montana Tax Credit. Donors can decrease their Montana state income tax liability by giving a qualifying planned gift to a Montana charitable endowment. When you make a planned gift to The Parmly Billings Library Foundation, you will receive tax benefits while also directing your dollars to future needs of the Parmly Billings Library. Unlike a tax deduction, a tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of Montana income tax liability.

For more information regarding the Foundation and giving opportunities, please contact Leslie Modrow, Development Director, at (406) 237-6149 or email her at Imodrow@billings.lib.mt.us.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Come and enjoy Holiday Crafts at Parmly Billings Library on Fridays in December from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The programs are designed for ages 3 and up.

December 2nd we will be making "Let it Snow" door hangers.

December 9th we will be making foam Gingerbread Houses.

December 16th we will be making "Cookies for Santa" placemats.

Children under 8 years must be accompanied by a parent. Registration is required. Please call 657-8256 to reserve a spot for your child.



Friends News

The Friends have wrapped up another successful year of volunteer work and book sales, capped by the annual Book Sale in October which netted over \$16,000 in sales for the Friends. During this past year, the Friends have earned over \$25,000 from a combination of the October Book Sale, the small afternoon mini-sales they have held, and the sales from the Book Nook on the first floor. This is money that will, over time,

by used to support programs and services at the Library.

During the recent Book Sale, longtime volunteers Ken and Marion Feyhl were recognized for many years of service. In their honor, the Friends have purchased the following books for the Library's collection: *Montana's Yellowstone River*, *Eyewitness D-Day* and *Restoring a Presence: American Indians and Yellowstone National Park*. These books will soon be in circulation.

SPECIAL READING OF "CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY"

Come and enjoy a special reading of "Christmas Every Day" on Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m. Mary-Louise Nelson will be reading this special holiday story by William Dean Howells. In this tale, written in 1892, a little girl begs her father for a new Christmas story. The father then tells his daughter the story of a little girl who wanted it to be Christmas every day. The story had not been in print since 1908 when Richard Paul Evans found it and used it in his book "The Christmas Box". This special reading will take place on the first floor.

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



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.

DECEMBER STORY TIME

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

December 5 Come and December 12 enjoy fun December 19 stories with Carina!

December 26 Library Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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

December 6 A Tree is Nice
December 13 Holiday Stories
December 20 Santa is Coming
to Town

December 27 No Story Time

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

Fun Afternoon Story Time

Wednesdays 12:30-1:00 p.m. 3-6 yr. olds

December 7 A Tree is Nice
December 14 Holiday Stories
December 21 Santa is Coming to
Town
December 28 No Story Time

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

December 1 Cookies are Good to Eat
December 8 A Tree is Nice
December 15 Holiday Stories
December 22 Santa is Coming to
Town

December 29 No Story Time

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

December 2 Come and
December 9 enjoy fun
December 16 holiday videos
December 23 with
December 30 your friends!

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