

FRIENDS SCHEDULE 'BOOK GIVE AWAY DAY'

The Friends of the Library invite you to come to a *Friends Book Give Away Day* on Sunday, February 15^{th} , between 1-5 p.m. on the third floor.

The Friends have been receiving a large number of donations of older children's books, textbooks and older hardback fiction & nonfiction books. These are items that do not normally sell at their annual book sale so the Friends are inviting the public to bring bags & boxes and choose as much as you want from thousands of books that will be given away at this free give away day.

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

CALLIGRAPHERS PRESENT SPECIAL VALENTINE PROGRAM

Members of the Yellowstone Calligrapher's Guild will once again present their popular *Valentine Calligraphy for the Family* program on Saturday morning, February 7th, beginning at 10:30.

This will be a hands-on program for children & parents. Members of the Guild will furnish all supplies & show how to make special Valentine's Day cards, envelopes & gifts.

All children who come to this program must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call the Library at 657-8258.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During February the Library and the Black Heritage Foundation of Billings will recognize Black History month by presenting four Thursday night programs recognizing the various accomplishments of African Americans.

The following programs will be presented:

Thursday, February 5th: **Stories That Connect Us,** presented by Cornelia McDonald

Thursday, February 12th: *Fanny Crosby: writer of Hymns*, presented by Ruth Curtis & Paul Reeder

Thursday, February 19th *The Tuskegee Airmen*, pre-

sented by Francis Dixon & Gwen Kircher

Thursday, February 26th

Strom Thurmond: a Speak Out,
presented by Gene Coleman

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LIBRARY OFFERS DATABASE & INTERNET CLASSES

Library staff will offer classes in the use of its library catalog, magazine databases & the Internet during February.

The following classes will be offered:

Library Catalog: This class covers the basics of using a mouse & keyboard, provides an introduction to the Library's computer catalog & shows how to find materials in the Library

Wednesday, February 4, 4:00 p.m.

Magazine Databases: This class focuses on the full-text online databases, and the various ways to search them.

Wednesday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

Internet Basics: This class is designed for those comfortable with computers but with little experience on the Internet. It teaches the basics of search engines & finding information on the Internet.

Saturday, February 14, 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 9:00 a.m.

Registration is required for these classes. To register, contact the Library at 657-8258.





FRIENDS MAKE DONATION TO TEEN PIT

The Friends of the Library recently donated \$1,200 to purchase materials for the Teen Pit, the Library's collection of books, music and audios for middle and high school students.

Young adult Librarian Loren Thompson, who presented the request to the Friends, has seen a big interest in "graphic" novels, or novels that are illustrated. This is a genre that is particularly popular with teens. Half of the Friend's donation will be used to purchase additional graphic novels for the Teen Pit.

The other half of the donation will be used to purchase audio tapes of popular fiction and non-fiction materials, another format that is heavily used by teens.

The Library would once again like to thank the Friends for their continued support of the Library's services & collections.

PROGRAM ON OPENING A BUSINESS COMES THIS MONTH

Have you every thought about opening your own business, but are not sure what is involved or who to talk to? Deanna South, of the Big Sky Economic Development Authority will present a program titled *How to Open a Business in Billings* on Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the third floor meeting room.

Though the Library has a large collection of books on opening & running small businesses, Ms. South will talk about the specifics of opening a business here in Billings, the basics of preparing a business plan and where to go to get the appropriate forms that are needed.

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



Foundation News

To all of those who supported the Parmly Billings Library through their contributions this past year, we extend a heartfelt, "Thank You!" So many in our community have made the Library a priority in their personal giving. What a wonderful community we live in. And as we know, "A Great Community Deserves A Great Library!"

On January 6, our Library Foundation Board met in a special "retreat" to discuss priorities for the coming year. The Board identified four key areas on which to focus our efforts this coming year. To summarize, efficiency with our finances, effectiveness as an with our finances, effectiveness as an organization, collaboration with other community organization and strong relationship with our benefactors will be keys to a successful year. If you have an interest in assisting the Library through the Foundation, please let us know.

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 or send us an email at libfound@billings.lib.mt.us

Bill Cochran, Library Director (406) 657-8292

or Ann Miller Foundation President (406) 259-6994



Friends News

The Friends are busy preparing for their *Friends Book Give Away Day* on Sunday, February 15th. From 1 – 5 in the afternoon, the public can come and pick from a large selection of books that the Friends will be giving away to the public. The Friends receive quantities of books that do not sell at the annual book sale, including textbooks & older children's & adult fiction & nonfiction books. This 'housecleaning' is a way of making these books available to the public at no cost. They are inviting the public to bring bags & boxes and take help them clear these materials from their sorting area.

The Friends would also like to remind you that there are a large number of free books that are available for the public on Wednesday mornings between 10:00 & 2:00 when the Friends work on sorting materials. The public is invited to come at that time to go through these books.

The next Friends Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 4th at 11:00 a.m. on the third floor. Any Friends member is invited to attend.

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



I LOVE TO READ FAMILY READING PROGRAM

Parmly Billings Library will celebrate "I Love to Read" month with the seventh annual "Family Reading Program". Registration for the program will continue through February 4th. During the program, families who read together for 20 minutes a day will record the date in a reading journal. Families completing the program will receive a book and be entered into a drawing for a special grand prize. Craft programs will be held on Feb. 6th and 13th at the Library from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The "End of Program Event" will be held on Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st floor of the Library. The program will feature "Magic by Bob" and is open to the public. For more information please call the Children's Services Desk at 657-





Library Hours LABOR DAY - MEMORIAL DAY

10 am - 9
10 am - 9
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10 am -6 pm
10 am -5 pm
1 pm - 5 pm

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

FEBRUARY STORY TIME

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

February 3 Is It Still Snowing?
February 10 Will You Be My Valentine?
February 17 Pet Parade
February 24 Dinosaur Daze

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

February 4 Is It Still Snowing?
February 11 Will You Be My Valentine?
February 18 Pet Parade
February 25 Dinosaur Daze

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

February 5 Is It Still Snowing? February 12 Will You Be My Valentine? February 19 Pet Parade February 26 Dinosaur Daze

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

February 6 Come and enjoy February 13 fun videos February 20 with your February 27 friends!

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