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All during February— it's Black History Month!

Check the article and calendar—
we're offering programs, films and a book
discussion to recognize Black History Month.

AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Programs, Films, Book Discussion

PROGRAMS

The Library, in conjunction with the *Black Heritage Foundation*, is sponsoring a number of Thursday Programs that recognize Black History Month in February. Please join us for the following:

- Thursday, February 7: **Music, Blues & Gospel**
- Thursday, February 14: **Buffalo Soldiers**
- Thursday, February 21: **The Harlem Renaissance**
- Thursday, February 28: **Montana's Black Pioneers**

These are free and begin at 7:00pm on the 3rd Floor of the Library.

FILMS

In addition, the following Films will be shown on Saturdays during Black History Month:

- Saturday, February 9: *Mississippi Burning* with Gene Hackman & Willem Defoe (1988, R)
- Saturday, February 16: *Catch a Fire* with Tim Robbins & Derek Luke (2006, PG-13)
- Saturday, February 23: *Glory Road* with Josh Lucas (2006, PG)

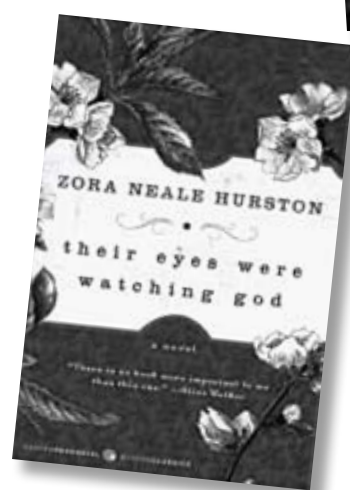
These excellent Films are free and begin at 11:00am on the 3rd Floor of the Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION

During Black History Month the Library is sponsoring a Discussion of the classic book *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. Ms. Hurston, whose book was published in 1937, was a prominent member of the Harlem Renaissance.

This Discussion will be held on Tuesday, February 19, at 7:00pm on the 3rd Floor of the Library. To register and receive a free copy, contact the Library at 657-8258 or stop by the Reference desk on the 2nd Floor.

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Black History Month

was established in 1976 by African-Americans to study African-American life and history. The month-long celebration was an expansion of Negro History Week, which had been initiated in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, director of what was then known as the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Woodson selected the week in February that included the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

News & Views

of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

BOOK REVIEW

by Bruce Wittenberg

No Country for Old Men

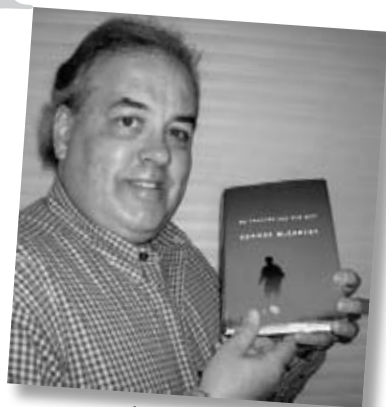
by Cormac McCarthy (Knopf, 2005)

"It's a mess, ain't it Sheriff?"

"If it ain't, it'll do till a mess gets here."

And so Sheriff Bell describes the carnage of a drug deal gone very bad. Set in the desolate country along the Texas/Mexico border, the story involves Viet Nam vet Llewellyn Moss stumbling onto the scene of the slaughter—and the \$2.4 million that was left behind. The decision Moss makes to keep the satchel full of cash is a fateful one, putting him in the sights of a sociopathic killer, Anton Chigurh.

I chose to read this book after seeing the movie. Normally, it's the other way around, but the intriguing characters, particularly the evil Chigurh, led me to explore McCarthy's novel. Although the odd lack of punctuation is a bit distracting, it's a very creative novel. The story is told with first



Bruce Wittenberg, Parmly Billings Library Foundation Board Member and Executive Director of Leadership Montana

person meditations by Sheriff Bell, reflecting on a long career as he ponders retirement and tries to deal with the violence that has invaded his sleepy border town. Unable to deal with the killing and out-matched by the evil, he concludes that this is truly *no country for old men*.

Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

The Friends of the Library recently unveiled a new painting in Children's Services titled *Shedding a Little Light on the Subject*. The Friends commissioned the painting from Billings' artist, *Marilyn Beth Hughes*, in memory of two longtime Friends volunteers, *Berta Morrison* and *Barbara Sessions*.



February at Parmly Billings Library!

					1 Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am	2 10:30am Family Valentine Calligraphy Workshop
			NOTES: Black History Month=BHM Book Club Blast Off! times and dates are given in last square on calendar			
3	4 5pm Library Show Channel 7 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm	5 Teddy Bear Cubs Snow Stories 10:30-11am 5:30pm Spanish Conversation	6 10am Ch. 7 Library Show Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Fun Story Time Snow Stories 12:20-1pm	7 The Story Bears Snow Stories 10:30-11am 7pm BHM Program Music, Blues & Gospel	8 Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am Kids' Crafts 4-5pm	9 11am BHM Film Mississippi Burning
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17	18 Library Closed We'll observe Presidents' Day	19 Teddy Bear Cubs Dinosaur Daze 10:30-11am 7pm BHM Discussion Their Eyes Were Watching God by Nora Neale Hurston	20 10am Ch. 7 Library Show Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Fun Story Time Dinosaur Daze 12:20-1pm	21 The Story Bears Dinosaur Daze 10:30-11am 7pm BHM Program The Harlem Renaissance	22 Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am	23 11am BHM Film Glory Road
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Family Valentine Calligraphy Workshop

The Library will help families get ready for Valentine's Day when we host *Valentine Calligraphy for the Family* on Saturday morning, February 2, 10:30am on the 3rd Floor.

Members of the *Yellowstone Calligraphers Guild* will bring the supplies and the expertise, and will help children and their parents make different kinds of Valentine cards and gifts in this fun, hands-on craft activity. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, and adults are encouraged to participate.

Spanish Conversation Group

¿Habla Español? The Library's *Spanish Conversation Group* will meet on Tuesday, February 5, 5:30pm; Saturday, February 16, 1:30pm; and Thursday, February 28, 5:30pm. Whether you are fluent or just learning, come join the conversation! We usually have treats, too.

Infomobile Calendar!
Download February's schedule at
www.billings.lib.mt.us

Book Club Blast Off!

The Library is offering three opportunities to help you get started in a book club. Come to the Library's 3rd Floor on Wednesday, February 27, 2:00pm or 7:00pm, or on Saturday, March 1, 2:00pm. Library staff and volunteers will be available to help start up new book clubs and will mentor them through their first two or three months of getting going. If you've thought of belonging to a book club but never got around to it, or used to but got away from it, bring your curiosity and perhaps a friend or two. You'll soon be exploring new books with other readers who will reinforce but also challenge your own insights about books and life.

And, check the new Book Club page on the Library's website, www.billings.lib.mt.us/bookclub.html. You'll find links to resources and guides, a list of local book clubs that welcome new members (children or adults), and lots of great tips whether you're new to book clubs or a long-standing member of one.

Celebrate "I Love to Read" Month! 12th Annual Family Reading Program

Parmly Billings Library celebrates "I Love to Read" Month with our *12th Annual Family Reading Program*. Program registration continues through February 8. The Family Reading Program encourages families to develop the habit of reading aloud together. Studies have shown that children who are read aloud to have improved language skills and are more successful in school. During the Program, families who read together for 20 minutes a day record the date in their Reading Journal. Families completing the program will receive a book and be entered into a drawing for a special grand prize.

Magic by Bob ~ February 27, Wednesday, 7:00pm
Everyone is invited to celebrate the end of "I Love to Read" Month with a special program featuring "Magic by Bob." Bob will perform on the 1st Floor of the Library.

For more information, call the Children's Services Desk at 657-8256 or visit www.billings.lib.mt.us

LUNCH & LEARN

Lunch & Learn programs begin at noon on the 3rd Floor of the Library. *Bring your lunch and come to learn!*

Getting Started in Genealogy~

February 6, Wednesday, Noon
Presented by Members of the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum

How to Buy a Computer... for Beginners~

February 20, Wednesday, Noon
Presented by Kathy Robins of Parmly Billings Library

How to be a Good Medical Consumer~

February 27, Wednesday, Noon
Presented by Sue Bailey, Yellowstone County Council on Aging

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm

Helpful Information

Phone numbers ~

Hours: 657-8259
Infomobile: 657-3091
Reference: 657-8258
Renewals: 247-8519
Senior/Homebound: 657-8255
TDD/TTY: 657-3079
Children's: 657-8256
Foundation: 237-6149
Friends of the Library: 237-6170

Webpage ~ www.billings.lib.mt.us

Email ~ refdesk@billings.lib.mt.us

Story Time Programs ~

Carina's Stories
Mondays, 12:30-1pm
Teddy Bear Cubs
Tuesdays, 10:30-11am
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)
Honeycomb Kids
Wednesdays, 10:30-11am
(2-3 year olds & parent/caregiver)
Fun Afternoon Story Time
12:30-1pm
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)
The Story Bears
Thursdays, 10:30-11am
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Video Programs ~

Bears at the Movies
Fridays, 10:30-11am