

LIBRARY PLANS AN EVENING OF JAZZ

If you are someone who has listened to jazz, but isn't quite sure what it is all about, you will want to attend the Library's program *How to Listen to Jazz* on Wednesday evening, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor meeting room.

Popular local jazz musician Ralph Sappington will bring his trumpet and talk about the origins of jazz, play examples of the great jazz musicians including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Miles Davis and talk about how musicians improvise.

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



MEDICARE PROGRAM SCHEDULED IN JANUARY

If you are interested in staying informed about the recent changes in Medicare coverage, you will want to attend a program titled *Medicare Part D and You* on Thursday, January 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the third floor meeting room.

Representatives from the Yellowstone County Council on Aging will discuss the recent changes in Medicare coverage and the effect that they will have on people. Registration is required for this program. To register, call the Library at 657-8258.

FRIENDS TO SPONSER FREE BOOK DAY

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a *Friends Book Give Away Day* on Saturday, January 21st from noon to 4:00 p.m. on the third floor of the Library.

There will be a large selection of textbooks, older children's book and older hardback books that will be free for the taking. These are materials that the Friends have been unable to sell at their book sales. Bring your bags and boxes and take your pick from hundreds of free books.

NEWS FROM THE TEEN PIT

The Library will sponsor 2 activities for teens this month. On Tuesday, January 10th, representatives from the Academy of Nail and Skin Technology will present a program titled *The Basics of Cosmetics and Makeup for Teens.* They will discuss the best way to use and apply cosmetics and makeup and make recommendations for appropriate types to use. This program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Pit on the second floor of the Library.

The Library's ongoing teen book discussion group, Teens on Tuesday, will read *A Coyote's in the House* by Elmore Leonard. This book discussion group, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is open to middle school students who enjoy reading and talking about the books they read. This month, the group will meet on Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Pit. To register for the group, and a copy of the book, call at 657-8258.

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A SHORT LIST OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. INTERNET SITES

http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/ The Martin Luther King Jr Papers Project at Stanford University

http://familyeducation.com/topic/ front/0,1156,1-4644,00.html Family Education Network lesson plans and information on MLK Jr for children.

http://www.toptags.com/aama/voices/speeches/speech1.htm
Afro-American Almanac's full text of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. There are many more of Dr. King's works at this site – click on the Biographies link, and follow the MLK links from there.

http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/ mlk/

The Seattle Times special webpage on Dr. King & the Civil Rights movement.

http://www.nps.gov/malu/ Dr King's birthplace National Historic Site in Atlanta, GA

http://www.inmotionmagazine.com/mlk3.html

Forgotten Teachings of Martin Luther King, by Paul Rockwell. Quotes from MLK's writings on affirmative action.

http://www.holidays.net/mlk/ List of links from Holidays on the Web

http://www.geocities.com/Athens/ Troy/9087/mlk.html Holiday Zone page of events and activities for the holiday.

There are many more web sites about the Civil Rights movement in general and Dr. King in particular. Search for information on Teoma.com, or Google.com, and check out your findings. Be sure to check the authors of the site – not every site

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WEBSITES

For those of you who make resolutions every new year, then feel guilty about not keeping them, or those who want tips on what kind of resolution to make, or just want to see some funny ones, here are a few interesting Internet sites. Keep in mind that most of these pages have not yet been updated for 2006!

http://www.fridgedoor.info/wintercelebrations/new-years-resolutions.php Starting the Year with New Year's Resolutions

http://www.fridgedoor.info/wintercelebrations/new-years.php A history of New Year's Day

http://www.hiaspire.com/newyear/ Resolutions Reminders

http://www2.postcards.org/postcards/ cards/0340/ Send a (humorous) Resolution post card to a friend (site has pop-up ads)

http://www.pioneerthinking.com/ wh_resolutions.html Wendy Hearn on resolutions

http://www.allthingsfrugal.com/ resolutions.htm All Things Frugal on how to keep your resolutions once you've made them

http://pittsburgh.about.com/cs/holidays/tp/resolutions.htm

The top ten resolutions every year, from About.com

http://wilstar.com/holidays/newyear.htm New Year holiday traditions and resolutions

http://coldwetnose.ws/ Top 9 resolutions by pets (good for a giggle)

http://www.washington.edu/newsroom/ news/1997archive/12-97archive/ k122397.html

University of Washington article on how to keep resolutions once you've made them.



Foundation News

We have a great Library. But a Library like ours - a vital, responsive, and proactive library - cannot be built or sustained on its own. Public funding alone cannot result in the kind of programs and collections that capture the minds and hearts of readers and citizens of all ages. Understanding that public funds are limited, the Parmly Billings Library Foundation was established in 1988 by far-sighted citizens who understood this reality. Since then, the Parmly Billings Library Foundation has raised close to \$1 million in private funds which have gone to purchase

the Infomobile, the Teen Pit, movie licenses and most recently, wireless technology. The Parmly Billings Library Foundation is a partner raising funds to help make our Library great and assure it stays great. Together with Parmly Billings Library Foundation, our Library will continue to evolve, meet our community's needs, and inspire our dreams for tomorrow.

What to help?

Please contact: Leslie Modrow, Development Director of Parmly Billings Library Foundation

406-237-6149 or Imodrow@billings.lib.mt.us



Friends News

The Friends of the Library sponsored 2 excellent programs in December. New York poet Bertha Rogers came on a cold Tuesday night and read some of her poetry to about a dozen eager listeners. On Saturday, December 10th, the Big Sky Chorus came and presented Christmas carols and holiday songs to about 70 people on the first floor of the Library. The Friends once again served refreshments for this program.

The Friends will be sponsoring a Free Book Give Away Day on Saturday, January 21st from noon to 4:00. Hundreds of older children's books, textbooks and hardback fiction and nonfiction books will be available to the public for the taking on this day.

At their recent Board meeting, the Friends have also committed to contributing \$2,000 to the Library to assist in building a small collection of fiction and nonfiction books in Spanish. These materials will be purchased after the first of the year and should be available to the public in the spring.

The next Friends Board meeting is Wednesday, January 4th at 11:00 a.m. on the third floor of the Library. Any Friends member is welcome to attend.

FAMILY READING PROGRAM

Parmly Billings Library will celebrate I Love to Read month with the tenth annual Family Reading Program. Registration for the program will begin January 23rd. Family Reading is designed to encourage 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 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 Fridays at the Library from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Preregistration is required for the crafts. An End of Program Event will also be held. For more information please call the Children's Services Desk at 657-8256 or visit www.billings.lib.mt.us

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

On Monday, January 16th, schools, federal offices, post offices and banks across America will be closed as we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the newest American national holiday. The holiday was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on Nov. 2. 1983. It honors the life and birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, who spent his life trying to remove injustices in a peaceful manner. To help celebrate this day and the life of Dr. King, Jr. come in and check out our titles.

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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.

JANUARY STORY TIME

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

January 2 Library Closed – Happy New Year! January 9 Come and enjoy January 16 Library Closed – MLK, Jr. Day

January 23 fun stories January 30 with Carina!

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

January 3 Happy New Year January 10 Winter Tales January 17 Snowman's Party January 24 Is it Still Snowing? January 31 Me and My Shadow

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

January 4 Happy New Year January 11 Winter Tales January 18 Snowman's Party January 25 Is it Still Snowing? The Story Bears 3-6 yr. olds Thursdays 10:30-11:00 a.m.

January 5 Happy New Year January 12 Winter Tales January 19 Snowman's Party January 26 Is it Still Snowing?

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

January 6 Happy New Year, Charlie Brown January 13 The Snowy Day January 20 The Adventures of Snowden January 27 The Snowman

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