

The Turning Page



NO IRISH NEED APPLY

Folk singer and storyteller Bill Rossiter, from Kalispell, will present a special program titled *No Irish Need Apply: the Irish-American Experience in Story and Song* on Monday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Rossiter will talk, and sing about, the folk and popular culture as told in stories and songs about the experience of the Irish in America during the 1800's. Mr. Rossiter is a member of the Montana Committee for the Humanities and a former faculty member at Flathead Community College. This is his fifth appearance at the Library and this program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

VERBOPHILE ALERT!

Chrysti Smith, aka Chrysti the Wordsmith of Yellowstone Public Radio, will present a program at the Library titled *Dictionary Caravan* on Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. **MORE INFORMATION ON THIS WILL FOLLOW SOON!**

ONE BOOK BILLINGS AUTHOR TO TALK AT LIBRARY

Russell Rowland, whose book *In Open Spaces* is the subject of the current One Book Billings book discussion groups that are being held throughout the city, will give a program at the Library on Saturday, March 18th at 2:00 on the third floor.

Mr. Rowland, who now lives in San Francisco but is a 1976 graduate of West High School, will talk about his writing and read excerpts from his book.



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CALEDONIAN SOCIETY COMES IN MARCH

One of the Library's most popular programs is scheduled this month when members of the Billings Caledonian Society present ***Scotland Through Her Dances and Music*** on Saturday, March 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Come and listen to the pipes and drums and see the dancers from the Caledonian Society as they demonstrate some of Scotland's most popular music and dances.

This program will be on the third floor of the Library and is free to the public.



NEW BOOK CLUB KITS AVAILABLE

The Library has added 4 new titles to its popular Book Club in a Bag series that can be used by book clubs throughout the community. The recently added books are ***Outcast*** by Gary Svee, Pulitzer Prize winner ***Gilead*** by Marilynne Robinson, ***A Million Little Pieces*** by James Frey and ***Night*** by Elie Wiesel. The Library now has a total of 29 book club kits, each of which can be checked out for a period of 8 weeks.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT

Celebrate "National Craft Month" at the Library by participating in an after school St. Patrick's Day craft. We will be making a shamrock necklace. This special craft is

designed for ages and 3 and up. It will be held Friday, March 10th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the Library's 3rd floor. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Children's Services at 657-8256.

NEWS FROM THE TEEN PIT

The Library will sponsor a special program for teens titled ***The Basics of Hair Care for Teens*** on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Teen Pit.

Representatives from the Academy of Nail & Skin Technology will discuss the best ways to care for your hair, including the best shampoos and different hair styles that can be used.

The Library's teen book discussion group, *Teens on Tuesday*, is continuing to meet and is reading some great books. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The book that will be read on March 21st is ***Artemis Fowl*** by Eoin Coifer. Middle-school students are encouraged to sign up for this group, read the book and come to discuss it with other students. The Library will provide a free copy of the book to those who register by calling 657-8258.

PROGRAM ON SPORTS CARD COLLECTING SCHEDULED

Remember all of those sports trading cards that you collected when you were young, but probably never kept? Veteran sports card collector Phil Witschi will let you know if they were valuable in a program titled ***Introduction to Sports Card Collecting*** to be scheduled for Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Witschi will talk about the history of sports cards, which ones are valuable and how to find out about them, show examples of cards that he has collected, and talk about places to purchase sports cards in this informative program.





Foundation News

The Parmly Billings Library Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 "not for profit" corporation, was created to ensure that the Parmly Billings Library is not just another library, but an excellent library for our community. The foundation's objectives are to provide, enhance and enrich the programs and services of the Library to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Your gift to the Parmly Billings Library Foundation today will ensure that our library is positioned to meet those challenges and ensure that our Library

remains a vibrant and essential component of our community.

For more information, please contact Leslie Modrow, Development Director for the Parmly Billings Library Foundation at 237-6149 or email her at lmodrow@billings.lib.mt.us



Friends News

The Friends will hold a special Sneak Preview or Mini Sale on Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 – 2:00 on the third floor. This sale will be open to Friends members only, or to those who wish to join at the door. Thousands of high quality used and nearly new books and paperbacks will be available at the regular great prices that the Friends always offer. There will be a large selection of collectible books available at special prices as well.

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

The Friends also want to encourage people who have e-mail to send your e-mail address to the Friends at mail@parmyfriends.org.

The next Friends Board meeting is Wednesday, March 1st at 11:00 a.m. on the third floor of the Library.

NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The 2006 Newbery and Caldecott medal winners were announced at the American Library Association mid-winter meeting on January 23rd. The Newbery Medal, named in honor of John Newbery, has been awarded annually since 1922. The medal is awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to literature for children published in the U.S. in the preceding year. The 2006 medal was awarded to Lynne Rae Perkins for her book "Criss Cross." Four titles were chosen as a Newbery Honor books for 2006. They are "Whittington," by Alan Armstrong; "Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow," by Susan Campbell Bartoletti; "Princess Academy," by Shannon Hale; and "Show Way," by Jacqueline Woodson.

The Caldecott Medal, named in honor of 19th century illustrator Randolph Caldecott, has been awarded annually since 1938. The medal is awarded to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children published in the U.S. during the preceding year. The 2006 medal was awarded to illustrator Chris Raschka for the book "The Hello, Goodbye Window," written by Norton Juster. The 2006 Caldecott Honor books are "Rosa," illustrated by Bryan Collier and written by Nikki Giovanni; "Zen Shorts," illustrated and written by Jon J. Muth; "Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride," illustrated and written by Marjorie Priceman and "Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems," illustrated by Beckie Prange and written by Joyce Sidman.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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- Regular Member \$10.00
 Family Member \$25.00

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
 510 NORTH BROADWAY
 BILLINGS, MONTANA 59101

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

- Interested in Volunteer Work: Sort Books Book Sale
 Price Books 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.

MARCH STORY TIME

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

March 6	Come and
March 13	enjoy fun
March 20	stories
March 27	with Carina!

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

March 7	Lions and Lambs
March 14	Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 21	Think Spring!
March 28	Let's Fly a Kite

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

New and Fun Afternoon Story Time!
Wednesdays 12:20-1:00 p.m.
3-6 yr. olds

March 1	Dr. Seuss
March 8	Lions and Lambs
March 15	Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 22	Think Spring!
March 29	Let's Fly a Kite

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

March 2	Dr. Seuss
March 9	Lions and Lambs
March 16	Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 23	Think Spring!
March 30	Let's Fly a Kite

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

March 3	Come and see
March 10	fun videos
March 17	with
March 24	your family
March 31	and friends!

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