

## FRIENDS COLLECTIBLE BOOK SALE

Were you at the annual Friends Book Sale in October and missed picking up those collectible books that you wanted? Now is your chance.

On Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a Collectible Book Sale during which people will have an opportunity to purchase books, at great prices, that were originally in the Friends collectible area during the fall Book Sale.

This sale will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the third floor of the Library.

### **SE HABLA ESPANOL**

The Library is starting a Spanish Conversation group that will meet twice a month at the Library, and will give people an opportunity to talk about...whatever they want to talk about...books, politics, current events, or just to get to know each other and improve their Spanish.

The group will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., and the second Saturday of each month, from 1:30 – 3:00. In March, the group will meet on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> on the third floor of the Library.

Each group will have a moderator or facilitator, who will pick a topic for discussion or who will work to get things going. Anyone, from fluent speakers to those who are learning Spanish, is welcome to attend. To find out more information, or to get on an e-mail list of those interested, contact Jim Peters at the Library at 657-8291 or PetersJ@ci.billings.mt.us.

## LUNCH AND LEARN IN MARCH

The Library will present four excellent Lunch and Learn programs during March.

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>: *Square Foot Gardening: Great Yields from Small Spaces.* Vicki Thomas, from Gainans Garden Center, will talk about the best way to make the most of your garden this spring.

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>: *An Introduction to Mozart's Cosi fan Tutte.* The Rimrock Opera will present Mozart's opera on March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Learn more about this music when members of the company talk about *Cosi fan Tutte*.

Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>: *Introduction to Kites*. Spring is in the air & people think about kites. Terry Lee, who mounts the kite exhibit at the airport, will bring some examples of kits & share kite patterns and instructions with those who come to this program.

Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: *Military Women in Iraq & Afghanistan*. As part of Women's History Month, Library staff member Lynne Puckett, a Captain in the Navy Reserve, will discuss the role that women are playing in the military in our war in the Middle East.

Each of these programs begins at Noon on the third floor meeting room, so...bring your lunch and learn.

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## FIND OUT ABOUT COLLECTIBLE CARS

Are you interested in finding out which are the most collectible cars around? The Library will sponsor a program titled *Finding & Restoring the Most Sought-After Collectible Cars* on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor meeting room.

Duane Demars, author of *Classic Cars of Montana & Wyoming*, will discuss his experience with cars and the best ways to go about finding and restoring that perfect collectible car.

#### PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

The Library will be sponsoring 2 activities for teens during March.

#### **Teen Book Group**

On Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, *Teens* on *Tuesday* book discussion group will be meeting to discuss *Artemis Fowl: the Arctic Incident* by Eoin Colfer. Teens who are interested in joining the group will get a free copy of this book, which must be read before the group meets. If you enjoy reading & talking about books with others, you will want to sign up for this group. Register and receive a free copy of the book by calling the Library at 657-8258.

#### **Anime Film Club**

If you are a fan of anime films, you will want to join the Library's anime film club, the Montana Animeniacs, which meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month to watch a recent anime film, or anime series.

This month, the club will meet on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. on the third floor to watch, and talk about, anime films. Come and join the fun!!!

## LIBRARY PRESENTS PROGRAMS ON PUBLISHING

Ever wonder how to get your creative work published? There are a number of ways that you can do it. The Library will present 2 programs in March that look at different ways that you can get your work published.

On Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Tony Hines, author of *Waking Lazarus*, one of *Library Journals* 25 best genre novels of the year, will present a program titled *Getting Published, Without Getting Scammed.* Tony will discuss getting your manuscript in shape, researching literary agents, writing query letters, what to expect when you submit your manuscript, and how to avoid traps and scams.

On Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, *Billings Gazette* reporter and columnist Ed Kemmick will team with local author Gary Svee to talk about *Alternative Publishing: Using the Internet, Blogs and Self-Publishing to Get You Message Out.* 

Both of these programs will begin at 7 p.m. on the third floor meeting room.

## PROGRAM ON INFLUENTIAL WOMEN SLATED FOR THIS MONTH

March is National Women's History Month & the Library will present a program titled *Influential Women: the Other Half of History* on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. in the third floor meeting room.

Dorothy McLaughlin, from the Museum of Women's History, will discuss some of the influential women in history and their accomplishments.



# Foundation News

## Thank You!

Over this past year, we have focused on the goal of spreading the word that the Library has an active, hard working Foundation Board with the mission of raising supplemental funds in support of the Parmly Billings Library. These efforts have been rewarded with the tremendous participation we received with our first annual Food for Thought and copromotion of the Smuin Ballet Montana Tour. Thanks to the wonderful success of these events, the foundation continues

to build our endowment, ensuring a steady income stream in support of our library. Your gifts to the Parmly Billings Library Foundation will ensure that our library remains a vibrant and essential component of the community. Thank for your continuing support-your gift does make a difference!

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



## Friends News

Friends of the Library will offer collectible books, records, videos and related items to the public at a sale on Saturday, March 3rd from 10 –4, on the 3rd floor of the Library.

A large portion of the items will be remainders from the collectibles group offered last October at the Friends annual sale.

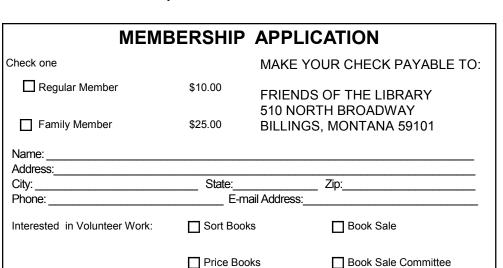
"Many of these collectibles will be discounted, and we also will have some fresh items for the March sale", says Annette Bayley, who handles the collectibles materials. "Folks looking for good prices for unusual and desirable books, records, videos and other miscellaneous items should make sure the one-day event is on their datebook."

If you haven't visited the Children's Services area of the Library yet, you should do so to see the great pieces of furniture purchased by the Friends.

The next Friends Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March14th at noon on the third floor of the Library.

## CALLING ALL BOOK CLUB MEMBERS Open House March 19

Everyone in the Billings area who belongs to a book club or has been thinking about starting one is invited to an Open House on Monday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. on the Library's Third Floor. This first event in what is hoped will become a monthly series will provide an overview to the wealth of resources that are available to book clubs through the Library. These include book club kits, a new collection of kits for teens. online resources for book clubs, books in the collection about how to start a club, as well as guides to good books, and book review sources. Attendees will be encouraged to share ideas with each other about their own clubs and to make suggestions to the Library about how to support their clubs and about future programs for the Open House series. Call 657-8291 for more information.



Please clip and mail application back with your payment





## **Library Hours**LABOR DAY to MEMORIAL DAY

| 10 am - 9 pm |
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| 10 am -6 pm  |
| 10 am -5 pm  |
| 1 pm - 5 pm  |
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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 5  | Come and    |
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| March 12 | enjoy fun   |
| March 19 | stories     |
| March 26 | with Carina |

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

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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

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| March 14 | Happy St. Patrick's |
|          | Day                 |
| March 21 | Think Spring!       |
| March 28 | Let's Fly a Kite    |

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

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

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

| March | 2  | Come and see |
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| March | 9  | fun videos   |
| March | 16 | with         |
| March | 23 | your family  |
| March | 30 | and friends! |

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