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March is a really busy time at your Library!

There is something for every interest. Check the calendar—we're offering programs for kids and grown-ups, films, classes and more!

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 3, March 2008

Food for Thought

An Evening of Great Conversation



Keith Edgerton, conversation host, and Library supporter Kathie Shandera enjoying dinner and discourse at 2007's Food for Thought, An Evening of Great Conversation.

Food for Thought, An Evening of Great Conversation is a unique and intellectually-stimulating fundraiser sponsored by the **Parmly Billings Library Foundation** in support of the **Parmly Billings Library**. The event's format is exceptional in that all attendees are active participants. The evening begins with a cocktail reception on the first floor of the Parmly Billings Library. Everyone then moves upstairs for a sumptuous dinner prepared by Thomas Nelson Catering. During the meal, guests, seated at tables of 8, discuss a topic set in advance for their particular table. Participants are encouraged to "speak

their minds" in free-flowing discourse and discussion. Topics at the twenty different tables represent a wide variety of subjects, from arts and literature to leadership, public policy and popular aspects of the Montana scene.

This year's *Food for Thought* will be **Thursday, May 29**, beginning at 6:00pm and ending after dessert, sharply at 9:00pm. Tickets are \$65 each. For more information, please contact Leslie Modrow, Development Director, Parmly Billings Library Foundation, at 237-6149 or email her at lmodrow@billings.lib.mt.us.

JOIN US!

Thursday, May 29,
6-9pm, at the Library

The Parmly Billings Library Foundation is dedicated to providing supplemental financial support to the Parmly Billings Library. *Food for Thought, an Evening of Great Conversation* embodies the Library's over arching goal—to provide a center of enrichment, knowledge and an exchange of ideas for all people.

Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

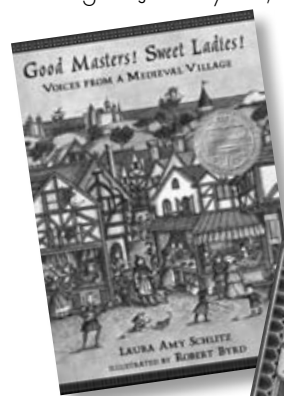
The Friends of the Library are gearing up for their **Spring Book Sale**, scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 10am-4pm, and Sunday, May 4, 1pm-4pm. In addition, there will be a **special sale** on Friday, May 2, 5-9pm, for Friends members only or for those who wish to pay dues and join at the door. While you are spring cleaning, remember the Friends will gladly accept donations of your gently-used books, bookshelves and office furniture. Books need to be boxed and easily accessible.

Also, at the February meeting, the Friends voted to assist the work of the Junior Women's Club and support their program *Books for Babies*, both with financial support and efforts to expand the program.

AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

Newbery and Caldecott Awards Announced

The 2008 Newbery and Caldecott medal winners were announced at the American Library Association's mid-winter meeting on January 14, 2008.



The **Newbery Medal**, named in honor of John Newbery, has been awarded annually since 1922. The medal is presented to the author of the most distinguished contribution to literature for children published in the U.S. in the preceding year. The 2008 medal was awarded to **Laura Amy Schlitz** for her book *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*. The **Caldecott Medal**, named in honor of 19th century illustrator Randolph Caldecott, has been awarded annually since 1938. The medal is given to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children published in the U.S. during the preceding year. The 2008 medal was awarded to author/illustrator **Brian Selznick** for his book, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*.

Library Presents Classical Music Series

In March, Parmly Billings Library will begin *a series of six programs highlighting great works of classical music and their composers*. Each program will include a discussion of an important time period in music, the forms that were prominent during that period, and samples of works by composers who represent these periods. The programs are aimed at those with little knowledge of classical music, but who want to learn more and to understand what they are listening to.

All programs are on Wednesdays and begin at 7:00pm in the Library's 3rd Floor meeting room. Registration is required for this series and space is limited. **To register, call the Library at 657-8258 or stop by the 2nd Floor Reference Desk.**

The six Wednesday **Classical Music Programs** include:

- March 12: *The Baroque Period*
- March 26: *The Classical Period*
- April 9: *The Romantic Period, Part I*
- April 23: *The Romantic Period, Part II*
- May 14: *Impressionism*
- May 28: *The 20th Century*

Library Presents Rimrock Opera Program

Parmly Billings Library presents a special **Lunch and Learn** program at Noon on Monday, March 24, titled *Introduction to Donizetti's Elixir of Love*.

Doug Nagel, of the Rimrock Opera Company, will present an introduction to Donizetti's famous comic opera, which will be performed later this month by the Rimrock Opera Company.

MARCH

AT PARMLP BILLINGS LIBRARY!

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							NOTE: *LUNCH & LEARN* topics and speakers are explained in the article below.
2	3 5pm Library Show Channel 7 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm	4 Teddy Bear Cubs Lions and Lambs 10:30-11am 5:30pm Spanish Conversation	5 10am Ch. 7 Library Show Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Fun Story Time Lions and Lambs 12:20-1pm	6 The Story Bears Lions and Lambs 10:30-11am 3pm Computer Class "Library Catalog" 7pm Foreign Film "Italian for Beginners"	7 Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am		8
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23 HAPPY EASTER!  30	24 & 31 5pm Library Show Channel 7 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm Noon (31st) Lunch & Learn Opera "Elixir of Love"	25 Teddy Bear Cubs Let's Fly a Kite 10:30-11am	26 10am Ch. 7 Library Show Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Noon Lunch & Learn* Fun Story Time Let's Fly a Kite 12:20-1pm 7pm Classical Music "Classical Period"	27 The Story Bears Let's Fly a Kite 10:30-11am 3pm Computer Class "Online Databases" 5:30pm Spanish Conversation	28 Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am		29
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		Saturday

Saint Patrick's Day Crafts

Celebrate National Craft Month at the Library by participating in an after-school *Saint Patrick's Day Craft Workshop*, specially designed for ages 3 and up. It will be held **Friday, March 14, 4:00-5:00pm**, on the Library's 3rd floor. Pre-registration is required.

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

Spanish Conversation Group

¿Habla Español? The Library's *Spanish Conversation Group* will meet on **Tuesday, March 4, 5:30pm**; **Saturday, March 15, 1:30pm**; and **Thursday, March 27, 5:30pm**. Whether you are fluent or just learning, come join the conversation!

Infomobile Calendar!
Download March's schedule at
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!*

Who Was Saint Patrick?~

March 12, Wednesday, Noon

Presenter: Elizabeth McNamer, Rocky Mountain College

What's New in Interior Design?~

March 19, Wednesday, Noon

Presenter: Vicki Bushman of Davidson Designs

U.S. Military Women Today, a special Women's History Month Program~

March 26, Wednesday, Noon

Presenter: Captain Lynne Puckett, U.S. Naval Reserve

24-hour Renewals by Telephone available at 247-8519. Review your account online. Have your library card number ready!



COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES: INTERNET, DATABASE & CATALOG

Library staff is offering three computer classes in March. We'll cover searching the Library's catalog, subscription databases, as well the basics of using the Internet.

Library Catalog~March 6, Thursday, 3:00pm

This class provides an introduction to the Library's computer catalog and shows how to find materials in the Library.

Internet Basics~March 22, Saturday, 2:00pm

This class is designed for those comfortable with computers but with little experience on the Internet. You will learn the basics of search engines and finding information on the Internet. *Attendees MUST know how to use a computer mouse.*

Online Databases~March 27, Thursday, 3:00pm

This class focuses on the Library's online subscription databases and shows the types of information available through these sources.

To register for these classes, call the Library at 657-8258 or stop by the 2nd Floor Reference Desk.

FOREIGN FILMS on Thursdays Are Back!

The Library's *Thursday Night at the Movies* resumes in March. Each of these fine films begins at 7:00pm on the 3rd Floor. Bring your snacks and come see:

- Mar. 6: *Italian for Beginners* (Denmark, Rated R, 2000)
- Mar. 20: *Osama* (Afghanistan, Rated PG-13, 2003)



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