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ASTRONOMY SERIES CONCLUDES

Members of the Yellowstone Valley Astronomers Association will conclude their series of programs when they present ***All About Telescopes*** on Thursday evening, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor.

If you are interested in purchasing a telescope, or just want to find out more about them, come to this program. Members of the Association will bring in various types of telescopes, talk about them, let you use them, and give some suggestions on which might be the right type for you.

LIBRARY INTRODUCES TEST PREPARATION DATABASE

Those wanting to practice for civil service tests, education tests or career related tests will need to look no further then Parmly Billings Library's web page.

Beginning this month, the Library will offer its patrons access to LearningExpressLibrary.com, a website with dozens of practice tests that will help patrons prepare for civil service exams, college & graduate school exams, military exams such as the ASVAB or Officer Candidate exams & career related exams in fields such as nursing & law enforcement.

To get to these exams, go to the Library's web page at www.billings.lib.mt.us. and click on the LearningExpressLibrary link. At this point, you will be asked for a username and password. Your username is your library card number. Your password is one which you can create yourself (be sure to remember it!) You will then be able to select from dozens of practice tests that you can take.

Some of the practice tests that are available include civil service aptitude and postal worker tests; military tests; real estate tests; law enforcement tests; educational tests such as the GED, ACT, SAT 2005, Graduate Record Exam, Law School Aptitude Test & the Graduate Management Admission Tests. There are also Advanced Placement Tests in many different subjects as well as a variety of skill improvement tests for those wishing to improve their math or workplace skills.

For more information on this new service, call 657-8258 or logon to the Library's web page & give it a try.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL PROGRAM SCHEDULED

The Library will sponsor a program titled ***Wilderness Survival: Preparing for Summertime Outdoor Emergencies*** on Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor.

Gary Grocholski, with the Custer National Forest, will present a program designed for the day hiker who unexpectedly has to spend a night in the backcountry. The program will focus on what every person should carry on an outing, as well as how to use these objects in a variety of life-saving ways.
For more information, call the Library at 657-8258.

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SCI-FI FILM SERIES TO START IN JUNE

The Library's *Thursday Night at the Movies* series will begin a program of popular science fiction films starting in June. The films to be shown include:

Thursday, June 2nd:
Forbidden Planet (1956)
Thursday, June 16th: ***Invasion of the Body Snatchers*** (1956)
Thursday, July 7th:
Things to Come (1937)
Thursday, July 21st:
Creature from the Black Lagoon (1954).
Thursday, August 11th: ***Fahrenheit 451*** (1967)
Thursday, August 25th: ***Them!*** (1954)

These are all well-known science fiction films, some of whose plots reflect political and social themes that were prevalent during the 1950's. Each of these movies begins at 7:00 on the third floor, so bring some snacks & kick back & join us for some great movies.

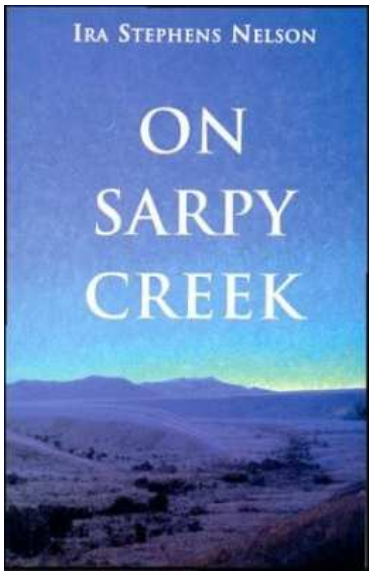
ONE BOOK BILLINGS DISCUSSION GROUP

The next One Book Billings Book Discussion is scheduled for June. The Library is inviting participants to join in one of five discussion groups that will read and discuss ***On Sarpy Creek***, the 1938 book about homesteading on the Montana prairie by Ira Nelson.

The Library has scheduled the following discussion groups:

Saturday, June 11th, Parmly Billings Library, 11:00
Tuesday, June 14th, Barnes & Noble, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15th, Castle Rock Middle School Library, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15th, Rocky Mountain College, Library, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 17th, Borders Book & Music, 2:00 p.m.

To register for ONE of these groups, call the Library at 657-8258. Space is limited and the Friends of the Library will provide a copy of the book free to each participant.



Foundation News

Did you know?

The Library's Infomobile made nearly 700 stops at 40 locations in residential neighborhoods and at schools and senior centers, checking out 28,655 items.

Be part of the library's story!

As the Parmly Billings Library Foundation continues to grow, we look for our members and supporters to help us provide the Library with current materials – books, CDs, video and periodicals.

Please remember the Parmly Billings Library in your giving. Contributions of all sizes are accepted at Parmly Billings Library Foundation, 510 North Broadway, Billings, Montana 59101.

Check out the PBLF website at Parmly Billings Library Foundation information -- www.billings.lib.mt.us/found2.html or send us an email at libfound@billings.lib.mt.us

Remember, A Great Community Deserves A Great Library!

For Library Foundation Board information, please contact:

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Friends News

The Friends have a new Hospitality Chair—Nancy Steel, whose first outing was the successful Ron Garritson presentation on Plains Indian Sign Language. We were so glad to welcome some knowledgeable Native Americans who use sign language who brought some interesting information about current use of this method of communication.

Members of the Board of FOL recently joined the Board of the Foundation to visit with Marilyn Miller, Executive Director of the MSU-Billings Foundation. She was able to give us valuable information as to the organization and utilization of our volunteers & contributors.

The FOL of the Library are happy to welcome Joyce Hoffmann back from a long, well-deserved vacation. She is an invaluable member of our team, having just brought to a successful conclusion the creation of our non-profit 501(C)3 incorporation status. We missed her enormously.

The next Friends meeting is Wednesday, May 4th at 11:00. All Friends members are welcome to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

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☐ Regular Member $10.00

☐ Family Member $25.00

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Parmly Billings Library Summer Reading Program **"Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds"** will begin Monday, June 13th with registration beginning on Monday, June 6th. Children who participate will receive reading logs to record time spent reading. By recording time spent reading and accomplishing activities they will earn "Dragon Dollars" they can use to redeem for a Summer Reading t-shirt or book bag. The "Dragon Dollars" can also be used to register for prizes to be given away weekly and at the "End of Summer Reading Program Open House" on Thursday, July 28th. Throughout the program there will be Story Time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00am and our video program on Fridays at 10:30-11:00am. The Summer Reading weekly program will be held on Thursdays at 10:30-11:30am and the craft programs will be held on Fridays. There will also be a weekly activity sheet that can be used for earning "Dragon Dollars". The Summer Reading program is a great way to encourage reading for children of all ages! **Dream of Daring Deeds** and **READ** this summer! For more information please call 657-8256 or visit our website at www.billings.lib.mt.us.

Library Hours
LABOR DAY - 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 - LABOR DAY
All above, except Library is closed on Sundays.

MAY STORY TIME

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

May	3	Sea Shell, Sea Shell
May	10	Under the Rainbow
May	17	Fun in the Sun
May	24	NO STORY
May	31	TIME

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

May	4	Sea Shell, Sea Shell
May	11	Under the Rainbow
May	18	Fun in the Sun
May	25	NO STORY TIME

New and Fun Afternoon Story Time!
12:30 – 1:00 p.m. 3 – 6 yr. olds

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

May	5	Sea Shell, Sea Shell
May	12	Under the Rainbow
May	19	Fun in the Sun
May	26	NO STORY TIME

NEW! Story Time with Janis
Thursdays 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

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

May	6	Come and watch
May	13	fun videos
May	20	with your family
May	27	and friends!

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