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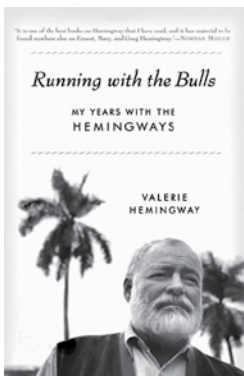
Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 61, January 2013

Writer & Artist Visits to the Library A New Series—CRAFTERNOON!

For January, One Book Billings is reading **Running with the Bulls: My Life with the Hemingways** by **Valerie Hemingway**. The author will be at the Library at **1:00pm on Saturday, January 12**, to talk about her writing and her extraordinary life stories that inspired this book.

One Book Billings book discussions will take place **Monday, January 7, through Thursday, January 10**, at seven locations around the city. Limited reservations may still be available; please check by calling 657-8258.

Dates and times are listed on the calendar and the Library's website. The One Book Billings program is sponsored by the **Friends of the Library**.



Banned, Challenged, Censored, a sculpture by Bozeman artists **George Cole, Sara Williams** and **Collin Letts**, will at our Library, **January 19–March 1**. At a public program, artist Collin Letts will discuss attempts at censorship both past and present and the development of their collaborative sculpture. Join him at **1:00pm on Saturday, January 19**, 3rd Floor. The sculpture will be at the presentation, and then displayed on the Library's 2nd floor until March 1.

The over 6-foot-tall sculpture incorporates books that have been banned or challenged in court, as well as torn pages behind Plexiglas. Books in the sculpture include controversial titles as well as some that are considered literary classics. The sculpture, which was created in Bozeman, is traveling to public libraries around Montana including Butte, Missoula, Helena, Kalispell and Great Falls.

Have you ever wanted to explore a new hobby or craft? Come join us for our new series of **Crafternoons**. Each week an experienced enthusiast will talk about what they do and why you might enjoy it, too. Got your own project to work on? Bring it along and work on it while you listen! Call 657-8258 or stop by the 2nd Floor Reference Desk to sign up for one or all of the sessions.

- Jan. 9: **Fiber Crafts**
- Jan. 16: **Woodworking**
- Jan. 23: **Fly Tying**
- Jan. 30: **Scrapbooking**
- Feb. 6: **Winter Bird Feeding Basics**
- Feb. 13: **Painting**

These sessions are **4:00pm, Wednesdays**, on the 1st Floor.

Genealogy Assistance

On **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1:00–3:00pm**, volunteers are in the Genealogy Room to help you research your family history. *What information will you find in the Genealogy Room?* Family histories, "how to" books, research materials by country or U.S. state, ships' passenger lists, Mayflower lineage books, Germans from Russia periodicals, Daughters of the American Revolution information, local obituaries from 1982 through 2004.

On the Genealogy Room computer is an index of local obituaries published in the *Billings Gazette* from 2005 to present and the Smith Funeral Home index (beginning about 1882). You may also access the Library's subscription to *Ancestry*. The Genealogy Room is in the southwest corner of 2nd Floor, through the Teen Pit. Volunteers from the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum want to assist you in researching your ancestors. Come take advantage of this one-on-one help.

News & Views

of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

HAPPY NEW YEAR! A new year begins for all of us. *New Beginnings. New Challenges. New Opportunities.* Who knows what this new year will bring to us? But the Foundation knows for sure the importance of continuing our efforts in fulfilling our mission of providing the financial support to insure the sustainability of the Library's services and programs.

In December, representatives from the Foundation were honored to be participants in the *Essentials of Development* workshop conducted by the **M.J. Murdock Trust**. What an incredible experience this was! There were nine other non-profit organizations attending. While our mission statements differed, the

common element was *stewardship* and how we could better fulfill our unique mission statements and our responsibilities as trustees. How timely it was for us to attend this workshop as we will be able to share all the valuable exchange of ideas and information we gained at our Board Retreat this month.

As always, we thank you for your dedicated support of the Foundation. It is our honor to partner with you as we continue our efforts to build a stronger Foundation and be faithful, responsible stewards to you and the Library. For more information about the PBL Foundation, contact **Leslie Modrow**, Foundation Director, at 237-6149 or leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org.

This January the Friends are delighted to announce that, *due to a special donation, we have acquired a large number of books by Montana authors.* These include: B.M. Bower, Ivan Doig, A.B. Guthrie, Dorothy Johnson, Terry C. Johnston, Thomas McGuane, Margaret Scherf, Wallace Stegner and Richard Wheeler. Many of these are 1st edition copies! We are selling them at our upcoming **1st and 3rd Wednesday Mini Book Sales, January 2 and 16, 11:00am–1:00pm**, on the 3rd Floor.

As you browse our collection during the winter months we encourage you to take a look in our Fiction section that has also received many new donations in the past months. There are not only hard-to-find

favorite author selections to round out your collection, but a large number of new donations that were published within the last year.

The Friends would like to thank the community for their understanding regarding the need for phone contact with us when making a large book donation. *Should you need to make a donation over the size of two small boxes, please call us at 237-6170, 10:00am–2:00pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.*

The mission of the Friends is to promote and enhance Library usage and literacy through volunteerism and financial assistance. We are always looking for new members, volunteers and donations. *Join us and help support your Library!*

In January @ your Parmly Billings Library!

JANUARY		1 New Year's Day Library CLOSED Happy New Year!	2 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 11am-1pm Friends MINI-SALE 3pm Library Show Ch. 7	3 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 7pm Indep. Spirits Film "Beginners"	4 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	5 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am	
	6	7 NO Carina's Stories 5pm Library Show Channel 7 7pm One Book Billings Castle Rock Middle School and Parmly Billings Library	8 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tech Tuesday Class 4pm World Book Online 5pm TEEN Writers Grp. 5pm One Book Billings City College 7pm One Book Billings RMC Library	9 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 Noon One Book Billings Parmly Billings Library 4pm CRAFTERNOON Fiber Crafts	10 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Noon Library Board Mtg Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 4-6pm eReader Support 7pm One Book Billings Billings Family YMCA and Huntington Learning Center 7pm Book It With a Buddy Explorers—Crackling Chem.	11 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	12 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am 1pm Author Visit Valerie Hemingway, "Running with the Bulls: My Life with the Hemingways"
	13	14 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm Library Show Channel 7 Registration Begins for Family Reading Program!	15 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tech Tuesday Class 4pm World News Digest 7pm PBL Writers' Group	16 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 11am-1pm Friends MINI-SALE 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 4pm CRAFTERNOON Woodworking 7pm Turning Page Grp.	17 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 4pm TEEN Craft 4-6pm eReader Support 7pm Indep. Spirits Film "Precious"	18 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	19 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am 1pm Artist Talk Collin Letts, "Banned Books: Censorship and Sculpture"
	20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Library CLOSED	22 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am	23 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 4pm CRAFTERNOON Fly Tying	24 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am 1pm Knitting Circle 3rd Floor Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 4-6pm eReader Support	25 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	26 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am Noon-3pm VITA Tax Assistance
	27	28 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm Library Show Channel 7	29 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tech Tuesday Class 4pm World Almanac 7pm Lit Centric Bk Club	30 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 4pm CRAFTERNOON Scrapbooking	31 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm	On Saturday, Feb. 2, CELEBRATE Take Your Child to the Library Day! Begin with a Story Time at 11am, then stay to make a fun craft to take home, draw your favorite book character, and so much more!	
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

TECH TUESDAYS: A BRAND NEW WORLD

Come learn about the great new online resources we've added to the offerings available through our website. Pre-register by calling 657-8258. All classes are on Tuesdays, 4-5pm, in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

- Jan. 8: **World Book Online**, more than the encyclopedia
- Jan. 15: **World News Digest**, today's top news stories and historical news, too
- Jan. 29: **World Almanac**, find the most useful facts here
- Feb. 5: **American Indian History Online**, biographies, events, timelines, maps
- Feb. 12: **Testing & Reference Center**, résumé builders, test preparation
- Feb. 26: **Science Online**, how the world works

SUPPORT GROUP: eREADERS

Did you receive a new eReader this year? Kindles and Nooks and iPads—oh my! Having trouble downloading? Let us help you at our **eReader Support Group**. Each group is limited to five participants in order to provide one-on-one time focused on your specific questions. Bring your device. Registration is required due to limited space. Call 657-8258 or stop by the Reference Desk.

Sessions are 4:00pm, Thursdays, January 10, 17 and 24, in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

PROGRAM: VITA TAX ASSISTANCE

The **United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program offers free tax preparation and e-filing to people with basic returns who made \$50,000 or less in 2012. Volunteer tax preparers are certified through IRS testing, and all returns are prepared on IRS-authorized software. Taxpayers must bring W-2 forms and all other documentation needed to prepare their returns. For more information, visit www.unitedwayyellowstone.org.

Come Noon-3:00pm, Saturday, January 26, to the 2nd Floor.

Family Reading Program

Parmly Billings Library is celebrating **I Love to Read Month** with our 17th annual **Family Reading Program**. Registration for the program begins on Monday, January 14. You may sign up at Children's Services or online at www.billings.lib.mt.us.

Family Reading encourages 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 will read together for 20 minutes a day for 20 days. Families completing the program will receive a book and be entered into a drawing for a special grand prize!

A Valentine Craft is scheduled on **Friday, February 8, 4-5pm**. Pre-registration is required. To register call Children's Services at 657-8256. We will also hold a fun **End-of-Program Event**. Look for all the details in February's newsletter. For more information call 657-8256 and check our website www.billings.lib.mt.us.

Just for TEENS!

FOR TEENS: WRITER'S GROUP

Join us 5-6pm, Tuesday, January 8, 2nd Floor Large Study.

FOR TEENS: TEEN CRAFT!

For more information and to pre-register, call 657-8258 or stop by the 2nd Floor Reference Desk. All supplies provided. Join us 4-5:30pm, Thursday, January 17, on the 3rd Floor.

Book It with A Buddy!

Attention all readers 8-12 and their adult reading buddy! It's **Book It With A Buddy—Explorers!** Our subject is *Crackling Chemistry* and will include a science experiment! Registration is required and participants will receive a free copy of the book. To register, please contact Children's Services at 657-8256.

Many thanks to our sponsors: M.E.R.C.; Midland Empire Reading Council and Montana State Reading Council.

The discussion is **Thursday, January 10, 6:00pm**, on the 3rd Floor.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 1pm-5pm

Helpful Information

Phone numbers ~

Hours: 657-8259
Bookmobile: 657-3091
Reference: 657-8258
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@ci.billings.mt.us

Story Time Programs ~

Story Time with Carina!
Mondays, 12:30-1pm
Story Time Tales
Tuesdays, 10:30-11am
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)
Tales & Tots Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:30-11am
(2-3 year olds & parent/caregiver)
Story Time Tales
Thursdays, 10:30-11am
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)
Books & Babies Lap-Sit
Thursdays, 3:15-4pm
Fridays, 10:15-11am
(babies & parent/caregiver)
Saturday Story Time
Saturdays, 11-11:30am

Video Programs ~

Movies @ the Library
Fridays, 10:30-11am

Our website=information + entertainment!

www.billings.lib.mt.us

And, the latest Bookmobile Calendar!
Download January's schedule there, too.