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AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

High Plains Book Award & High Plains BookFest

Billings Public Library sponsors the 7th annual **High Plains Book Awards** this month. These awards recognize regional authors and/or literary works which examine and reflect life on the High Plains, both in the United States and Canada. The Awards are held each fall in conjunction with the **High Plains BookFest**.

This year's **High Plains Book Awards Banquet** is *Saturday, October 26, 6:00pm, at the Yellowstone Art Museum. Tami Haaland*, Montana's Poet Laureate, is the featured keynote speaker. Tickets are \$40 each or \$300 for a table. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://highplainsbookawards.org>.

In conjunction, the **YMCA Writer's Voice** hosts the 11th annual **High Plains BookFest** on *October 25-26* with the theme of *Women Writing the West*. Authors' readings are scheduled for *Friday, Noon-5pm*, and *Saturday, 10am-4pm*. Pam Houston, Emily Danforth and Alyson Hagy will open the BookFest with readings *Friday, October 25, 7:30pm, at the Babcock Theatre*. The full schedule of BookFest events is listed at <http://highplainsbookawards.org>.

Richard Ford, author of *Canada* and finalist for the Best Fiction High Plains Book Award, presents his only Montana reading on *Wednesday, October 30, 7:30pm at the Yellowstone Art Museum*.

Many readings are free. Tickets are required for the BookFest event at the Babcock Theatre on October 25 and Richard Ford's reading October 30 and are available at http://www.billingsymca.org/writer_voice.html.

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One Book Billings!

A fun nonfiction read is the **One Book Billings** selection for November. *I've Never Met an Idiot on the River* by actor and accomplished sportsman **Henry Winkler** will be talked about in a series of book discussions during the week of November 4-7. Winkler has learned that his yearly trips to the river are not just about catching trout. More importantly, they're about adopting the proper perspective on life.

Books may be picked up starting on October 7. They are provided free while they last to those signing up for one of the November discussion groups, courtesy of the **Friends of the Library**.

Winkler will be in Billings on *Friday, October 17, 8:00pm at the Alberta Bair Theater*. Tickets are available from the ABT, and proceeds benefit the Montana State Reading Council.

Get Ready to Bid!

The Big Move is approaching, and Library staff are cleaning up and clearing out! The Library is holding the first of two online auctions of surplus property from the current building beginning September 29. There will be office equipment, shelving, desks, chairs, display fixtures, file cabinets and lots more available. It's a great opportunity for schools, small town libraries, municipalities and individuals to get some "real deals" on office equipment and library related items.

This is an online-only auction, but three public inspections (Oct. 3, 8 and 12) will allow people to take a closer look. The auction closes on October 15 and items must be removed on October 16 or 17. More details will be listed on the Library's website at www.billings.lib.mt.us and at www.mbauction.com.

News & Views

of the Billings Public Library Foundation

The season of autumn is in full swing, and with this season, our eyes are delighted to the changes and transformation that Mother Nature offers. The construction progress of the new Library has also provided this same enjoyment for all of us.

Starting in April and ending with September, the Foundation offered **Hard Hat Tours** twice a month as a way to keep Library supporters informed and see, first hand, the progress of the construction of the new Library. Because of safety regulations, the group size was limited to 25. Over 200 visitors were able to enjoy these interesting tours. If you have driven by the site recently, you can certainly appreciate all the new changes!

Two fun evenings are scheduled later this month. Our second **"Mini" Food For Thought** event will be held at Mission Ridge, Thursday, October 17. And, at 6:00pm, Saturday, October 26, the seventh Annual **High Plains Book Awards Banquet** will take place at Yellowstone Art Museum. Check the website for more details.

The Foundation continues its efforts to raise vital funds to meet the Library's new demands. As always, the Foundation thanks you for your interest and the financial investment you have made for your Library. For more information about the Foundation, please contact **Leslie Modrow**, Development Director, leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org or 237-6419.

While in "transition," it seems a good time to remind what the Friends are about. The **Friends of the Library** is a nonprofit group of volunteers. *Our mission is to promote and enhance Library usage through volunteerism and financial assistance.* We volunteer at Library events, help with special projects and sponsor cultural performances. We organize sales of surplus books donated to the Library to raise money for new materials and programs.

Our book sale revenues support literacy with the **Books for Babies project**, which delivers to every newborn, in both hospitals, a packet which includes a board book, an introduction to the Library and its reading programs, and a simple instruction book for the caregivers.



Through our donation, **Reading Rocks**, the School District's summer reading program in the parks, gave over 2,100 books to children from preschool to sixth grade. We provide **withdrawn library books** to the Yellowstone Detention Center and Montana Women's Prison libraries, the YWCA and the MSU Passages program. The Friends sponsor the **Fiction Award for the High Plains Book Awards**, underwrite **musical performances**, purchase **book club kits** and **One Book Billings reader copies**, and support the Billings Library Foundation's **Food For Thought**.

Please join or renew your membership (\$10/individual; \$25/family). Send yearly dues to the Library and come to our annual meeting on October 16.

In October @ your Billings Public Library!

October		1 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am 4pm eReader Support (registration required) ONLINE AUCTION HAS BEGUN!	2 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 3pm Library Show Channel 7 4pm Computer Class Intro to Computers	3 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm	4 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am OCT. 4, 5 & 6~THE GIVER @ NOVA (check for performance times & tickets)	5 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am	
	6	7 11am-3pm Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment 5pm Library Show Channel 7	8 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am 4pm eReader Support (registration required) 4pm TEEN Writers Grp.	9 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 3pm Library Show Channel 7 5pm TEEN Advisory Group Meeting	10 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Noon Library Board Meeting Books & Babies 3:15-4pm	11 Books & Babies 10:15-11am	12 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am
	13	14 Columbus Day Library CLOSED 5pm Library Show Channel 7	15 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am ONLINE AUCTION ENDS!	16 10am Friends Annual Meeting Library's Montana Room Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 4pm Spanish Convers. Large Study, 2 nd Floor	17 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm	18 Books & Babies 10:15-11am	19 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am
	20	21 5pm Library Show Channel 7	22 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am 7pm LitCentric Bk. Club	23 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 3pm Library Show Channel 7 7pm Turning Page Grp.	24 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 4pm TEEN Book Buzz	25 Books & Babies 10:15-11am HIGH PLAINS BOOKFEST	26 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am 6pm Awards Banquet High Plains Book Awards Yellowstone Art Museum
	27	28 5pm Library Show Channel 7	29 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am	30 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am 3pm Library Show Channel 7	31 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm	BOO!	
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

PROGRAMS

CLASS: eREADER SUPPORT

Need tips on using your device or downloading ebooks from **MontanaLibrary2Go**? We can help! Join us for one of our classes. Call 657-8258 to pre-register, and bring your favorite device along!

Classes are 4:00pm, Tuesdays, October 1 or 8, in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

ASSISTANCE: HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE ENROLLMENT

Confused by all the hype about the Affordable Care Act? Certified counselors can help you learn about the Health Insurance Marketplace, and even help you enroll if you're ready. Learn about the best options for you and your family.

Stop by any time 11:00am-3:00pm, Monday, October 7, on the 2nd Floor.

FOR TEENS: WRITERS GROUP

Get helpful tips and feedback. Bring a sample of your writing and share with others. Snacks will be provided. Just show up—no registration required!

We'll see you at 4:00-5:00pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2nd Floor Large Study.

FOR TEENS: BOOK GROUP

Join us for food and fun. October's book is *Croak* by Gina Damico. Fed up with her wild behavior, sixteen-year-old Lex's parents ship her off to upstate New York to live with her Uncle Mort for the summer. But Uncle Mort's a Grim Reaper. And he's going to teach Lex the family business. Reserve your copy by calling 657-8258.

Come and discuss 4:00-5:00pm on Thursday, October 24, Teen Pit.



See the play, read the book (and its sequels, too)!

Our friends at the NOVA Performing Arts Center are presenting *THE GIVER*, based on the award-winning book by Lois Lowry. Evening performances are at 7:30pm, Friday & Saturday, October 4 & 5, with matinee at 2:00 pm, Sunday, October 6. For more information about the play, go to the NOVA website at www.novabillings.org. Go and enjoy the play! Check out the book! If you would like suggestions of more books like *THE GIVER*, we've compiled a list at <http://ci.billings.mt.us/DocumentCenter/View/23490>.

PIN Numbers

Do you know your Library PIN number? The Library recently added security to your Library account by requiring a PIN number at the self-checks and when signing on to computers. If you lose your card, nobody can use your card to check out unless they have your PIN number. If you don't have or don't remember your PIN, there are two ways to get it. If you have your email address on file at the library, just click on the "Catalog" link on the Library's website. At the top right are options to either reset or have the PIN number emailed to you. If your email address isn't on your record, bring a picture ID and ask one of our staff to help you choose your PIN. Thanks!

Children's Services

Preparing for our move to the new Library is a big job! Please note a few changes in our **Story Time** schedule. We'll have lots more programs for children when we're settled in the new Library building.

Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!
Download October's schedule here:

www.billings.lib.mt.us

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

Webpage ~ www.billings.lib.mt.us

Email ~ refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

NEW Story Time Schedule

Story Time Programs ~

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