510 North Broadway Billings, MT 59101



Change Service Requested

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Moving Day is upon us, and

the Library building needs to be cleared out before demolition. The Library is holding the final online auction of surplus property from the current building beginning December 1. There will be library shelving, desks, tables, chairs, display fixtures, file cabinets and lots more available. This is an online-only auction, but four public inspections will allow people to take a closer look. The auction closes on December 22, with item removal scheduled during December 23-28. Check the calendar in this newsletter for dates and times for public inspection and item removal. More details will be listed on the Library's website www.billings.lib.mt.us or www.mbauction.com.

Student Reporting Labs

Billings area teens have a unique opportunity to join a pilot program in association with the new Billings Public Library Learning Lab, PBS Montana, and the Western Heritage Center. Ten teens will be chosen to produce a documentary for the Not in Our Town 20th anniversary, focusing on communities working together to stop hate. This project will commence with a series of workshops covering technical instruction on the use of cameras and editing equipment, as well as understanding journalism and developing broader communication skills. The final project's deadline is June 1, 2014, and will be part of an exhibit at The Western Heritage Center. It will also be submitted to PBS Montana for possible airing. Applications are due January 6. Look for the link to the Student Reporting Labs on our teen page.

Billings Public Library NEWSLETTER—No. 71, December 2013

Moving Schedule & Info

The shelving is up, the furniture's arriving and the final touches to the new Library building are being completed. It's time to move! The Library will be closed while we move December 14-January 5. We reopen in the new building on Monday, January 6, 2014!

Important things to know during the transition:

- Items you've checked out from the downtown Library that would normally come due during the closure will not be due until January 31, 2014.
 So be sure to stock up!
- The new Library's Dedication will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2014, 1:00–4:00pm. Please make plans to join us!
- All of the resources and downloads available through our website will be available during the closure as well.
- The Community Library at City College, Senior/Homebound services and the Bookmobile will be operating normally during the week of *December 16–20*. Service hours will be affected by campus holiday closures and staff training needs during December 23–January 3. Please monitor the Library website for the latest information.
- Access to the new Library building will be from the north door along 6th Avenue North. The south entry will not be available during demolition of the old building and the construction of the parking lot
- Story Time and Books & Babies are not being held in December. Join us for the first Story Time in the new building on *Tuesday, January 14*. Books & Babies resumes on *Thursday, January 16*.

We appreciate your continued patience and understanding. We are very much looking forward to serving you again in our beautiful new facility.



The last month of the year is here! 2013 was indeed a busy one for the Foundation. Continuing with our mission to raise vital funds to provide a level of excellence for the Library has been both challenging and rewarding. The most significant evidence of these efforts are the opening of the new Billings Public Library and our continued success in raising additional funds for further enhancements for this beautiful new building.

The Foundation thanks you for what YOU have given. The gifts of your continued financial support and your personal interest, time and commitment to support Foundation-sponsored events have added that extra spark of life to our community and our Library.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

~Sir Winston Churchill

A thought provoking quote. THANK YOU for all YOU have given—
your gifts are priceless! Please circle
February 1, 2014, on your calendar for the **Dedication Celebration** for the new Library. Join us in this community-wide dedication of your Library—
be part of a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Happy Holidays! The Foundation is grateful for your continued stewardship and helping us fulfill our mission. For details about the Foundation, please contact Leslie Modrow, Development Director, leslie@billingslibraryfoundation. org or 237–6419.



The **Friends** are very proud to announce that we are sponsoring the presentation by English author Neil Gaiman, one of the events to be held in celebration of the Library's Grand **Opening**. Mr. Gaiman's works include the comic book series *The Sandman* and novels Stardust. American Gods. Coraline and The Graveyard Book. He has been honored with many international awards, including the Newbery and Carnegie Medals. The presentation will be held at the Babcock Theatre on Friday, February 21, 2014. Tickets are now on sale at \$20, which is a bargain! We expect a sellout—only 700 seats available!

At the end of December, the Friends will be stocking our new space in the

Library. Also, some will be training as docents to assist Library patrons in navigating the new Library and to conduct school tours. It is truly exciting for us to get the ball rolling again! We look forward to setting the dates for new donations and for our future book sales.

Please join or renew your membership (\$10/individual; \$25/family). Send yearly dues to the Library c/o Friends. Talk a friend or two into joining or give someone special a gift of a membership.

We ring out the old and ring in the new...

"...age appears to be best in four things—old wood best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read."

~Bacon

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One Book Billings!

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The January One Book Billings selection is Butte author David Abrams' book Fobbit. Based on Abrams' own experiences during his 2005 deployment in Iraq, Fobbit is a satirical novel about life on a Forward Operating Base (FOB), drawing comparisons to other comic war novels like Catch-22. Library Journal called it, "A unique behind-the-wire glimpse at life in the FOB and the process of 'spinning' a war for public consumption. A funny, hard-edged satire about recent history and modern war-making.

As the first One Book selection after the move, all discussions will be held in the new Library building in January. Sign up for a session at the current building through December 13 at the 2nd Floor desk or by calling 657-8258. After that date, you may register at the Community Library or Rocky Mountain College Library. Participants will receive a free copy of the book, courtesy of The Friends of the Library, while copies last

Abrams will visit the Library on Saturday, January 25, to talk about Fobbit.

Name the Space

The new Library building will have a Digital Learning Lab, where teens and others may explore the world of media, creating all sorts of wonderful original digital content. The Library is taking suggestions for names for the Digital Media Lab in the new building. There's a suggestion box in the Teen Pit on the 2nd Floor. Your creativity will make the room your own!

Genealogy Room

Members of the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum are packing up the Genealogy Room in preparation for the move into the new Library building. Friday, November 22, was the last day that the collection was available for research until the new building opens. In January, members of the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum will again be available to help patrons on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

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Tuesday

There are still some tickets available for the reading by the internationally acclaimed author Neil Gaiman, February 21 at the Babcock Theatre. Gaiman's reading, sponsored by The Friends of the Library, is in celebration of the dedication of the new building. Tickets are available at www.metrapark. com and MetraPark outlets for only \$20. A great gift for a Gaiman fan!



Thursday

Happy Holidays from the Online Library!

Preparing for your holiday festivities? Here are some great ways to use the Library's resources to make your celebration a terrific one.

- Contemplating a big holiday purchase? Make the right choice by consulting Consumer Reports first. Browse the full publication through our Master FILE Premier database. From our homepage, click the database link, log in with your Library card number, click Publications at the top and find Consumer Reports. Full issues are available with the latest information.
- Want to add to your holiday music collection? Jump into Freegal—there are LOTS of Christmas albums available for free download.
- Want to find a new recipe or understand the context for holiday rituals? Try Access Video on Demand there are many great documentaries about the holidays. Examples include: "History of Christmas Celebrations," "Holiday Buffet" (a cooking show), "Modern Marvels: Christmas Tech" and "Kwanzaa: a Cultural Celebration."

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

www.billings.lib.mt.us

Library Hours

Saturday

Friday

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

We close Saturday, Dec. 14. See you Monday, Jan. 6!

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

NO Children's programs this month. We begin in January! 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