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We're celebrating OUR GRAND OPENING!

A Month of Big Events—Something for Everyone!

Billings Public Library *NEWSLETTER—No. 73, February 2014*

AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

CELEBRATE THE NEW LIBRARY!

Join us for GRAND OPENING EVENTS in February.

Join us for the ***DEDICATION*** *of the new Library 1:00–4:00pm, Saturday, February 1.* There will be tours of the facility, music and programs for all ages. Come for treats and enjoy all the new building has to offer—we're excited for you to see it!

1:00pm~Formal Dedication
2:00pm~Musical Program
3:00pm~Tours and Programs
- *History of the Library*
- *LEED certification and energy saving features*
- *Celebrity Storytellers in the Story Tower*
- *Extraordinary Tables—Talk with the Artists*

Kids love the ***Berenstain Bears****! Bring the family to meet author/illustrator* ***MICHAEL BERENSTAIN.*** On *February 7 & 8*, Michael will be at the Library signing books, reading from his latest book, drawing and talking about illustration. Free tickets for the event of your choice are available at the Children's Desk.

4:00pm, Friday~Book Signing
- *Books will be for sale or children may bring their own.*

10:00am, Saturday~Story Time Reading & Book Signing
2:00pm, Saturday~Draw & Tell
- *Michael will draw and tell about his experiences as an illustrator. (Geared toward 3rd–8th graders)*

Come see the documentary feature ***Rescue in the Philippines****.* This little known event chronicles an unlikely group of seven men who rescue1300 Jews and transport them to the Philippines. The film will be followed by *panel discussion* with producer **Barbara Sasser, Rabbi Barbara Block** and **Dr. Enrico Arguelles.**

The film begins at *1:00pm, Sunday, February 9.*

The *panel discussion* ***What is a Freelance Writer?*** features freelance writers talking about ways to work with words. **Russell Rowland** moderates **Stella Fong, Julie Koerber, Craig Lancaster** and **Anna Paige**.

Join them at *Noon, Wednesday, February 12.*

If you haven't gotten your ticket to **Neil Gaiman** *yet, don't miss out!* Gaiman is the master of short and long fiction, graphic novels and more. His work has been nominated for awards as varied as the Newbery and the Oscar, and he's won a good number of them, as well.

Come hear him *7:00pm, Friday, February 21* at the Babcock Theater.

Listen to a fascinating panel discussion on ***The Future of the Printed Word***. This panel features author/editor **Seabring Davis,** author **Russell Rowland,** editor **Kathy Springmeyer** and publisher **Allen Jones,** moderated by MSU–Billings Library director **Brent Roberts**.

The discussion is *7:00pm, Thursday, February 27.*

News & Views

of the Billings Public Library Foundation

The Library softly opened on January 6, and the first person welcomed was a little girl. It was an amazing experience to watch her wide-eyed wonderment as she took in this beautiful new building.

Watching people's faces was a joy this first week of opening. The smiles, the expressions of amazement and the delight shared by each person walking through the Library has been very fulfilling.

Thanks to your financial support, we are celebrating the opening of our beautiful new Billings Public Library; without you, this dream would have never become a reality.

Our community has come together to provide a lasting legacy to future generations. The sense of wonder and magic so evident in that little girl's face is proof that the Library is still the heart of our community.

We encourage you to be part of the opening celebrations happening throughout the month of February, beginning with the **Community Dedication** on February 1. From **Michael Berenstain** to **Neil Gaiman,** panel discussions on freelance writing and the future of the printed word, to presentations on various topics, we have something for everyone at the Library.

For information on how you can help, please contact **Leslie Modrow** at *leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org.*

Friends

of Billings Public Library

We are off to a running start! The Board of Directors of the Friends met in mid-January and determined the new Book Donation Schedule.

Starting *Monday, February 3, and thereafter on Mondays and Wednesdays of each week, 10:00am–11:30am,* we will be available at the Book Nook space to accept donations. In addition, beginning *Saturday, February 8, and each second Saturday of the month thereafter, we will accept donations 10:00am–Noon.* The donations must be contained in two boxes or less. If you have more than that, please call 237–6170 and we will arrange to pick them up from you.

Our New Donation Guidelines
We will no longer accept:

Books that are
- Torn, damaged or have pages missing
- Soiled, water stained or moldy
- Written or colored on

These types of publications—
- Encyclopedias
- Law books
- Self-help, fitness and general health published before 2005
- Business books published before 2005
- Computer books published before 2010
- Scientific and medical material published before 2005
- Religion published before 2000 (we do accept all Bibles)
- Reference book sets
- Trade paperbacks published before 2000
- Any magazines including *National Geographic*

Thanks and see you in the new Library!

In February @ your Billings Public Library!

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Saturday Story Time 11–11:30am 10am–4pm *VITA Tax Assistance* 10am–4pm *ACA Sign-up Assistance* ***1–4pm Library DEDICATION!***
2	**3** 5pm *Library Show* Channel 7	**4** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 *Tech Tuesday Class* 4pm *eReader Support* (registration required)	**5** 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 5pm *TEEN Advisory Group Meeting*	**6** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 10am–2pm *ACA Sign-up Assistance* Books & Babies 3:15–4pm *7pm Black History Month* *Lloyd Marsh Band*	**7** Books & Babies 10:15–11am 4–6pm Book Signing ***Michael Berenstain!*** *(tickets required)*	**8** 10am–4pm *VITA Tax Assistance* 10am–4pm *ACA Sign-up Assistance* ***Michael Berenstain!*** 10–11am Story Time 2–3 Draw & Tell *(tickets required for each)*
9 1pm Documentary Film & Panel Discussion *"Rescue in the Philippines"*	**10** 5pm *Library Show* Channel 7	**11** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am *Tech Tuesday Class* 4pm *Basic Computers* (registration required) *4pm* TEEN *Writers Grp.*	**12** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am Noon Panel Discussion *What Is A Freelance Writer?* 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7	**13** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 10am–2pm *ACA Sign-up Assistance* Noon *Library Brd. Mtg.* Books & Babies 3:15–4pm *7pm Black History Month* *From Then to Now—What Have We Accomplished?*	**14** Books & Babies 10:15–11am **Happy Valentine's Day!**	**15** 10am–4pm *VITA Tax Assistance* 10am–4pm *ACA Sign-up Assistance* Saturday Story Time with the Cast of Alice in Wonderland 11am
16	**17** 5pm *Library Show* Channel 7 **Presidents' Day** ***Library CLOSED***	**18** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am	**19** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7	**20** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 10am–2pm *ACA Sign-up Assistance* Books & Babies 3:15–4pm 4pm *TEEN Book Buzz* *7pm Black History Month* *From Then to Now—Youth Experiences*	**21** Books & Babies 10:15–11am ***NEIL GAIMAN!*** 7pm at the Babcock	**22** Saturday Story Time 11–11:30am 10am–4pm *VITA Tax Assistance* 10am–4pm *ACA Sign-up Assistance*
23	**24** 5pm *Library Show* Channel 7	**25** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 7pm *LitCentric Bk. Club*	**26** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 7pm *Turning Page Grp.*	**27** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 10am–2pm *ACA Sign-up Assistance* Books & Babies 3:15–4pm 7pm Panel Discussion *What is the Future of the Printed Word?*	**28** Books & Babies 10:15–11am	*Scribbled heart indicates a* ***Grand Opening Event!***

Black History Month

Since 1976, ***Black History Month*** has been celebrated annually in February. Join us in celebrating the achievements of black Americans. **Black Heritage Foundation** and **Billings Public Library** invite you to join in for three Black History Month programs highlighting African-American history and culture. All are free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Each program begins at *7:00pm* at the Library.

- *Feb. 6:* ***Classic Motown & Bluesy Rock Music*** featuring the Lloyd Marsh Band
- *Feb. 13:* ***From Then to Now—What Have We Accomplished?*** panel discussion
- *Feb. 21:* ***From Then to Now—Youth Experiences***

Get Ready for The Big Read!

The Big Read is back! This reading and discussion series is featuring **Charles Portis**' ***True Grit***, the book that inspired three hit films and an enduring legend in the character of Rooster Cogburn. Discussions and events will take place in March, but you can *sign up for a discussion and pick up a copy of the book starting February 10.*

The Big Read is sponsored locally by The Writer's Voice and Billings Public Library and is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

ACA Sign-up Assistance

If you haven't yet signed up for **Affordable Care Act health insurance**, trained counselors can help you decide about the best choices of plans for you and your family. The counselors can provide advice, and even help you in the process of navigating the website.

Come to the Library *10:00am–2:00pm, Thursdays,* and *10:00am–4:00pm, Saturdays, throughout February.*

for Children & Families

Author Visit

Author/illustrator **Michael Berenstain** is visiting Billings Public Library on *Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8,* for book signings and story times!

Alice in Wonderland Story Time

Join the **NOVA Performing Arts Center cast** of ***Alice in Wonderland*** for a very special Story Time. The cast will be in costume and share a reading of the Lewis Carroll classic.

Come to the Library *11:00am, Saturday, February 15.*

Income Tax Assistance Begins February 1

The United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers FREE tax preparation and e-filing to people with basic returns who made $52,000 or less in 2013. 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. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bring your documents *10:00am–4:00pm, Saturdays, February 1–April 12,* to the Large Conference Room on the 2nd Floor.

Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!
Download February'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 ~
Library: 657–8258
Bookmobile: 657–3091
Senior/Homebound: 657–8255
Foundation: 237–6149
Friends of the Library: 657–6170

Webpage ~ *www.billings.lib.mt.us*

Email ~ *refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us*

Story Time Programs *in the Story Tower* ~

Although Story Time sessions are prepared for the ages listed, all ages are welcome to attend any Story Time session.

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
Thursdays, 3:15–4pm
Fridays, 10:15–11am
(ages 0–2 & parent/caregiver)

Saturday Story Time
Saturdays, 11–11:30am
(all ages)