



# Parmly Billings Library

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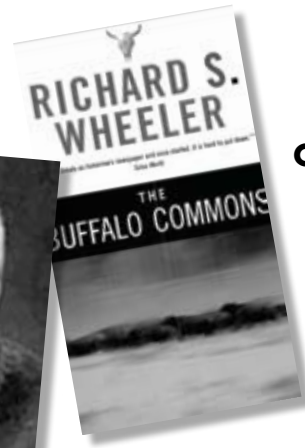
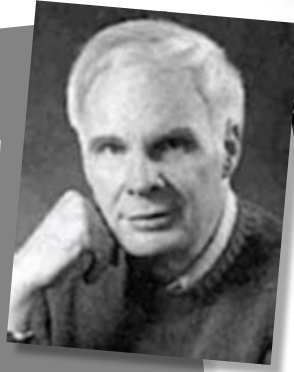
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## One Book Billings~

Join us for discussions! Meet the author!

# BUFFALO COMMONS by Richard Wheeler



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## AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

# One Book Billings reads Buffalo Commons

**Buffalo Commons**, by **Richard S. Wheeler**, has been selected for the next series of **One Book Billings** book discussions. Wheeler is the author of over forty books and is a four-time Spur Award winner from Western Writers of America. He also the 2001 recipient of the Owen Wister Award for lifetime contributions to Western literature. Members of the community are invited to register for one of the discussion groups. Those who register will receive a free copy of the book, courtesy of the **Friends of the Library**.

In addition, the public is invited to **meet Mr. Wheeler at the Library on Saturday, August 23, at 11:00AM**, when he will talk about his writing and read from the book.

### One Book Billings~ Week of Discussions

- **August 16, Saturday, 11:00AM**  
Parmly Billings Library
- **August 18, Monday, 7:00PM**  
Rocky Mountain College  
Bair Student Center
- **August 19, Tuesday, 2:00PM**  
Barnes & Noble
- **August 20, Wednesday, 7:00PM**  
Castle Rock Middle School Library
- **August 22, Monday, Noon**  
MSU-B Downtown

Registration is required for these discussions and space is limited. Call the Library at 657-8258 to register and to receive a free copy of this book.

### SUMMER READING 2008

The Parmly Billings Library Summer Reading Program, **Metamorphosis at Your Library** and **Catch the Reading Bug**, concluded on July 31 with an Open House at the Library. Over 1,800 area children and young adults registered for the program and read for 42,750 hours—making this a very successful summer program. Children and young adults who registered for the program earned "Cricket Tickets" and "Morph Tickets" by reading and doing various other activities. The tickets were used to purchase t-shirts, book bags and also to register for prizes. Activities during the program included story times, movies, crafts, field trips and a weekly program featuring a special guest.

For a list of our generous sponsors please visit our website at [www.billings.lib.mt.us](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us)  
**Thanks to everyone—readers, parents and sponsors—for making this a great summer of reading at the Library!**

### FILM SERIES: FILM NOIR

Sponsored by the **Parmly Billings Library Foundation**, **Thursday Night at the Movies** showing **Film Noir** movies begins at 7:00pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Bring snacks and a friend!

#### Touch of Evil (1958)

August 7, Thursday, 7:00PM  
Orson Wells,  
Charlton Heston,  
Janet Leigh



#### Sunset Boulevard (1950)

August 21, Thursday, 7:00PM  
Gloria Swanson, William Holden

**See you Thursdays!**

## News & Views

of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

*"If you have a garden and a library,  
you have everything you need."*

—Marcus Tullius Cicero

### CREATING A LEGACY

So many people go through life saying, "Someone should do something about that," but very few actually take the next step. One person who made a commitment that made a difference was **Royal Johnson**.

In the late 1980s, Royal understood the difficulties the Library would have due to city budget constraints. From his foresight and vision, the Parmly Billings Library Foundation was created. His legacy to our city was to develop an endowment which ensures a reliable source of income to provide on-going supplemental

funding for our Library. Though his foresight and good work, the Foundation has grown to a level to be able to make a yearly distribution of funds!

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

If you are a Library lover, take the next step with a gift to the Parmly Billings Library Foundation. Your tax-deductible contribution will continue the legacy of providing all citizens of our community the opportunity to read, connect and explore. *Be part of making our Library better and better!*

If you would like more information about the Parmly Billings Library Foundation, please contact **Leslie Modrow** at 237-6149.

## Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

The **Friends of the Library** helped staff the Library's table at Yellowstone Art Museum's recent SummerFair at Rocky Mountain College. In addition to signing up people for memberships, the Friends sold a number of books at 25¢ per book. They took ten boxes of books and brought back only two. Sales were brisk—790 books and 8 tote bags! Friends also provided the handouts that were given away at the fair, including balloons, bookbags and fans, which were a hit with the public.

Coming up, the Friends is sponsoring a performance by the **Montana Repertory Theater on September 25**. And mark your calendar for the fall **Friends Book Sale, October 16-19**. Look for more information about these later.

### FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

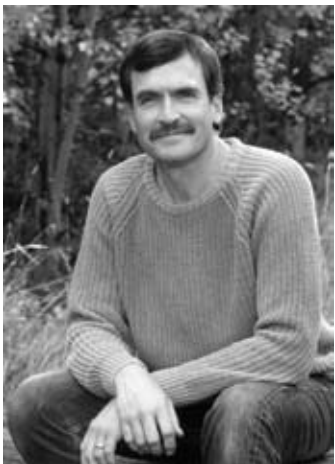
I'm interested in volunteering:  Yes  No, thanks  
 Membership:  Regular ~\$10  Family ~\$25

Make your check payable to **Friends of the Library** and mail to:  
 Friends of the Library, 510 North Broadway, Billings, MT 59101

THIS MONTH AT PARMLY BILLINGS LIBRARY...

<h1>AUGUST</h1>				<b>1</b> Friday Fun Videos 10:30-11am	<b>2</b>	
				<b>3</b> <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>4</b> Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 3pm <b>Clown Alley!</b> 5pm <b>Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>5</b> <b>No</b> Teddy Bear Cubs 5:30pm <i>Spanish Conversation</i>
<b>10</b> <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>11</b> Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm <b>Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>12</b> <b>No</b> Teddy Bear Cubs	<b>13</b> 10am <i>Library Show</i> Channel 7 <b>No</b> Honeycomb Kids <b>No</b> Fun Story Time	<b>14</b> <b>No</b> The Story Bears 7pm <b>Film Noir</b> "Postman Rings Twice"	<b>15</b> Friday Fun Videos 10:30-11am	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>18</b> Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm <b>Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>19</b> Teddy Bear Cubs 10:30-11am <b>Noon New in Fiction</b>	<b>20</b> 10am Ch. 7 <i>Library Show</i> Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am <b>Noon Osteoporosis</b> Fun Story Time 12:30-1am	<b>21</b> The Story Bears 10:30-11am 7pm <b>Film Noir</b> "Sunset Boulevard"	<b>22</b> Friday Fun Videos 10:30-11am	<b>23</b> 11am <b>Richard Wheeler,</b> talk and reading 1:30pm <i>Spanish Conversation</i> 2pm <b>Computer Class</b> "Internet Basics"
<b>24</b> <b>31</b> <b>Library Closed</b>	<b>25</b> Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm <b>Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>26</b> Teddy Bear Cubs 10:30-11am	<b>27</b> 10am Ch. 7 <i>Library Show</i> Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Fun Story Time 12:30-1am	<b>28</b> The Story Bears 10:30-11am 4pm <b>Computer Class</b> "Online Databases"	<b>29</b> Friday Fun Videos 10:30-11am	<b>30</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>

**AUTHOR GARY FERGUSON WINS LIBRARY'S 2008 EMERITUS AWARD**



Award winning author Gary Ferguson

Well known nature writer **Gary Ferguson** has been named the **2008 Emeritus Award Writer**, one of the annual High Plains Book Awards sponsored by the Library. Ferguson is the author of numerous books, including *Shouting at the Sky*, *Walking Down the Wild* and *Hawk's Rest*. The ceremony and banquet are scheduled for *Friday, October 17*, in Billings and the public is encouraged to attend.

**CLASSES SERIES: LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LIBRARY'S COMPUTER SYSTEMS**

The Library staff will continue to teach three courses each month that provide overviews of searching on the public access catalog, the Internet and the various magazine databases that the Library subscribes to.

**Library Catalog** ~ August 7, Thursday, 4:00pm

This class provides an introduction to the Library's computer catalog and shows how to find materials in the Library.

**Internet Basics** ~ August 23, Saturday, 2:00pm

This class is designed for those comfortable with computers but with little experience on the Internet. You will learn the basics of search engines and finding information on the Internet. You MUST know how to use a computer mouse to take this class.

**Online Databases** ~ August 28, Thursday, 4:00pm

This class focuses on the Library's online subscription databases, including Magazine Indexes, Novelist Fiction Guide and the Auto Repair Reference Center.

Registration is required for each of these classes. Call the Library at 657-8258 or stop by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Reference Desk.

**KIDS' PROGRAM: SKIDDLES THE CLOWN**

Come to the Library and join **Skiddles the Clown** and her clown friends from Big Sky Clown Alley as they share their skills with kids to mark International Clown Week.

Come at 3:00pm on Monday, August 4, to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

**PROGRAM: SE HABLA ESPAÑOL**

The Library's **Spanish Conversation Group** meets twice monthly and is open to anyone interested in speaking Spanish.

This month, the group meets at 5:30pm, Tuesday, August 5, and 1:30pm, Saturday, August 23.

**PROGRAM: WHAT'S NEW IN FICTION?**

Are you interested in finding out the latest fiction titles the Library has acquired? Join us for **What's New in Fiction?** A Library staff member will talk about some of the latest and most popular fiction books that have been added to the collection, make some recommendations for your late summer and fall reading, and consider suggestions that you might have for books to be purchased by the Library.

This discussion will take place at Noon on Tuesday, August 19, in the Study on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor at the Library.

**PROGRAM: CARING FOR OSTEOPOROSIS**

**Twyla Saylor**, from Montana Harvest, will talk about supplements that can be used for osteoporosis, the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and the care and prevention of osteoporosis.

Bring your lunch and join us at Noon on Wednesday, August 20, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room at the Library.

**We have a NEW Website!**  
Get the latest Infomobile Calendar!  
Download August's schedule under Services.  
[www.billings.lib.mt.us](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us)

**Library Hours**

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

**Helpful Information**

**Phone numbers ~**  
Hours: 657-8259  
Infomobile: 657-3091  
Reference: 657-8258  
Renewals: 247-8519  
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](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us)

**Email ~**[refdesk@billings.lib.mt.us](mailto:refdesk@billings.lib.mt.us)

**Story Time Programs ~**  
*Carina's Stories*  
Mondays, 12:30-1pm  
*Teddy Bear Cubs*  
Tuesdays, 10:30-11am  
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)  
*Honeycomb Kids*  
Wednesdays, 10:30-11am  
(2-3 year olds & parent/caregiver)  
*Fun Afternoon Story Time*  
Wednesdays, 12:30-1pm  
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)  
*The Story Bears*  
Thursdays, 10:30-11am  
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

**Video Programs ~**  
*Bears at the Movies*  
Fridays, 10:30-11am