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New Book Club Kits!
We've added some great non-fiction titles.
Book clubs—check them out!

Artists! Writers! Illustrators!

The Foundation is looking for creative people to write or illustrate a book for their "Illustrate a Story" fundraiser. Call Leslie, 237-6149!

AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 15, March 2009

Library Adds New Book Club Kits

Over the years, the Library's **Book Club Kits** have become one of our most popular services. Book groups throughout the community have checked out the over forty titles that we have made into Kits. Each "Kit" contains ten copies of a book and discussion guides. Any community book group may check out a Kit for two months. Until now, most of the books have been fiction. The Library recently added new non-fiction titles to our Book Club Kit inventory. These titles include:

- *Judging the Lawyers: A Jury-Box View of the Case Against American Lawyers* by Ted Preston
- *Emotional Intelligence: Why It Can Matter More Than IQ* by Daniel Goleman
- *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States* by Helen Prejean
- *An Unquiet Mind: A Memoir of Moods and Madness* by Kay Redfield Jamison
- *Keeping Things Whole: Readings in Environmental Science*
- *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner
- *American Visions: The Epic History of Art in America* by Robert Hughes
- *Will of the People: Readings in American Democracy*
- *Team of Rivals: the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln* by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Indy Films on Thursday!

The Library's **Thursday Night at the Movies** series continues in March with two recent independent films. Join us for these excellent films, sponsored by the **Parmly Billings Library Foundation**.

The free movies start at 7:00pm on the 3rd Floor. Bring snacks and a friend!

The Visitor (PG-13, 2008)
March 5, Thursday, 7:00pm



Richard Jenkins stars as a disaffected economics professor whose life is transformed by his meeting with two immigrants in New York. Jenkins was nominated for an Academy Award for this film.

Bella (PG-13, 2007)
March 19, Thursday, 7:00pm

An international soccer star and a beautiful waitress are brought together through a simple gesture of kindness that turns an ordinary day in an unforgettable experience.



2009 NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT AWARDS

The 2009 Newbery and Caldecott medal winners were announced at the American Library Association's meeting on January 19. The **Newbery Medal**, awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to literature for children published in the U.S. in the preceding year, was given to Neil Gaiman for *The Graveyard Book*. The **Caldecott Medal**, awarded to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children published in the U.S. during the preceding year, was given to illustrator Beth Krommes for the book *The House in the Night* written by Susan Marie Swanson.

News & Views

of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

It's Not Just About Books—It's Much More!

It's not just about books—it is literacy, learning and living. The **Parmly Billings Library Foundation** is dedicated to our mission of providing supplemental financial support for our Library. From wireless technology to large print books, the Foundation keeps our Library a dynamic space dedicated to opening minds and changing lives.

Your tax-deductible gift to the Parmly Billings Library Foundation today will ensure that our Library continues to meet the challenges of our ever-changing society. Through your support of Parmly Billings Library Foundation, you will make certain that our Library remains a vibrant and essential component of our community. For more information on how

you can make a difference, please contact Leslie Modrow, Development Director, PBLF 237-6149 or email her at lmodrow@billings.lib.mt.us
Thanks for your support!

Can We Talk? A Community Conversation was a tremendous success! If you were not able to attend the January 30 workshop but still want to be part of the conversation, the Library is hosting a free discussion of the book *Gracious Space* by Pat Hughes. This discussion, hosted by Mary Hernandez, will take place at the Library on **Thursday, March 12, 7:00-8:30pm**. For more information, call the Foundation at 237-6149.

Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

The **Book Nook** has a long history in the Library and has recently been revamped to include large print and foreign language books. There are a limited number of these books, but we hope to have more donations in these categories in the near future. Led by **Lennis Rightmire**, the volunteers keep the Nook stocked with interesting and rewarding reading at very attractive prices. There is a theme each month and March will include not only the usual Irish theme, but gardening and outdoor sports. You will find some rare and collectible books on the shelves as well. If you haven't checked out the Nook recently, stop by on your next visit to the Library—or make it the reason for you to visit. You'll find the shelves under the spiral staircase

on the first floor. *It would be wise to check often, because there are new books every day!* Your support of the Book Nook ultimately finds its way into the Library's projects and programs. **Thanks for your continued interest in and support of Parmly Billings Library and the Friends.**



What's going on in March at Parmly Billings Library!

1	2 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm Library Show Channel 7	3 Teddy Bear Cubs 10:30-11am 11:30am Computers <i>Beginning computers/mouse</i> 5:30pm Spanish Conversation	4 10am Ch. 7 Library Show Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Learn@Noon <i>Women in the Military</i> Fun Story Time 12:20-1pm	5 The Story Bears 10:30-11am 4:00pm Computers <i>Library Catalog</i> 7:00pm Indy Film "The Visitor"	6 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am 4-5pm Kids' Crafts <i>St. Patrick's Day Craft</i>	7
8 TEEN TECH WEEK begins <i>(pick up materials for Scavenge@Your Library)</i>	9 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm Library Show Channel 7	10 Teddy Bear Cubs 10:30-11am 11:30am Computers <i>Beginning Windows XP</i>	11 10am Ch. 7 Library Show Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Learn@Noon <i>Investing for Women</i> Fun Story Time 12:20-1pm	12 The Story Bears 10:30-11am 4:00pm Computers <i>Online Databases</i> 7-8:30pm Discussion <i>Gracious Space with Mary Hernandez</i>	13 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am TEEN TECH WEEK Game Day 3:30-5:30pm	14 TEEN TECH WEEK ends <i>(turn in answers for Scavenge@Your Library)</i>
15	16 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm Library Show Channel 7	17 Teddy Bear Cubs 10:30-11am 11:30am Computers <i>Beginning Word 2003</i>	18 10am Ch. 7 Library Show Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Learn@Noon <i>Intro to Bizet's Carmen</i> Fun Story Time 12:20-1pm 7:00pm Discussion <i>Teen Book Group</i>	19 The Story Bears 10:30-11am 4:00pm Computers <i>Internet Basics</i> 7:00pm Indy Film "Bella"	20 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am	21 1:30pm Spanish Conversation
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

PROGRAM: LOG HOME PLANNING 101

Deb Ausen, of Log Builders, Inc. in Billings, will talk about the basics involved in log home ownership whether building or buying. If you've ever dreamed about owning a log home, this is a program you will want to attend.

Come at 7:00pm, Wednesday, March 25, to the 3rd Floor.

PROGRAM: GETTING STARTED IN GENEALOGY

Since Alex Haley's famed book *Roots* was published, genealogy has been one of America's favorite pastimes. Members of the **Yellowstone Genealogy Forum** will provide an introduction to genealogy, give you tips on where to find the information you might need, and talk about some of the materials in the Library's Genealogy Room, which is maintained by the Forum's members. *Start learning about your ancestors!*

Join members of the Forum at 7:00pm, Tuesday, March 31, in the Montana Room on the 2nd Floor.

Stuff for Kids, Teens & Families!

KIDS' PROGRAM: ST. PAT'S DAY CRAFT

Celebrate "National Craft Month" at the Library by participating in an **afterschool St. Patrick's Day craft**. This special craft is designed for ages 3 and up. *Pre-registration is required. For more information call Children's Services at 657-8256.*

Stop in 4:00-5:00pm, Friday, March 6.

TEEN PROGRAM: TEEN TECH WEEK

Teen Tech Week is March 8-14 with activities for teens going on during that week. On Sunday, March 8, teens begin **Scavenge@Your Library**, a scavenger hunt that tests their ability to find answers to questions by using information found in the Library's online catalog. Pick up the contest materials at the Children's Services desk on the 1st Floor (*please return them by Saturday, March 14*). A drawing will be held for a gift card to Best Buy! Friday, March 13, is **Game Day**—an afternoon of board games and games on the Library's Wii.

LEARN@NOON: WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

As part of Women's History Month, librarian **Lynne Puckett**, a Captain in the Navy Reserve, will talk about the roles women have played and are continuing to play in the military, and how those roles have evolved over the years.

Come at Noon, Wednesday, March 4, to the 3rd Floor.

LEARN@NOON: INVESTING FOR WOMEN

Sue Anderson will present a program titled **A Woman's Guide to Money Matters**. Ms. Anderson, a financial advisor for Edward Jones, will discuss preparing for retirement, options available to pay for a child's or grandchild's education, and developing a strategy to help achieve your financial goals.

Join her at Noon, Wednesday, March 11, on the 3rd Floor.

LEARN@NOON: AN INTRODUCTION TO BIZET'S CARMEN

The Rimrock Opera will be performing *Carmen* at the end of March. **Doug Nagel**, Director of the Rimrock Opera, will provide **An Introduction to Bizet's Carmen** by talking about the opera's background and playing excerpts from the work.

Come at Noon, Wednesday, March 18, to the 3rd Floor.

LEARN@NOON: STARTING YOUR GARDEN FROM SEED: FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES 101

Gardening expert **Dulcey Eubank** will talk about the best ways to start flowers and vegetables from seed in preparation for the spring.

Join her at Noon, Wednesday, March 25, on the 3rd Floor.

Get the latest Infomobile Calendar!
Download March's schedule under Services.

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Everything else you want to know about your Library is on our website, too! Check it out.

Library Hours

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

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

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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
12:30-1pm
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)
The Story Bears
Thursdays, 10:30-11am
(3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)
Books & Babies Lap-Sit
Fridays, 10:15-11am
(babies & parent/caregiver)

Video Programs ~

Bears at the Movies
Fridays, 10:30-11am