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# AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

Parmly Billings Library *NEWSLETTER—No. 24, December 2009*

## Planning for Downtown Library Continues

As the newsletter goes to press, the Billings City Council has just approved the Library staff's recommendation to delay until Dec. 14 consideration of the Library Board's recommendation for the Library to move to the current Gainan's building. The delay provides additional time for Gainan's to complete its offer to sell, as well as permitting advertising for a public hearing at the Dec. 14 Council meeting. Council members encourage community members to participate in the hearing. Council discussion also included the possibility that additional sites might be investigated before a final proposal is chosen to place before the voters.

## Join our ONLINE BOOK CLUBS!

Join one (or all twelve!) of our ***Online Book Clubs***. Every day, Monday through Friday, we will email you a five-minute selection from a chapter of a book. *Choose among mysteries, business books, teen titles, even pre-publication!* By the end of the week, you'll have read 2–3 chapters. Every Monday we start new books. All you need is an email address. It's a great way to try out a new author—if you like the book, come down to the Library and check it out! Sign up and start reading today at *http://ci.billings.mt.us/emailbookclub*

*Choose your* Book Clubs*:*

- ❑ Fiction Club
- ❑ Teen Club
- ❑ Romance Club
- ❑ SciFi Club
- ❑ Thriller Club
- ❑ Pre-Pub Club
- ❑ Nonfiction Club
- ❑ Business Club
- ❑ Good News Club
- ❑ Mystery Club
- ❑ Audio Club
- ❑ Classics Club

## Family History Resources @ Your Parmly Billings Library

A little-known treasure at the Library is our **Genealogy Room**. The collection includes genealogy magazines, local obituaries and over 1,200 books. These are owned by the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum, Daughters of the American Revolution and Mayflower Descendants. The books cover topics such as immigration, U.S. states, family histories, diaries, biographies, foreign countries, how to do genealogy research, military and census records.

Volunteers from the ***Yellowstone Genealogy Forum*** are often on duty on Tuesdays and Thursdays and are willing to help anyone researching a family tree. Items in the Genealogy Room must be used in that room.

The Gen Room is located on the 2nd Floor in the southwest corner, through the Teen Pit. It is opened by request to the public for researching family history. The key may be obtained at the Reference Desk on 2nd Floor.

## MORE Hitchcock!

The Library's **Thursday Night at the Movies** continues its Hitchcock series, sponsored by Parmly Billings Foundation.

*The free movies start at 7:00pm on the 3rd Floor. Bring snacks and a friend! See you at the Library for some great thrills!!*

***Rebecca*** (unrated, 1940)
*Dec. 3, Thursday, 7:00pm*

***Strangers on a Train*** (PG, 1951)
*Dec. 17, Thursday, 7:00pm*

# News & Views

*of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation*

A message from **Evelyn Noennig**, *President, Parmly Billings Library Foundation:*

*Local contributions are critical to sustaining the financial aid necessary to keep services dynamic and vital to our community. From expanding technology to teen book club kits, the* ***Parmly Billings Library Foundation*** *is dedicated to enriching your Library to meet the ever changing needs of our community. Through your help, the Library Foundation ensures that supplemental financial support is provided to maintain your Library with the extras, such as a digital media center or portable computer lab, needed to make a good library a great library. Only with your support can we continue our mission of building the endowment, thus guaranteeing your Library a steady stream of income in perpetuity.* ***Please take a moment to write as generous a check as you can to the Parmly Billings Library Foundation.*** *Your gift will make a difference to the 350,000 patrons who use our services annually.*

**Thank You and Happy Holidays!**

Kathy Robins sharing computer skills with Janice Johnson

The Foundation makes an annual distribution from its endowment. The Library uses these funds to meet needs that otherwise would go unmet.

Monies raised go to growing that vitally important "nest egg." To make a tax-deductible donation, call 237–6149 or email Leslie Modrow, Foundation Director, *at lmodrow@billings.lib.mt.us*

# Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

Join us for a ***Celebration of Holiday Songs*** by the **Big Sky Chorus** on *Saturday, Dec, 12, at 11:00 am on the 1st Floor.* Everyone is welcome!

A chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society, the Big Sky Chorus is an extraordinary group of men who gather together in celebration of barbershop music. They currently have over thirty singers of all ages, from all walks of life. "The main purpose of Big Sky Chorus is to get out and sing for our community."

The **Friends**, a non-profit group of volunteers, are always looking for new members, volunteers and donations! *Give a Friends' Membership to yourself or someone else this holiday season.*

*The Friends wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons!*

**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

# DECEMBER

## In December @ your Parmly Billings Library!

Remember: We're open Sundays, 1–5pm. Stop in, slow down and read a poem!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | **1**<br>Teddy Bear Cubs<br>10:30–11am<br>2pm *New Catalog Class*<br>5:30pm<br>*Spanish Conversation* | **2**<br>3pm Ch. 7<br>*Library Show*<br>Honeycomb Kids<br>10:30–11am<br>Fun Story Time<br>12:30–1pm<br>6pm *Book w/a Buddy*<br>*"Among the Hidden"*<br>7pm *Film with YAM*<br>*"Rape of Europa"* | **3**<br>The Story Bears<br>10:30–11am<br>Noon Craft Program<br>*Origami Gift Boxes*<br>Books & Babies<br>3:15–4pm<br>4pm *New Catalog Class*<br>7pm *Hitchcock Film*<br>*"Rebecca"* | **4**<br>Books & Babies<br>10:15–11am<br>Bears at the Movies<br>10:30–11am<br>4–5pm Kids' Craft<br>Snowflake Mobiles | **5**<br>11am *Family Crafts*<br>*Wreaths* |
| **6** | **7**<br>Carina's Stories<br>12:30–1pm<br>5pm *Library Show*<br>Channel 7 | **8**<br>Teddy Bear Cubs<br>10:30–11am<br>2pm *New Catalog Class* | **9**<br>Honeycomb Kids<br>10:30–11am<br>Fun Story Time<br>12:30–1pm<br>3pm *Library Show*<br>Channel 7 | **10**<br>The Story Bears<br>10:30–11am<br>Noon Library Board Mtg.<br>Books & Babies<br>3:15–4pm<br>4pm *New Catalog Class* | **11**<br>Books & Babies<br>10:15–11am<br>Bears at the Movies<br>10:30–11am<br>4–5pm Kids' Craft<br>Felt Mittens | **12**<br>11am *Big Sky Chorus* |
| **13** | **14**<br>Carina's Stories<br>12:30–1pm<br>5pm *Library Show*<br>Channel 7 | **15**<br>Teddy Bear Cubs<br>10:30–11am<br>2pm *New Catalog Class* | **16**<br>Honeycomb Kids<br>10:30–11am<br>Fun Story Time<br>12:30–1pm<br>3pm *Library Show*<br>Channel 7<br>7pm *Book Club*<br>*Turning Page* | **17**<br>The Story Bears<br>10:30–11am<br>Books & Babies<br>3:15–4pm<br>4pm *New Catalog Class*<br>7pm *Hitchcock Film*<br>*"Strangers on a Train"* | **18**<br>Books & Babies<br>10:15–11am<br>Bears at the Movies<br>10:30–11am<br>4–5pm Kids' Craft<br>Poinsettia Hand Art | **19**<br>1:30pm<br>*Spanish Conversation*<br>2pm *Anime Film Club*<br>*"Moon Phase, vol 1"* |
| **20** | **21**<br>Movie Time (no stories)<br>12:30–1pm<br>5pm *Library Show*<br>Channel 7 | **22**<br>Movie Time (no stories)<br>10:30–11am | **23**<br>Movie Times (no stories)<br>10:30–11am<br>12:30–1pm<br>3pm *Library Show*<br>Channel 7 | **24**<br>Movie Times (no stories)<br>10:30–11am<br>No Books & Babies<br>***Library closes at 6pm*** | **25**<br>**Christmas Day**<br>***Library Closed***<br>HO! HO! HO! | **26** |
| **27** | **28**<br>Movie Time (no stories)<br>12:30–1pm<br>5pm *Library Show*<br>Channel 7 | **29**<br>Movie Time (no stories)<br>10:30–11am | **30**<br>Movie Times (no stories)<br>10:30–11am<br>12:30–1pm<br>3pm *Library Show*<br>Channel 7 | **31**<br>Movie Times (no stories)<br>10:30–11am<br>No Books & Babies<br>***Library closes at 6pm*** | Happy 2010!<br>**New Year's Day**<br>***Library Closed*** | |

**We Wish You and Yours the Best of this Holiday Season!**

### LEARNING@THE LIBRARY:
## CLASSES TO INTRODUCE THE NEW CATALOG

*Wondering how to use the Library's new catalog system?* We are holding 1-hour introductory classes on using the new catalog and will teach users to search our holdings, other libraries in Montana and cataloged web sites available through the catalog. *Class size is limited. To register, call the Library at 657–8258 or stop by the 2nd Floor Reference Desk.*

Classes are at *2:00pm, Tuesdays, December 1, 8 & 15* and at *4:00pm, Thursdays, December 3, 10 & 17,* on the 2nd Floor.

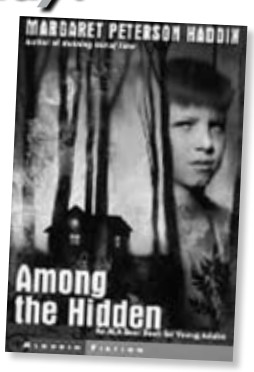
### CRAFT WORKSHOP:
## CREATING ORIGAMI GIFT BOXES

***Sherri Deaver*** will teach you how to create beautiful **origami gift boxes** just in time for holiday gift-giving. You will need to bring 10 pieces of colorful 20# paper, at least five inches square. Paper must be foldable and able to hold a crease. Thick wrapping paper works; tissue paper does not. *Class size is limited; please register by calling 657–8258.*

Join her at *Noon, Thursday, December 3,* on the 3rd Floor.

# For Kids & Families!

## Book It With A Buddy!




**Book It With A Buddy** is a book discussion group for 4th–6th graders and an adult. We will be reading and discussing ***Among the Hidden*** by Margaret Peterson Haddix. *To register and get a free copy of the book, call the Children's Desk at 657–8256.*

Join us at *6:00pm, Wednesday, December 2,* at Off the Leaf, 819 Grand.

### CRAFTS PROGRAMS:
## KIDS' HOLIDAY CRAFTS

Holiday crafts for kids ages 3–11! Join us on **Friday afternoons in December, 4:00–5:00pm** on the 3rd Floor.

- *Dec. 4:* **Coffee Filter Snowflake Mobiles**
- *Dec. 11:* **Felt Mittens**
  We'll also enjoy *The Mitten* by Jan Brett
- *Dec. 19:* **Poinsettia Hand Art**

*To reserve a spot for your child, you MUST preregister by calling Children's Services Desk at 657–8258. (Each child under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.)*

## FAMILY CRAFTS

You and your child can make a holiday WREATH! Join us on **Saturday, December 5, 11:00 am–Noon** on the 3rd Floor.

*Supplies are provided. Space is limited; registration is required. Call 657–8256.*

**Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!**
**Download December's schedule under Services.**

*www.billings.lib.mt.us*

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

## Library Hours

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| *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

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

**Email ~** *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*
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*
Thursdays, 3:15–4pm
Fridays, 10:15–11am
(babies & parent/caregiver)

**Video Programs ~**

*Bears at the Movies*
Fridays, 10:30–11am