

AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 29, May 2010

We Dedicated Our New Computer Classroom!

On April 13, we dedicated a new **computer classroom and teleconference center**, the Library's latest community service. Our first teleconference was hosted by **Senator Jon Tester**, brought to us via Skype from Washington, DC. He thanked the community and, in particular, the donors who so generously support the Library Foundation.



Senator Jon Tester hosting the dedication of the new Computer Classroom.

Here, the Library will offer basic technology training to members of the community. Also, the room may be reserved by community groups, non-profits and small businesses. The classroom has twelve student computers and one instructor workstation. *It's a great asset to our Library!* Many thanks to the Foundation.



Library Assistant Director Dee Ann Redman and Foundation Board President Evelyn Noennig help Billings' Mayor Tom Hanel cut the cable!

LEARNING@THE LIBRARY: TECH TUESDAYS FOR MAY!

Everyone is welcome, though registration is required. Call the Library at 657-8258 or stop by the 2nd Floor Reference Desk. Classes are held Tuesdays, at 11:30am in our NEW 2nd Floor computer classroom.

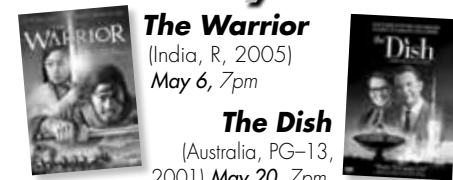
- **May 4: Beginning Windows XP**
Learn about files, folders and windows; how to maximize, minimize, close and re-size windows, START button, Task Bar, Calendar and Clock. PREREQUISITE: competent mouse skills
- **May 11: Flyers with Microsoft Publisher**
Learn to use Microsoft Publisher to create a flyer with artistic fonts and graphics—greeting cards and newsletters, too. PREREQUISITE: competent mouse skills; knowledge of Windows and MS Word
- **May 18: Beginning Email Using Yahoo**
You will set up an email account using Yahoo and learn basic use. Create email, open received email, respond and forward. PREREQUISITE: competent mouse skills; knowledge of basic Windows functions
- **May 25: Intermediate Email**
You will send and receive attachments, save attachments, reply and forward email, create contacts and folders for organizing messages. PREREQUISITE: current email account; knowledge of basic Windows functions

Discussion Groups One Book Billings

- **May 3, Monday, Noon**
Parmly Billings Library
- **May 3, Monday, 7:00pm**
Rocky Mountain College Library
- **May 4, Tuesday, 2:00pm**
Chapel at Mission Ridge
- **May 5, Wednesday, Noon**
Castle Rock Middle School Library
- **May 5, Wednesday, 7:00pm**
Rocky Mountain College Library

To register for a discussion of **Jamie Ford's Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet**, call 657-8258 or come to the 2nd Floor desk at the Library. Each discussion will have a facilitator.

Thursday Films



Sponsored by Parmly Billings Library Foundation.

News & Views

of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

Save the date! The 5th annual **Food for Thought, An Evening of Great Conversation** is scheduled for **Thursday, June 3, 6-9pm**, at the Library. Join others in stimulating conversation while enjoying a fabulous meal prepared by Thomas Nelson Catering—all in support of your Library!

To learn more about this wonderful evening, go to www.billings.lib.mt.us to find out who the twenty most interesting people are this year and what they'll be discussing. Join the conversation and be part of this unique evening by calling the



Parmly Billings Library Foundation office at 237-6149. Do it now as this event sells out quickly! We accept credit cards for ticket purchase. See you at the Library!

Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

There were several events of note in April. **National Library Week** highlighted the importance of libraries, celebrated the multitude of programs being offered to the community, and also stressed the changes that the internet has brought about and the expansion that is required to keep us current. We are reminded of how important the Library is in our lives, especially in meeting the goal of providing everyone with the benefits of free literacy.

National Volunteer Week was celebrated April 19-25. In recognition, the Library staff held a breakfast to show their appreciation of our support. The volunteers enjoyed the food and the opportunity to relax and socialize for an hour before the Spring Book Sale opened.

Friends of the Library Spring Sale was a great success with all the participants marveling at the great variety of books available for purchase. There were happy smiles from the young to the old—that's the reward for all the hours of labor the dedicated Friends volunteers put in week after week. The sale would not be possible without donations from the community and their love of reading being passed on for someone else to enjoy. *Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful event!* Our Spring and Fall Book Sales are part of our commitment to support the Library within and outside the walls. The Friends are always looking for new members, volunteers and donations! *We'd love to have you join us!*

In May @ your Parmly Billings Library!

MAY						
						1 1pm Author Visit Jamie Ford, "Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet"
2	3 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm Library Show Channel 7	4 Teddy Bear Cubs 10:30-11am 11:30am Tech Tues Class Beginning Windows XP 5:30pm Spanish Conversation	5 Honeycomb Kids 10:30-11am Noon Author Visit Sue Hart, "Blgs: MT's Trailhead" Fun Story Time 12:30-1pm 3pm Library Show Channel 7	6 The Story Bears 10:30-11am NO Books & Babies 7pm Foreign Film "The Warrior"	7 NO Books & Babies Bears at the Movies 10:30-11am	8
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30 Summer Hours Library CLOSED on Sundays	31 Memorial Day Library CLOSED					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

AUTHOR VISIT: JAMIE FORD

Jamie Ford, author of the One Book Billings selection *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, will read from and discuss his novel. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Join him at 1:00pm, Saturday, May 1, on the 3rd Floor.

AUTHOR VISIT: SUE HART

Sue Hart, professor of English at MSU-Billings, will talk about the history of our community and her new book *Billings: Montana's Trailhead*. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Join her at Noon, Wednesday, May 5, on the 3rd Floor.

PROGRAM:

FAMILY LAW FOR NON-LAWYERS

People who are thinking about filing or are already involved in a family law court case (divorce and/or a parenting plan only, please) and don't have an attorney, will learn what the law says about divorce in Montana including an overview of the legal process, information about dividing assets and debts, and guidelines for a good parenting plan. *The class will not give you legal advice about your case*, nor is it intended to replace the advice of an attorney. An attorney will answer general questions at the end of the class. *Parents, please make childcare arrangements for your children; your full attention is needed.* This class is in held with the **Yellowstone Area Bar Family Law Project**.

Choose **one** of these sessions: Noon-2:00pm, Thursday, May 13, or 6:00-8:00pm, Wednesday, May 26, on the 3rd Floor.

TEEN PROGRAM: YOUNG ADULT AUTHOR

Local young adult author **Blythe Woolston** will talk about new teen fiction, reading, writing, author websites and more. She will have three new books of special interest to teens to give away.

Come at 4:00pm, Wednesday, May 12, to the 3rd Floor.

2010 Summer Reading Program for Kids & Teens

The Parmly Billings Library's 2010 Summer Reading Program **Make a Splash READ!** for children and **Make Waves @ Your Library** for teens will begin Monday, June 14, with registration beginning on Monday, June 7. Children and teens

who participate will receive reading logs to record time spent reading. By recording time and accomplishing activities, they earn tokens to redeem for a Summer Reading t-shirt or book bag. The tokens can also be used to register for prizes to be given away weekly and at the End of Summer Reading Program Open House on Thursday, July 29. Throughout the program there will be Story Times on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30-1:00 pm and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from



Make Waves



Our Summer Reading program is a great way to encourage reading for children and teens! **Make a Splash** and **READ** this summer! To register and for more information, contact Children's Services at 657-8256 or check on our website www.billings.lib.mt.us

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
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@ci.billings.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

Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!
Download May's schedule on our website.

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