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PPY HOLIDAYS!

Of the Friends'

OKS BY THE BAG SALE!

OF \$4 bags. Saturday, December 4, 10am-2pm

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Change Service Requested

AROUND YOUR LIBRARY! Our New Word Wall Bi

Wall, the interactive media experience in the Children's Story Time area. The Word Wall is an immersive experience that will allow children—and their parents—to play with words and phrases using their bodies to move the words. Children can also work cooperatively with each other, having fun with both the technology and the written words. Though similar installations can be seen in some museums and commercial spaces, Parmly Billings Library is the first library to have this type of media wall.

The Word Wall was made possible by a gift from the estate of former Children's Librarian **Edith Gronhovd**, and was dedicated in her honor on Thursday, November 18. The Wall's Sacrifice Cliff background is based on an image provided courtesy of photographer **Phil Bell**.

Children's Author Signs Book

Maria Day, a Billings teen who used to attend story time at the Library, has published a book for children, *The Perfect Butterfly*. Frannie the Caterpillar isn't very good at being a superhero. She isn't very good at being a gardener, fisherman, painter or dancer either. The only thing she truly wants to be is a butterfly, and she wants to be a butterfly right now. What Frannie doesn't realize is that she is meant to be *The Perfect Butterfly*.



Maria will sign copies of her book, available for purchase, on *Sunday, December 12*, *1:30pm*, on the 1st Floor.

Big Sky Chorus Holiday Consert

It wouldn't be December at the Library without the **Big Sky Chorus** and their annual **Celebration of Holiday**

Songs. These singers blend beautiful harmonies with all your favorite holiday music. The concert is held on the first floor, but the music rings throughout the Library! This program is sponsored by The

Friends of the Library, who will also be providing light refreshments for all those attending. Make

this one of your of your favorite holiday traditions, just like it is for us at the Library!
We'll see you on Saturday,



The Big Sky Chorus performing at the Library—just one of the many worthwhile things the Friends do to support the Library with the funds they raise.

Friends' Books by the Bag Sale

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 36, December 2010

The **Friends of the Library** are holding a **Books by the Bag Sale** on **Saturday, December 4, 10am–2pm,** on the 3rd Floor. When you arrive, purchase medium-sized bags for \$3 or large bags for \$5 and fill them to the brim with books, magazines and audio-visuals. With the exception of new books and collectibles, all sections will be open for your perusal and selection. As Friends'

president

Mona Harris

put it, "Many

of those books

you reluctantly

left behind in

October are

still waiting for

you." Enjoy this

economical way

to stock up for

winter reading.



of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

Because of your annual support to the Library
Foundation, we enrich our community by providing improved services, outreach to underserved populations and enhanced lifelong learning for children and adults throughout Yellowstone County.

Your contribution makes a difference to thousands!
Because of you, our Library can continue to be a community center devoted to learning-for-life for all.

Make your donation today.

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Billings Library Foundation, our mission
and to make a donation, please go to
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or email Development Director Leslie
Modrow at modrowl@ci.billings.mt.us.
Your support makes all the difference!
THANK YOU for making an investment
in your Library! Happy Holidays!

October saw a great turn-out for our **Book Sale** and comments from both old friends and new were very positive. So were the sales which totaled more than \$10,000! Thanks to all who visited the third floor. We wish you hours of happy reading. Referring to categories under her charge, Friends member **Nancy Steel** commented, "The inventory of reasonably-priced biographies and nonfiction resulted in many sales. I look forward to the next one."

Steel won't have long to wait. Although hundreds of books found new homes, the number remaining is daunting and newly donated works arrive every week. Watch for our **Books by the Bag Sale** on Saturday, December 4.



Photo of our November Books Sale by Pat Payne

A new light has been installed to brighten up the **Book Nook**, making it all the more pleasant to browse the recently-set-up Christmas section. The Friends wish you a joyous holiday season.

- "The sound was as pure as air never breathed."
- ~Harriet Doerr, Consider This, Señora

In December your Parmly Billings Library! Story Time Tales 11am & 5:30pm ecember Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Books & Babies Books by the Bag Social Media Class 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library Computer Classes **SALE!** Noon Program 11am Get Your Own Email 1:30pm Basic Internet 10am-2pm 10:30-11am "Home for the Holidays"
3:15-4pm Books Babies 4-5pm Kids' Craft 1:30pm for TEENs 3pm Library Show Ch. 3 7pm Indie Film Series 5 11 10 OF THE SEASON TO YOU AND YOURS! WISHING YOU A GREAT 2011! Tales & Tots Stories Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tales & Tots Stories Carina's Stories Books & Babies 11am Big Sky Chorus 10:30-11am 10:30-11am 12:30-1pm 10:15-11am Festival of Holiday Songs 11am & 5:30pm Computer Classes Movies @ the Library 5pm Library Show 11am Tech. Tue. Class Social Media Class 11am Intermediate Internet 4:30pm Testing & Edcation Sorting Data in Excel 10:30-11am 5:30pm Spanish 4–5pm Kids' Craft Noon Lib. Board Mtg. Conversation 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3:15-4pm Books& Babies Story Time Tales 18 14 11am & 5:30pm Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tales & Tots Story Time 10:30-11am Books & Babies 1:30pm Social Media Class 10:15-11am Spanish Conversation Computer Classes Movies @ the Library 11am Tech. Tue. Class Creating a Mailing List with Word and Excel 5pm Library Show 2pm Anime Film Club 1pm Knitting Circle 1:30pm Basic Internet 4:30pm Testing & Education 10:30-11am 3:15-4pm Books& Babies 4—5pm Kids' Craft Popsicle Craft Database Noon Program "Family Law for Non-Lawyers" 7pm Indie Film Series 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 19 20 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tales & Tots Story Time 10:30-11am Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Carina's Stories **Christmas Eve Christmas Day** 12:30-1pm **Library Closed Library Closed** Noon Program "Family Law for Non-Lawyers" Computer Classes 3:15-4pm Books& Babies 5pm Library Show 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 26 28 29 30 **NO STORY TIME NO STORY TIME NO STORY TIME** New Year's Day **NO STORY TIME** New Year's Eve **Library Closed** 11am Tech. Tue. Class 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3:15-4pm Books Babies **Library Closed** 5pm Library Show Creating Charts Noon Program Family Law for Non-Lawyers' Sunday Wednesday Thursday **Friday** Saturday Monday **Tuesday**

PROGRAM:

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Are you wanting inspiration for your holiday preparations? Bernie Mason from the Yellowstone County Extension Service takes you Home for the Holidays. With great ideas for decorating, feasting and gifts, you'll learn terrific new ways to celebrate the holidays in style!

Join her at Noon, Thursday, December 2, on the 3rd Floor.

TECH TUESDAY EXCEL CLASS SERIES

Sign up for our Tech Tuesday series final two expanded Excel classes teaching practical uses for Microsoft Excel skills.

Classes are always on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom. Please pre-register by calling 657-8258.

- Sorting Data in Excel~Dec. 7
- Using Excel and Word to Create a Mailing List~Dec. 14

PROGRAM:

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.

Yoou may choose **one** of these **Noon-2:00 pm** sessions: **Tuesday**, December 21, or Tuesday, December 28, on the 3rd Floor.

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

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All our info is on our website, too! Check it out.

Kids' Holiday Craft Projects

Children ages 3–12 and up are invited come and make Holiday Crafts. We'll provide the materials; children under 8 must be accompained by a parent.

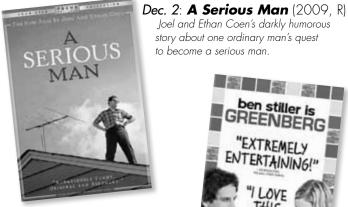
These three sessions of crafts are on Fridays, 4–5pm, on the 3rd Floor. To preregister, please call Children's Services at 657-8256.

- Flower Pot Snowman (ages 3 and up)~Dec. 3
- Winter Gaze Ball (ages 5 and up)~Dec. 10
- Popsicle Craft (ages 3 and up)~Dec. 17

MORE India Film Sarias!

One of our most popular series continues in December—those quirky, unpredictable indie films. The Library's Thursday Night at the Movies is sponsored, as always, by the Parmly Billings Library Foundation.

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



Dec. 16: **Greenberg** (2010, R) Ben Stiller stars in this movie about human frailty and finding a moral and spiritual



significance in caring for a dog or driving someone on an errand.

> Jan. 6: **Son of Rambow** (2008, PG-13) Jan 20: In Bruges (2008, R)

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 ~

Story Time with Carina! Mondays, 12:30-1pm

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 Lap-Sit

Thursdays, 3:15-4pm Fridays, 10:15-11am (babies & parent/caregiver)

Video Programs ~

Movie Time @ the Library Fridays, 10:30-11am