

AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 37, January 2011

Librarian Kathy Jones Is Retiring!

We're honoring the retirement of Librarian **Kathy Jones** after...ahem...*FORTY YEARS* at Parmly Billings Library, and you're invited! Kathy has been here from the card catalog through our fourth-generation software system. She has served as a bookmobile driver, reader's advisor, circulation supervisor, reference librarian and interlibrary loan specialist. Come celebrate with us and wish Kathy well on her new adventures at an *Open House, 2:00–4:00pm, Friday, January 28*, on the Library's 3rd Floor. Light refreshments will be provided.

Cooks with Books!

Are you a cook? Have we got books for you! The Library has an extensive cookbook section, and we're going to have fun with it starting in January when we kick off **Cooks with Books**, a series of programs encouraging you to play with your food!

Come to our **Cookbook Browse** on *Monday, January 10*—you'll get a taste of all the treats in store! Then on *Wednesday, January 19*, join Yellowstone County Extension Agent **Bernie Mason** as she presents new recipes and tips for you at a noontime program. Stay tuned for what's up in February. We've just whetted your appetite.

For Younger Library Card Holders ONLY!

DRAW YOUR FAVORITE DRAGON

Are you fond of dragons? If you are in grades 4–8, you can submit a drawing of your favorite dragon. The top three will win prizes awarded before a special showing of **How to Train Your Dragon**. Call 657–8256 or 657–8258 for more information.

Submit drawings *January 10–February 10*; the awards, followed by the movie, will begin at *2:00pm, Saturday, February 12*.

TEENS: NEW MOVIE SERIES

Movies just for teens are shown on the third Saturday of the month. *The free Saturday movies start at 2:00pm on the 3rd Floor. Bring snacks and a friend!*

NO ADULTS: HOMEWORK CLUB

Need some time to concentrate on your schoolwork? Come to the **Homework Club** in the computer lab! Meet other kids, have fun—and get some help.

Stop by *4:00–5:00pm, every Thursday, beginning January 27*, in the 2nd Floor Computer Lab.

United Way Volunteer Tax Assistance Program

The **United Way Volunteer Income Tax Assistance** program is back at the Library this year. Tax filers, with basic returns who made \$49,000 or below in 2010, can have their taxes prepared and e-filed free by IRS-certified volunteers. VITA sites specialize in helping people who make less than \$49,000 get all the tax benefits they qualify for. Assistance will be provided on a walk-in basis only.

Come in *Noon–3:00pm, Saturdays, January 29–April 9*, on the 2nd Floor.

For the latest in what's happening @ your Library!

Join our Facebook group!
We're also "out there" at www.twitter.com/ParmlyBillings.
We don't want you to miss a thing that happens here.

News & Views

of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

EXCITING NEWS!

The Parmly Billings Library Foundation is very proud to announce the start of a **\$5 million capital campaign** to help pay for a new Library! Board and staff members are in the process of preparing campaign materials to educate potential donors about the need for and benefits of building a new Library in Billings. We are also working with teams of local professionals who will be helping us construct an environmentally-friendly building, design a modern and comfortable interior, and support a bond to fund the majority of construction.

Your Parmly Billings Library is an important community center. It enriches all of us in Yellowstone County by providing

outstanding services, outreach to underserved populations and enhanced lifelong learning for children and adults.

The Foundation sincerely appreciates your support. This is the largest project we have ever undertaken and we need community assistance to succeed. *Please call our office at 237–6149 if you are interested in putting your talents to work in helping create a new Library!*

To find out more about the Foundation, our mission and to make a donation, please go to www.billingslibraryfoundation.org or email Development Director Leslie Modrow at modrowl@ci.billings.mt.us.

Happy New Year! And, many, many thanks to all of you who donated to our year-end appeal.

Snow or no snow, December 4 saw a steady flow of book lovers in high-spirited holiday mode roaming the 3rd Floor during our **Bag Sale**. Most discovered creative ways to stuff yet another book or two into their bags. Since many volumes were in pristine condition, shoppers, who came from as far as Cut Bank, were able to cross a few more names off their gift lists. Well before the four-hour sale drew to a close, all 100 of the larger bags were gone. Close to \$1,000 was raised to help our Library! **Thank you, everyone!**

Sale chairperson **Nancy Traeger** reported that our new Reference Section proved very popular. However, we are still trying to find a home for a bound collection of *Road & Track* magazines covering the

years 1983–2003. If interested, call 237–6170 and make an offer.

Remember that a great selection of well-priced books is always waiting for you at the **Book Nook** under the 1st Floor's winding staircase. With so many books, some fall in the "left behind" category. These seem intriguing: *Coming Up for Air* by **Beth Sawi**, common-sense suggestions for balancing the demands of life in our busy world; *Our Mothers*, portraits and personal statements on the subject by 72 photographers; *Heart of the Dragon* by **Alasdair Clayre**, covers China from the days of the emperors to Mao.

"His gaze remained fixed upon the eternity of the instant."
~Mieko Kanai, *The Word Book*

Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

In January @ your Parmly Billings Library!

January 2011

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New Year's Day
Library CLOSED

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| RESOLVE TO READ EVERY DAY IN 2011! | 2 | 3 NO Carina's Stories 5pm Library Show Channel 7 | 4 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am 5:30pm Spanish Conversation | 5 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Computer Class 1:30pm Basic Internet 3pm Library Show Channel 7 Library Online Class 4:30pm Auto Repair Database | 6 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 7pm Indie Film Series "Son of Rambow" | 7 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am | 8 |
| | 9 | 10 NO Carina's Stories Cookbook Browse On display all day Dragon Drawings Submission begins 5pm Library Show Channel 7 | 11 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Noon Program "Family Law for Non-Lawyers" | 12 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Computer Class 1:30pm Intermediate Internet 3pm Library Show Channel 7 Library Online Class 4:30pm Auto Repair Database | 13 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Noon Lib. Board Mtg. Books & Babies 3:15-4pm | 14 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am | 15 1:30pm Spanish Conversation 2pm Teen Movie "Sydney White" |
| | 16 | 17 5pm Library Show Channel 7 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Library CLOSED | 18 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Family Reading Program Registration begins | 19 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Computer Class 1:30pm Basic Internet Noon Program "Cooks with Books" ~Bernie Mason 3pm Library Show Channel 7 | 20 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 4:30pm TEEN Discussion book: "Claim to Fame" 7pm Indie Film Series "In Bruges" | 21 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am | 22 |
| | 23/30 | 24/31 NO Carina's Stories 5pm Library Show Channel 7 | 25 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Newbies Tech Classes 11:30am & 2pm Intro to Computers 3pm Basic Keyboarding Noon Program "Family Law for Non-Lawyers" | 26 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Toys for Techies Class 11:30am Montana Library 2 Go E-Readers Computer Class 1:30pm Intermediate Internet 3pm Library Show Channel 7 | 27 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Library Online Class 4:30pm Research Database 1pm Knitting Circle Knitters gather on 3rd Floor 3:15-4pm Books & Babies 4pm Homework Club 7pm Book It w/a Buddy | 28 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am 2-4pm OPEN HOUSE for Kathy Jones | 29 Noon-3pm VITA Tax Assistance 1pm Graphic Novel to Film Series "KICK-ASS" |
| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |

USING ONLINE RESOURCES CLASS: AUTO REPAIR DATABASE

Got a car or truck that needs some work? The Library has repair manuals, wiring diagrams, technical notes and everything you need—and you can even use them in your garage! All you need is the internet and your Library card. This month we're featuring our **Auto Repair Database**. Learn tips on getting the most out of this great resource. Register for a class at 657-8258.

Come at 4:30pm, Wednesday, January 5, or Wednesday, January 12, in the 2nd Floor Computer Lab.

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**.

You may choose **one** of these Noon-2:00pm sessions: Tuesday, January 11, or Tuesday, January 25, on the 3rd Floor.

NEWBIES TECH TUESDAY CLASS SERIES

This New Year's Resolution is for tech newbies. If you've promised yourself that this is the year you will learn how to use a computer, come to the Library! A new all-the-basics six-part series begins on January 25. Please call 657-8258 to preregister.

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

www.billings.lib.mt.us

Everything else you want to know
about your Library is here, too!

Family Reading Program

Parmly Billings Library is celebrating **I Love to Read Month** with our 15th annual **Family Reading Program**. Registration for the program begins on Tuesday, January 18. You may sign up at Children's Services or online at www.billings.lib.mt.us

Family Reading encourages families to develop the habit of reading aloud together. Studies have shown that children who are read aloud to have improved language skills and are more successful in school. During the program, families who read together for 20 minutes a day will record the dates in their reading journal. Families completing the program will receive a book and be entered into a drawing for a special grand prize!

A Valentine's Day Craft is scheduled on Friday, February 11, 4:00-5:00pm. Pre-registration is required. To register call Children's Services at 657-8256. We will also hold a fun End of Program Event. Look for all the details in February's newsletter. For more information check our website www.billings.lib.mt.us

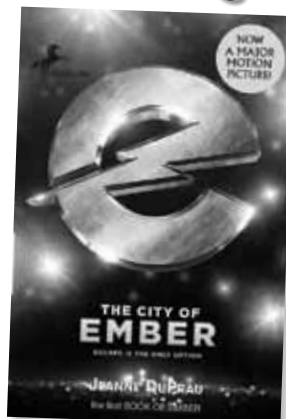
Book It with A Buddy!

Attention all 4th, 5th and 6th graders! It's time for **Book It With A Buddy!**

Here's a book discussion group for you and an adult. We're reading *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau. Registration is required and participants will receive a free copy of the book. To register or for more information, please contact Children's Services at 657-8256.

Many thanks to our sponsors the Midland Empire Reading Council and the Montana State Reading Council.

The discussion is Thursday, January 27, 7:00pm, on the 3rd Floor.



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