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AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

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Discover the World of Technology

Tech classes for everyone! The Library is here to help you discover the world of technology from basics for beginners to exploring Library resources for your favorite gadgets. Classes are held in the new Computer Lab. Check the calendar for exact times and dates. Please pre-register. *Sign up at the Library at the 2nd Floor Reference Desk, email refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us or call 657-8258.*

- Feb. 1, 8 or 15: **Introduction to Computers and Mouse Aerobics**
- Feb. 1, 8 or 15: **Basic Keyboarding**
- Feb. 2: **MontanaLibrary2Go for iPods and MP3 Players**
- Feb. 3: **Explore Your Family Tree with Heritage Quest**
- Feb. 8 or 23: **Basic Internet**
- Feb. 9: **MontanaLibrary2Go for E-Readers**
- Feb. 10: **Build your Résumé with COIN Careers/Testing and Education Reference Center**
- Feb. 15: **Web-based Email**
- Feb. 17: **Guided Tour of the Library Catalog**

Just for Laughs!

Our new **Just for Laughs Comedy Film Series** starts in February. We'll watch recently released comedies and want you to join the fun. Bring along snacks and a friend and get ready to laugh! The Library's **Thursday Night at the Movies** is sponsored by the Parmlly Billings Library Foundation.

Come to free Thursday movies 7:00pm on the 3rd Floor.

Feb. 3: Get Him to the Greek (2010, not rated)

A record company intern is hired to accompany out-of-control British rock star Aldous Snow to a concert at L.A.'s Greek Theater. Starring Jonah Hill & Russell Brand



Feb. 17: The Other Guys (2010, not rated)

Misfit NYPD detectives hate each other and the monotony of their jobs—until they stumble onto what could be one of the biggest crimes in years. Starring Will Farrell & Mark Wahlberg

March 3: You Again (2010, PG)
March 17: Easy A (2010, PG-13)

Art Exhibit

Come by and see the **special exhibit of art** by our own **Library patrons**. These creative souls are sharing their passion for art with us through February 12. You'll find their artwork in the Broadway window on the 1st Floor.

Black History Month

Since 1976, **Black History Month** has been celebrated annually in February. It is a remembrance of important people and events in African-American history and culture, and a celebration of achievements by black Americans. The Library is joining once again with the **Black Heritage Foundation** to present a series of films. Join us on these **Saturdays at 11:00am**.

- **Feb. 12: A Piece of the Action** (1977, PG) with Bill Cosby, Sidney Poitier, James Earl Jones
- **Feb. 19: Uptown Saturday Night** (1974, PG) with Sidney Poitier, Bill Cosby, Harry Belafonte,
- **Feb. 26: Goodbye Solo** (2009, R) with Souleymane Sy Savané, Red West, Diane Franco Galindo

These excellent films are free and shown on the 3rd Floor of the Library. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the Library at 657-8258.

News & Views

of the Parmlly Billings Library Foundation

Have you heard the great news? **Will Bruder + Partners** has been selected to design our new Library. Joining Bruder's team for our exciting project are **Don and Kim Olsen**, principals in the Billings' firm, **O² ARCHITECTS**.

Bruder + Partners is an internationally recognized firm out of Phoenix with over six hundred commissions throughout the US. Examples of the firm's work include the Burton Barr Phoenix Central Library, the Teton County Library in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno, Nevada. Their design for the Agave Branch Library in Phoenix was selected as the best public building in the US in 2010 by *Contract Magazine*.

Billings' O² ARCHITECTS is a full service architectural firm. Their work includes the City of Billings' new Animal Shelter; the preservation of the Acme Building in downtown Billings; and the conversion of the old Hart Albin retail space into the D.A. Davidson & Co. offices. Currently they are working with the owners to renovate downtown Billings' Babcock Theater.

This is an extremely thrilling time our community. The public and private sectors are uniting to create a beautiful building that all citizens will point to and proudly exclaim, "This is our Library!"

Please call our office at 237-6149 if you are interested in putting your talents to work in helping create a new Library! We want everyone's input!

Friends

of Parmlly Billings Library

A number of years ago, the Friends realized that some books donated for the our sales had a significant value. These included first or special editions, out-of-print titles, autographed copies, works published in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and volumes containing especially noteworthy color plates. An expert in old books was consulted. Over the years, the Friends acquired research materials and became skilled in the use of such Internet sites as Amazon and ABE to determine value. The result was the establishment of our **Collectibles** section.

Early on, the focus was Western and Native American history, topics very much sought out by people in this area. Gradually, the section expanded to feature

other genres, always within the criteria mentioned above, such as classics, children's books, high-quality coffee table books and volumes of poetry. Friends' president Mona Harris stated that early children's readers have become "one of the biggest sellers." A random search through Collectibles revealed a 1924 edition of Forster's *A Passage to India*, an 1899 copy of Twain's *Innocents Abroad*, a beautifully illustrated 1931 edition of *The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come* by John Fox, Jr. and several Hardy Boys books housed in the original dust jackets. Stroll through this great section at our next sale.

"My footsteps left puddles the shape of continents on old maps."

~Mark Gluth, The Late Work of Margaret Kroffis

In February @ your Parmly Billings Library!

		1 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Newbies Tech Classes 11:30am & 3pm Basic Keyboarding 2pm Intro to Computers 4 & 7pm Meeting Discuss new Library Design with the Architect 5:30pm Spanish Conversation	2 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Toys for Techies Class 11:30am Montana Library 2 Go iPods & MP3 players 3pm Library Show Channel 7	3 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tech Class 11:30am Heritage Quest 3:15-4pm Books & Babies 4pm Homework Club for Tweens & Teens 7pm Comedy Film Series "Get Him to the Greek"	4 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	5 10:30am Family Craft Valentine Calligraphy Noon-3pm VITA Tax Assistance		
	6	7 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm Library Show Channel 7	8 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Newbies Tech Classes 11:30am Basic Internet 2pm Intro to Computers 3pm Basic Keyboarding Family Reading Program Registration ends	9 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Toys for Techies Class 11:30am Montana Library 2 Go for E-Readers 3pm Library Show Channel 7	10 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tech Class 11:30am COLN Careers/ Testing & Education Noon Lib. Board Mtg. 3:15-4pm Books & Babies 4pm Homework Club for Tweens & Teens	11 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am 4-5pm Kids' Craft Valentines!	12 11am Black History Film "A Piece of the Action" Noon-3pm VITA Tax Assistance 2pm Dragons! Art Awards & Movie "How to Train Your Dragon"	
READ ALOUD WITH YOUR CHILD!	13	14 Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm 5pm Library Show Channel 7	15 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Newbies Tech Classes 11:30am Web-based Email 2pm Intro to Computers 3pm Basic Keyboarding	16 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Toys for Techies Class 11:30am Montana Library 2 Go iPods & MP3 players 3pm Library Show Channel 7 7pm Turning Page Book Club "The Red Tent"	17 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tech Class 11:30am Library Catalog Tour 3:15-4pm Books & Babies 4pm Homework Club for Tweens & Teens 7pm Comedy Film Series "The Other Guys"	18 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	19 11am Black History Film "Uptown Saturday Night" Noon-3pm VITA Tax Assistance 1:30pm Spanish Conversation 2pm Teen Movie "Mushi Shi, Volume 3"	
	20	21 5pm Library Show Channel 7 Presidents' Day Library CLOSED	22 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am	23 Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am Computer Class 1:30pm Basic Internet 3pm Library Show Channel 7 7pm Program AIDSpirit in Uganda	24 Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 1pm Knitting Circle Knitters gather on 3rd Floor 4pm Homework Club for Tweens & Teens	25 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	26 11am Black History Film "Goodbye Solo" Noon-3pm VITA Tax Assistance	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		

United Way Volunteer Tax Assistance Program

Remember 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.

Bring your materials and stop by **Noon-3:00pm, Saturdays, through April 9**, on the 2nd Floor.

Art Projects for Kids & Families!

WORKSHOP: VALENTINE CALLIGRAPHY

Members of the **Yellowstone Calligraphy Guild** will teach **Valentine Calligraphy** for the family. Guild members and participants will make cards together. All children must be accompanied by an adult and adults are encouraged to attend. No registration necessary.

Join us **10:30am, Saturday, February 5**, on the 3rd Floor.

ART CONTEST: DRAW A 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 **now-February 10**; come for the awards and movie at **2:00pm, Saturday, February 12**, on the 3rd Floor.

Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!
Download February'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 Activities

Parmly Billings Library is celebrating **I Love to Read Month** with our 15th annual **Family Reading Program**. Journals are available through **Tuesday, February 8**. You may sign up at Children's Services 657-8256 or online at www.billings.lib.mt.us

Family Reading encourages families to develop the habit of reading aloud together. Families completing the program will receive a book and be entered into a drawing for a special grand prize!

A **Valentine's Day Craft "Valentines"** is scheduled on **Friday, February 11, 4:00-5:00pm**. Pre-registration is required. To register call Children's Services at 657-8256.

Celebrate the end of **I Love to Read Month** with a special program featuring **Magic by Kameron**. Everyone is invited!

Join us **7:00pm, Monday, February 28**, on the 1st Floor.

Book It with A Buddy!

Attention all 4th-8th graders! It's **Book It With A Buddy**, a book discussion group for you and an adult. We are reading the 2007 Newbery Honor and 2006 Montana Book Award book **Hattie Big Sky** by Kirby Larson. Registration is required and participants receive a free copy of the book. To register or for more information, 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, March 3, 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