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A Great New Service— Universal Class!

What a great new service for you! The Library just added **Universal Class** to our online services. We're excited about Universal Class because it offers over **500 continuing education classes** that are relevant for our whole community—from learning more about a hobby to improving job skills to increasing knowledge. With real instructors guiding the learning, students enjoy a measurable learning experience that helps them master and document their educational goals for personal development, competitiveness and employability.

Universal Class offers courses in *Exercise and Fitness, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Music, Home and Garden, Cooking, Health Care and Medicine, Home Schooling, Job Assistance,*

Law and Legal, Parenting and Family, Pet and Animal Care, Computers and Technology, and more. From the *ABCs of Technical Writing* to *Yoga 101*—there's a course for every interest! *And, they're all free with your Library card.*

Features of Universal Class:

- Real instructors with continual feedback
- Engaging video-based lessons
- Lesson exams and stimulating writing assignments
- Collaborative learning environment
- Certificates of achievement
- Continuing education units (CEUs)

Take one and improve your life today.

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Universal Class from Recorded Books

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 44 August 2011

Summer Reading SUCCESS!

Your Library's exciting **2011 Summer Reading Programs** began in June. The programs concluded on July 28 with an Open House at the Library. **2,000 area children, young adults and adults registered for the program and read for 52,000 hours** making this a very successful summer program! Children and young adults who registered for the program earned "Travel Tickets" and "Compass Coins" by reading and doing various other activities. The "tickets" were used to purchase t-shirts, book bags and also to register for prizes.

Activities included story times, crafts, visits, book discussions, a weekly program featuring a special guest and a multicultural family program. Many thanks to our friends at the Huntington Learning Center for proving great programs at the Community Library at the COT! Story times, along with weekly programs, were enjoyed by all.

For a list of our generous sponsors please visit our website at www.billings.lib.mt.us. **Thank you everyone—readers, parents, sponsors—for another GREAT summer of reading!**

Star Trek Day

August 19 would have been **Star Trek** creator **Gene Roddenberry's 90th birthday!** In celebration, we are showing some of the best **Star Trek** films that day! Join us **Friday, Aug. 19, on the 3rd Floor.**

- 11am~**Star Trek II: Wrath of Khan**
- 1pm~**Star Trek: First Contact**
- 3pm~**Star Trek**



News & Views

of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

We need your support for our new Parmly Billings Library.

This is an exciting time for our Library and our community. *Never have we seen such a strong gathering of forces come together to help our dream of a new Library become reality.* City departments, private businesses, state and federal officials—all working to ensure that our new Library will be built in downtown Billings. Most recently, due to collaborative efforts on both private and public sides, the Library now owns an entire city block for the construction of the new building. This was completed at no cost to the tax payers! We are receiving endorsements from the Billings Chamber of Commerce, Big Sky Economic Development Association, the

Yellowstone County Commissioners and the Billings City Council plus numerous civic organizations and service clubs.

Currently, the Parmly Billings Library Foundation has raised close to \$3.6 million in cash and pledges towards the cost of the new building. If you are interested in joining us in this exciting cause, please contact Leslie Modrow at 237-6149.

In the meantime, check out **Freegal**—the Foundation's latest contribution to the Library. Freegal allows Library card holders to download free music that they can keep forever! While you're on the Library website, check out all the new e-books, downloadable books and other great happenings at our Library.

Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

Nancy Steel and **Sharon Vogel** could be said to have their own **Book Sale** clientele. The two volunteers oversee the **Biography** and **History** sections, and many shoppers seek out these topics sale after sale. "It's so rewarding," Steel commented, "when people ask for a subject and we can take them right to it."

Considering the large number of donations and the care Steel and Vogel expend shelving books by categories and sub-categories, theirs is a daunting task. The goal is to make book hunting as easy as possible for sale-goers. While the majority of biographies are arranged alphabetically by the subject's last name (currently, Madeleine Albright to Chuck Yeager), special sections are devoted

to individuals in specific fields. Under **Adventure**, you'll find polar explorers and mountaineers, for example, while the **Newsmen** shelf includes the likes of Dan Rather and Charles Kuralt. Not surprisingly, **Entertainers** is a mixed category where Shirley Maclaine and Frank Sinatra sit among stars of all genres.

History can be as exciting as the best detective thriller. Have an interest in a particular area or event? Continents, regions, and in many cases, countries and major wars have their own labeled spaces. You'll also find **Montana and the West, Black History** and **Women's Issues.**

*"Questions that were not asked, thus never answered."
~Yiyun Li, Gold Boy, Emerald Girl*

In August @ your Parmly Billings Library!

ENJOY THE LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER WITH A GOOD BOOK, FILM OR MUSIC CD!	1 NO STORY TIME 5pm Library Show Channel 7	2 NO STORY TIME Tech Tuesday Classes 11am Basic Internet 2pm Mouse Aerobics 3pm Keyboarding Practice 5:30pm Spanish Conversation	3 NO STORY TIME 3pm Library Show Channel 7	4 NO STORY TIME Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 7pm Novel Dest. Film "Bride and Prejudice"	5 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	6	
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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

KNITTING CIRCLE

The **Knitting Circle** meets every fourth Thursday of the month. This is an excellent opportunity to gather with other knitters and crocheters to share patterns and learn new techniques. Stop by, sit down, and throw a few stitches! (Bring your own mug for coffee!) Join us at 1:00pm, Thursday, August 25, 3rd Floor.

TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION: THE TWILIGHT PRISONER

We are discussing **The Twilight Prisoner** by **Katherine Marsh**, the sequel to July's *The Night Tourist*. After traveling to New York City's ghostly underworld, Jack Perdu has made it back above ground, to join the living. But if he's alive, why is he still seeing ghosts? In an effort to impress his new classmate, Jack leads her to the entrance of the underworld and makes a terrible mistake. Join us 4:00-5:00pm, Thursday, August 18, in the Teen Pit.

PROGRAM: SAFE METHODS OF FOOD PRESERVATION

Even experienced cooks can use safety tips for making sure their garden's bounty will be good to eat come winter. **Bernie Mason** from the **Yellowstone County Extension Service** will share the dos and don'ts of safe food preservation. Join her at Noon, Wednesday, August 31, on the 3rd Floor.

TECH TUESDAYS@THE LIBRARY:

Registration is required for these classes. Sign up for one or all. Call 657-8258 or stop by the 2nd Floor Reference Desk. Classes are held Tuesdays in the 2nd Floor computer classroom.

- Aug. 2, 11am: **Basic Internet Computer Class** (for those comfortable on the computer but with little internet experience)
- Aug. 9, 11am: **Lowdown on Downloadables** (learn about all the resources we have available for downloading)
- Aug. 16, 11am: **Get Your Own (Free) Email** (a gentle introduction to getting and using your own email address)
- Aug. 23, 11am: **Internet Safety** (there are many precautions to help you stay safe online)
- Aug. 30, 11am: **NovelList** (a great way to search for new titles, authors or your favorite genre)
- Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2pm: **Mouse Aerobics**
- Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 3pm: **Keyboarding Practice**

PROGRAM FOR KIDS: BALLOON FUN WITH KENT!

Come and join **balloon master Kent** from **Illusions Plus** as he creates balloon fun! Join him at 3:00pm, Tuesday, August 2, on the 1st Floor.

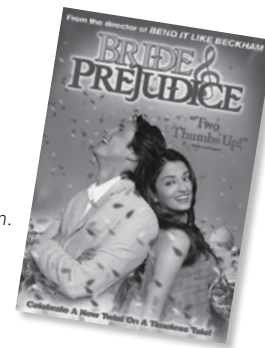
Novel Destinations FILM SERIES

Our summer reading theme for adults has been **Novel Destinations**. The films are based on books, and set in far-off locales. These August films are the last in the series. Look for an new film series starting in September!

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

August 4: **Bride and Prejudice**

(2004, PG-13)
Based on the Jane Austen classic, but turned into a musical and set in the exotic culture of India, this is an unlikely love story that spans three continents.
Starring Aishwarya Rai and Martin Henderson.



August 18: **Under the Tuscan Sun**

(2003, PG-13)
Frances Mayes' memoir inspired this irresistible film about the writer's impulsive purchase of a run-down Italian villa. More than adventures in remodeling, there are new friends, local color and life-changing surprises.
Starring Diane Lane.



All films are sponsored by the Parmly Billings Library Foundation.

On our website, there's a wealth of information and entertainment!

www.billings.lib.mt.us

And, the latest Bookmobile Calendar! Download August's schedule there, too.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday Closed

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)

One World, Many Stories
Thursdays, 10:30-11am
(elementary ages)

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