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Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 45, September 2011

ls Montana Library Day

Montana Library Day is Wednesday, September 14. It's a day in the life of libraries. Montana librarians from all types of libraries will collect statistics and stories to share with you about what they do in a day and how people across the state benefit from libraries.

You'll find lots going on at Parmly Billings Library that day, too, from our regular story time to an author doing a book reading, a children's craft program, computer classes and more. Hope to see you on Montana Library Day.

Quick statistics:

Your Library serves a population of over 140,000 in a service area of $2,515\frac{1}{2}$ square miles. Last year there were 361,780 visits—an average of over 1,000 per day we're open.

September 14 Ed Kemmick Reads

Journalist Ed Kemmick has recently released The Big Sky, By and By, a collection of some of his best columns portraying the people and places that make Montana special. Kemmick will read from his book and talk about some of these people and places.

Join him at 7:00pm, Wednesday, September 14, on the 1st Floor of the Library.



On Saturday, October 1, Parmly Billings Library will celebrate 110 years of service to our community! We've planned an open house and related events. On the day the Library opened, all businesses closed for the occasion and crowds gathered to attend the dedication—an indication of the importance of the new Library to the young city.

The world has changed since 1901, but libraries still hold an important place in the hearts of our community. Please consider sending Parmly Billings Library a birthday card telling us how the Library has made a difference to you. You may send them to: Happy Birthday, Parmly Billings Library, 510 N. Broadway, Billings, MT 59101. We'll share some of them at our October celebration.

THE BIG SKY

Tell us what the Library means to you.

It's National Library Card Sign-up Month

Since 1987, September has been National Library Card Sign-Up Month! If you have a friend or family member who doesn't have a card yet, let them know what they are missing. Your Library card lets you check out books, music and movies; download e-books and MP3 songs; take an enrichment class or learn a new language; research a medication or climb your family tree; use a library computer; get instructions to fix your car or your lawn mower—and much, much more. There's a reason it's called "The Smartest Card." And what's more, it's free! Bring them by today!

Or, tell them they can register from home just by submitting our online application form. Just go to the Library's website and click on "Library Card Application."



Building our new Library has been championed by numerous organizations, whose members have said **YES** by giving us official endorsements.

Big Sky Economic Development said YES—"We consider the proposed new, state-of-the-art Parmly Billings Library to be one of the most significant public infrastructure investments the community can currently make to attract and retain new business and a talented workforce."

The Billings Chamber/Convention and Visitors Bureau said YES—"The Library fulfills our strategic focus areas in education and quality of life. The new facility will have the potential to attract 135,000 new Library visits thereby encouraging downtown visitation."

The Yellowstone County Commissioners passed a **YES** resolution and had this to say: Commissioner Reno supports the project because of its importance to the retention and recruitment of professionals and businesses. Commissioner Kennedy praised the long tradition of mobile service to county residents and for being part of the evolution of those services online. Commissioner Ostlund stated that the Library was the best bang for a buck for local government services.

Billings City Council unanimously voted to support the new Library.

If you are interested in volunteering to help make this exciting project a reality, please contact Leslie Modrow at leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org SummerFair saw large numbers of visitors perusing the paperbacks and children's books in the tent shared by the Friends and Library staff. Sales exceeded last year's by a considerable amount. One woman's comment spoke for many, "I'll never become a Kindle person. I love holding a book in my hands and turning the pages."

of Parmly Billings Library

Mark your calendars for our **big** biannual book sale on Oct. 13, 6:15-8:30pm (members only); Oct. 14, 10am-4pm; Oct. 15, 10am-3pm; and Oct 16, 1–4pm. Non-members can join at the door or in advance Wednesdays 10am-noon on the Library's 3rd Floor. Any Member who would like to help on sale days should contact Jane Thomas at jmt@bresnan.net.

How do we determine if something merits Collectible status? Every Wednesday finds Linda Christensen at the computer searching for information on books the sorters have pulled aside for special scrutiny. Publication date, first editions, author-autographed and regional works sometimes have value above our usual \$1 price for hard-covers. Utilizing several web sites, Christensen determines if a work merits collectible status. Dust jackets in good condition factor in; age alone is no guarantee. Pricing is left to other Friends who ensure they remain great bargains.

"One swallow is a coincidence, but two swallows make summer." ~Siddhartha Mukherjee, The Emperor of All Maladies

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E-Reader Petting Zoo

Sunday

Have you ever thought about buying an e-book reader, but really wanted to tinker with one without getting a hard sell? Here's your chance! We'll have a variety of reading devices for you to try out, including a Kindle, Nooks, a Sony reader, an iPod Touch and an iPad. Decide for yourself if an e-reader is for you.

Monday

Stop in and test these devices 2:00-3:00 pm, Wednesday, September 14, on the 1st Floor.

And, remember that through *MontanaLibrary2Go*, Library cardholders have free access to audiobooks and e-books that can be downloaded from any internet connection. Save the books to your computer, then transfer them to a portable device.

Especially for TEENS

WORKSHOPS: RECYCLED CRAFTS

INake Stylin' Storage Cans or Cereal Box Scrapbooks. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. To register, call 657-8258 or stop by the 2nd Floor Reference Desk.

Two sessions:

4:00–5:30pm, Thursday, September 15, on the 3rd Floor. 4:00–5:30pm, Thursday, September 22, on the 3rd Floor.

Kids' Craft Programs

Kid's Crafts are for children ages 3-12. Materials are provided by the Library. To register for either craft, please call Children's Services at 657-8256.

MONTANA LIBRARY DAY CRAFT

We're making a special craft celebrating Montana Library Day— Treasure Boxes for the Treasure State!

Join us 4:00–5:00 pm, Wednesday, September 14, 3rd Floor.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CRAFT

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month we are making paper bag piñatas.

Come 4:00–5:00 pm, Friday, September 30, on the 3rd Floor.

Movie Musicals, New FILM SERIES

Thursday

Got your tap shoes on? Ready to sing at a moment's notice? You must be in a movie musical! Join us for our new film series where we explore musicals from classic to modern.

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

Sept. 1: Top Hat

Tuesday

(1935, NR)

The story, a silly but timeless tale of mistaken identity, is just an excuse for some of the most elegant dancing ever put on screen. Starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers

Wednesday



Sept. 15: Singing in the Rain

A Hollywood star of the silent era finds his career jeopardized when he and his shrill-voiced leading lady must appear in a talkie together. Starring Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds

The series will continue in coming months with Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953, NR) starring Jane Russell, Marilyn Monroe and Charles Coburn; Cabaret (1972, PG) starring Liza Minnelli, Joel Grey and Michael York; Little Shop of Horrors (1986, PG-13) starring Rick Moranis and Ellen Green; and Chicago (2002, PG-13) starring Renée Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Richard Gere. It's several months in celebration of song and dance!

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 September's schedule there, too.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm

Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am-5pm

Saturday

Sunday 1pm-5pm

Helpful Information

Phone numbers ~

Friday

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