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**Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 50, February 2012**

### TEDxBillingsLive Black History Month

**TED** stands for **T**echnology, **E**ntertainment, **D**esign—three broad subject areas that collectively are shaping our future. TED, a nonprofit, began (in 1984) as a conference bringing together people from the worlds of technology, entertainment and design. Since then it's become a clearinghouse that offers free knowledge and inspiration from the world's most inspired thinkers, and also a community of curious souls who engage with ideas and each other.

*Riveting talks by remarkable people—and you can see it as it happens! The folks at TED have granted Parmly Billings Library a license to broadcast live from the TED conference on Wednesday, February 29, 2012. We will show the full slate of fascinating speakers talking about ideas that matter, from science to the arts. Stop in for part or all of the day. We'll start at 9:30am and run through 7:45pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.*

Since 1976, **Black History Month** has been celebrated annually in February. It is a remembrance of important people and events of African-American history and culture who have shaped our country, and a celebration of achievements by black Americans. These programs and films are free and the public is encouraged to attend.

Join us for these **PROGRAMS** on **Thursdays at 7:00pm** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

- **Feb. 2: From Then to Now**  
panel discussion moderated by Bonnie Banks and students
- **Feb. 9: All Nations Choir Sings Gospel & Blues**  
by the Lloyd Marsh Band
- **Feb. 16: Poetry Night**
- **Feb. 23: From Then to Now**  
presented by Pastor Robin C. Allen, Wayman Chapel

These **FILMS** are great stories of interesting people during cultural turning points. Join us on **Saturdays at 11:00am** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

- **Feb. 4: Remember the Titans** (2000, PG)  
with Denzel Washington and Will Patton
- **Feb. 11: Down in the Delta** (1998, PG-13)  
with Alfre Woodward, directed by Maya Angelou
- **Feb. 19: The Pursuit of Happyness** (2006, PG-13)  
with Will Smith and Jaden Smith
- **Feb. 19: The Help** (2011, PG-13)  
with Emma Stone and Viola Davis

### One Book Billings

Popular **One Book Billings** returns March 5–10. We're reading **Winter in the Blood** by **James Welch**. In Welch's first book, the narrator of this beautiful, often disquieting novel is a young Native American man living on the Fort Belknap Reservation. Sign up for a discussion session and pick up a copy of the book beginning **Monday, February 13**.

### Tooth Fairy Storybook and Music Hour

**Billings MT DDS, Rimrock Pediatric Dentistry** and **Venture Theatre** are presenting a special Story Time series during February's **National Children's Dental Health Month**. The Tooth Fairy, Princess Flossie and Rotney Crater will present the importance of developing lifelong healthy dental care through stories and music. Children will be given a special progress chart and other rewards for attending. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call Children's Services at 657-8256.

Come **11:00am–Noon, Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25**, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor in the Story Time Corner.

## News & Views

*of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation*

by **Cara Schaer**, PBLF Board President  
*Happy New Year again!!!* May 2012 bring you peace, good health and lots of good reading via either the printed or electronic word!

After the successful completion of the Capital Campaign and assisting with the successful Ballot Initiative Campaign, the Foundation is focusing its efforts on developing a more defined Stewardship Program that will help to ensure the retention of our loyal, long-term supporters/donors as well as help us to nurture and develop the many new supporters/donors we made during the past months of our campaigning efforts. The combined generosity of all the individuals, businesses and corporations

we met during the campaign helped to make the hope of a new Library building a reality. As mentioned in last month's Newsletter, we will keep you updated on the progress of this next phase of planning and final design details of the building project. In the meantime, your Library will continue to provide the excellent services, programs and resources to meet your needs.

These are exciting times for our Foundation. *We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that will be coming our way!*

For more information about the PBL Foundation, contact **Leslie Modrow**, Foundation Director, at 237-6149 or [leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org](mailto:leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org).

## Friends

*of Parmly Billings Library*

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Book Sales** definitely **have caught on!** Twice the number of shoppers turned out in January, resulting in almost double the revenue. Reminiscent of our big sales, some bargain hunters toted boxes and roll-boards to hold their finds. The next sale is **February 1, 11:00–1:00**.

Sale day or not, every Wednesday morning requires many volunteers to sort, categorize and shelve the week's donations. Recently, we've welcomed several new, and much appreciated, volunteers. These include **Sue Pehler** who's involved with fiction. "As a customer at the December sale, I saw the huge stacks of books and figured the Friends could use some help." **Lavilla Daniels**, who has helped out downstairs since

2009, decided volunteering with the Friends would "be fun, too," and works with our religious section. It's nice to have enthusiastic teen volunteer **Julia Lober** working with children's books. (Attention truant officer: Lober is home-schooled!) Interested in joining us? Email volunteer coordinator **Jane Thomas** at [jmthomas134@gmail.com](mailto:jmthomas134@gmail.com).

Thanks to volunteer **Corrina Graham-Martin**, we now have a Facebook page with news and photos. Go to [www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Parmly-Billings-Library/320717094625671](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Parmly-Billings-Library/320717094625671).

NOTE: Due to the overabundance of books, we are requesting that no donations be made during February.

"You're young like things are always beginning."

~Chang-rae Lee, *A Gesture Life*

## In February @ your Parmly Billings Library!

<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #808080;">February</h1>		<b>1</b> Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am  11am-1pm <i>Friends</i> MINI-SALE  3pm <i>Library Show</i> Ch. 7  <b>Tech Classes</b> 11am Download Lowdown 4-6pm Microsoft Open Lab	<b>2</b> Story Time Tales 10:30-11am  Books & Babies 3:15-4pm  7pm Black Hist. Discuss. "From Then till Now"	<b>3</b> Books & Babies 10:15-11am  Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am	<b>4</b> 11am Black History Film "Remember the Titans" 11-Noon Tooth Fairy Storybook & Music Hour  Noon-3pm VITA Tax Assistance
WINTER FEELING LONG? A FASCINATING BOOK WILL TAKE YOUR MIND AWAY.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm  5pm <i>Library Show</i> Channel 7	<b>7</b> Story Time Tales 10:30-11am  <b>Tech Classes</b> 11am Common Computer Tasks 2pm Intro to Computers 3pm Keyboarding  5:30pm Spanish Conversation	<b>8</b> Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am  <b>Tech Classes</b> 11am Next Level Email 4-6pm Microsoft Open Lab  Noon Cooks w/Books All About Chocolate 3pm <i>Library Show</i> Ch. 7	<b>9</b> Story Time Tales 10:30-11am  Noon Lib. Board Mtg.  Books & Babies 3:15-4pm  7pm Black History Month "Blues and Gospel"
	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm  5pm <i>Library Show</i> Channel 7	<b>14</b> Story Time Tales 10:30-11am  <b>Tech Classes</b> 11am Basic Internet 2pm Intro to Computers 3pm Keyboarding 4:30pm TEEN Write Grp 7pm PBL Writing Group	<b>15</b> Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am  <b>Tech Classes</b> 11am Download Lowdown 4-6pm Microsoft Open Lab  Noon Cooks w/Books Heart Healthy Cooking 3pm <i>Library Show</i> Ch. 7 7pm <i>Turning Page Club</i>	<b>16</b> Story Time Tales 10:30-11am  3:15-4pm Books & Babies  7pm Black History Month Poetry Night
	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> <b>Library CLOSED</b>	<b>21</b> Story Time Tales 10:30-11am  <b>Tech Classes</b> 11am Internet Safety 2pm Intro to Computers 3pm Keyboarding 4-5pm Kids' Class Intro to Magic by Kameron	<b>22</b> Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am  <b>Tech Classes</b> 11am Next Level Email 4-6pm Microsoft Open Lab 3pm <i>Library Show</i> Ch. 7 4-5pm Kids' Class Intro to Juggling by Kameron	<b>23</b> Story Time Tales 10:30-11am  1pm Knitting Circle 3rd Floor  Books & Babies 3:15-4pm  7pm Black History Month "Rev. Robin C. Allen"
	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Carina's Stories 12:30-1pm  5pm <i>Library Show</i> Channel 7  7pm Program Magic by Kameron	<b>28</b> Story Time Tales 10:30-11am  <b>Tech Classes</b> 11am Beginning Email 2pm Intro to Computers 3pm Keyboarding 7pm Lit Centric Bk Club	<b>29</b> Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11am  9:30am-7:45pm TEDxBillings Live  <b>Tech Classes</b> 4-6pm Microsoft Open Lab	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>

### PROGRAM: COOKS WITH BOOKS!

**Cooks with Books** is a series of programs encouraging you to play with your food—and our extensive cookbook collection. It was so much fun last year that we're doing it again!

- Feb. 1: Cookbook Browse and Spicy Trivia Contest (spices and herbs answer a trivia contest that ends Feb. 25)
- Feb. 1: Pick a Book, Cook a Recipe, Take a Snapshot (entries with book title, recipe name and page number may earn cookbooks or a GEM Gift Bag; ends Feb. 25)
- Feb. 8: Here Today, Gone Today: All About Chocolate Bernie Mason is here Noon-1pm (with samples!)
- Feb. 15: Tasty, Tempting Heart-y Recipes for Heart Health Bernie Mason is here Noon-1pm (with recipes and samples!)
- Feb. 25: Incredible, Edible Book Contest! 1-3:30pm Register ahead to enter; winners at 3:15pm

### PROGRAM: VITA TAX ASSISTANCE

A United Way program in which volunteer tax preparers help people with basic returns who made \$50,000 or less in 2011. Come Noon-3:00pm, Saturdays, on the 2nd Floor.

### FOR TEENS: BOOK TITLE BINGO

Teens can pick up their **Bingo** sheet starting February 1 for a chance to win a \$20 Hastings gift card. Contest information is available at the 2nd Floor Reference Desk or call 657-8258.

Contest runs all month, February 1-29.

### FOR TEENS: VALENTINE CRAFT

Make your own **Valentine cards**. All supplies will be provided. Kids ages 11 to 17 are welcome. Call 657-8258 to register. Be here 4-5:30pm, Thursday, February 9, on the 3rd Floor.

### FOR TEENS: TEEN WRITING GROUP

Young adult author **Rebecca Gahagan** hosts a teen writing group which meets the second Tuesday of every month. Join her 4:30-6pm, Tuesday, February 14, 2nd Floor Large Study.

## Family Reading Program Activities

Parmly Billings Library is celebrating **I Love to Read Month** with our 16th annual **Family Reading Program**. Journals are available through February 7. You may sign up at Children's Services or online at [www.billings.lib.mt.us](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us)

A **Valentine's Day Craft "Valentines"** is scheduled on Friday, February 10, 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 27, on the 1st Floor.

## For Kids' & Families

### WORKSHOP: CREATIVE VALENTINES

Families, join the **Yellowstone Calligraphy Guild** and make a **Valentine!** All children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Sponsored by the Yellowstone Calligraphy Guild.

Join us 1:00-2:30pm, Saturday, February 11, on the 3rd Floor.

### CLASSES: INTRO TO MAGIC & JUGGLING

Magician **Kameron Messmer** is teaching classes for budding magicians and jugglers in grades 3-6. Call 657-8256 to register.

**Intro to Magic:** 4-5pm, Tues., Feb. 21; Wed., Mar. 21 & Tues., April 17 on the 3rd Floor.

**Intro to Juggling:** 4-5pm, Wednesdays, Feb. 22 & April 18 on the 3rd Floor.

## Book It with A Buddy!

Attention all 4th-8th graders! **Book It With A Buddy!** is reading *Runaway* by Wendel Van Craanen. Registration for child and adult is required and participants will receive a free copy of the book. Please contact Children's Services at 657-8256. Many thanks to Midland Empire Reading Council and Montana State Reading Council, our sponsors.

The discussion is Thursday, March 1, 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](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us)

**Email** ~ [refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us](mailto: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

**Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!**  
Download February's schedule here:  
[www.billings.lib.mt.us](http://www.billings.lib.mt.us)