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AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

Parmly Billings Library *NEWSLETTER—No. 51, March 2012*

Site Preparation BEGINS!

During March, a number of activities are getting underway to prepare the site of the new Library for construction, expected to begin in June. Utilities are being relocated underground, and the former Underriner Buick building will be demolished. To keep up on all the details, watch our website or "Like" us on Facebook.

Discussing One Book Billings

Did you sign up for one of the **One Book Billings *Winter in the Blood*** book discussions? Don't forget, they will be around town *March 5–8!* If you still need to register for a discussion group, call 657–8258 or come to the Library's 2nd Floor Reference Desk. **Sue Hart** will lead a discussion at the Library on March 7 and **Bernie Quetchenbach** on March 8.

Duo Montagnard

Join us for a special Sunday afternoon concert with this talented guitar/saxophone duo. Since coming together in 2002, **Duo Montagnard** has performed over 160 concerts worldwide.

Join them at *3pm, Sunday, March 4,* on the 3rd Floor.

Readers, We Want You!

The **High Plains Book Awards,** sponsored by Parmly Billings Library, showcases regional writers and writing that reflects life in our High Plains region. We would love to have you help out as one of our community readers. During March and April, you'll be assigned several books and be given six weeks to read and rate them. *Interested? Contact our Reader Wrangler by emailing crm2765@bn.com.*

World Read Aloud Day

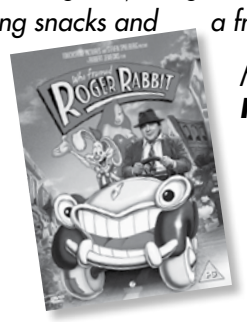
World Read Aloud Day motivates children, teens and adults worldwide to celebrate the power of words, especially those words that are shared from one person to another. By raising our voices together on this day, we show the world's children that they have the right to read, to write and to share their words to change the world. Visit *litworld.org* to join the story.

We'll celebrate by reading stories aloud and drawing for an autographed copy of ***The Paperbag Princess*** *by* **Robert Munsch***!* Everyone is invited to see what fun reading can be!

Join us *11am–Noon, Saturday, March 3,* in the Story Time Corner.

Oscar Winners FILM SERIES

And the winner is—YOU! Our new film series is pure gold. All these movies have been winners for their stellar acting performances, breathtaking technical wizardry or riveting storytelling. *The free Thursday movies start at 7:00pm on the 3rd Floor. Bring snacks and a friend!* The film series are sponsored by PBL Foundation.



March 1: ***Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*** (1988, PG)
BEST Visual Effects

March 7: ***Pan's Labyrinth*** (2006, R)
BEST Cinematography

News & Views

of the Parmly Billings Library Foundation

by **Cara Schaer**, PBLF Board President

Things are happening!!! In spite of the winter's nippy, crisp temperatures, great progress continues with the finalization of the building schedules for the new Library building! Once the City gave final approval of the building site plans, ground breaking for the re-location of utility lines began. There are "many moving parts" involved with this phase of the construction schedule. Every effort is being made to minimize any inconvenience you might encounter with your trips to the Library. If all goes as planned and if Mother Nature cooperates, we should have *ground breaking for the new building and start by summer of 2012. Let's think positive!!*

Planning has begun for this year's **Food For Thought, An Evening of Great Conversation**. Save the date—*Thursday, June 7.*

The Foundation Board Retreat is March 10. We will discuss how board governance and donor stewardship can assist us in accomplishing our mission—to raise supplemental funds for the Library to help ensure the continuation of Library services and resources. *The Foundation Board thanks you for your continued support of the Library and its legacy!*

For more information about the PBL Foundation, contact **Leslie Modrow,** Foundation Director, at 237–6149 or *leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org*.

Friends

of Parmly Billings Library

March is the forerunner of spring, flowers—*and taxes*. CPAs excluded, most of us could use help making sense of the myriad rules and regulations regarding tax preparation. A number of donated books lining the 3rd Floor's **Business & Management** shelves might provide a bit of clarity and advice. Volunteer **David Holzapfel** sorts through the selections, ensuring that only material published within the past several years remains.

Under the subhead **Personal Finance & Investing** is a wealth of information aimed at making wise financial decisions. More than a half-dozen titles by the television personality Suze Forman, as well as works by Neil Cavuto, a *New York Times* best-selling author, and many others offer valuable tips on credit, banking, insurance, investments and, of course, taxes. (*The Automatic Millionaire* might promise a bit more than it can deliver.)

You'll have the opportunity to explore this and all other sections at our next **1st Wednesday Book Sale**, *March 7, 11:00am–1:00pm.* Our BIG **Spring Book Sale** dates have been set for April 13–15; we'll announce hours later.

For March, the **Book Nook**'s special focus is St. Patrick's Day, Celtic Culture, National Poetry Month and Women's History Month.

NOTE: If your donation involves multiple boxes, please call 237–6170 first. No encyclopedias, please.

"Western Montana rises up like the front end of a head-on collision with Idaho."
~Russel Rowland, *Open Spaces*

March

In March @ your Parmly Billings Library!

BANISH WINTER BLAHS—CHECK OUT BOOKS, DVDS, CDS!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Story Time Tales 10:30–11am Books & Babies 3:15–4pm *4–6pm* E-Reader Support *7pm* Book It w/a Buddy *"Runaway"* *7pm* Oscar Fest Series *"Who Framed Roger Rabbit?"*	**2** Books & Babies 10:15–11am Movies @ the Library 10:30–11am	**3** 11–Noon World Read Aloud Day Noon–3pm *VITA Tax Assistance*
4 *3pm* Concert *Duo Montagnard*	**5** Carina's Stories 12:30–1pm *5pm Library Show* Channel 7	**6** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am *Tech Classes* 11am *Gmail* 2pm *Intro to Computers* 3pm *Keyboarding* *5:30pm Spanish Conversation* *7pm PBL Writers Group*	**7** 10:30–11 Tales & Tots 11am–1pm Friends MINI-SALE *Tech Classes* 11am *Download Lowdown* 4–6pm *Microsoft Open Lab* Noon *One Book Blgs* *Sue Hart discussion* 3pm *Library Show* Ch. 7 *6pm Program* *"Women in the Military"*	**8** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am Disney Story Time 11am–Noon Noon *Lib. Board Mtg.* 3:15–4pm Books & Babies *4pm TEEN Tech Week* *Creating a Book Trailer* *7pm One Book Blgs* *Bernie Quetchenbach discuss.*	**9** Books & Babies 10:15–11am Movies @ the Library 10:30–11am	**10** Noon–3pm *VITA Tax Assistance*
11	**12** Carina's Stories 12:30–1pm *5pm Library Show* Channel 7	**13** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am *Tech Classes* 11am *iGoogle and You* 2pm *Intro to Computers* 3pm *Keyboarding* *5pm TEEN Writing Grp.* *7pm PBL Writers Group* *7pm Genealogy Tech* *Personal Ancestry File*	**14** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 *Tech Class* 4–6pm *Microsoft Open Lab*	**15** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 3:15–4pm Books & Babies *4–6pm* E-Reader Support *7pm* Oscar Fest Series *"Pan's Labyrinth"*	**16** Books & Babies 10:15–11am Movies @ the Library 10:30–11am 4–5pm Kids' Craft Go Green!	**17** Noon–3pm *VITA Tax Assistance* 1:30pm *Spanish Conversation*
18	**19** Carina's Stories 12:30–1pm *5pm Library Show* Channel 7	**20** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am *Tech Classes* 11am *Google Calendar* 2pm *Intro to Computers* 3pm *Keyboarding* *7pm PBL Writers Group* *7pm Genealogy Tech* *Genealogy Research*	**21** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am *Tech Classes* 11am *Download Lowdown* 4–6pm *Microsoft Open Lab* 3pm *Library Show* Ch. 7 4–5pm Kids' Class *Intro to Magic by Kameron* 7pm *Turning Page Club*	**22** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 1pm *Knitting Circle* 3rd Floor Books & Babies 3:15–4pm *4–6pm* E-Reader Support	**23** Books & Babies 10:15–11am Movies @ the Library 10:30–11am	**24** 11am Author Visit Sheila Ruble Noon–3pm *VITA Tax Assistance*
25	**26** Carina's Stories 12:30–1pm *5pm Library Show* Channel 7	**27** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am *Tech Classes* 11am *Google Docs* 2pm *Intro to Computers* 3pm *Keyboarding* *7pm Genealogy Tech* *HeritageQuest* 7pm *Lit Centric Bk. Grp.*	**28** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 *Tech Class* 4–6pm *Microsoft Open Lab* 7pm Author Visit *Wally Mading*	**29** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am Books & Babies 3:15–4pm *4–6pm* E-Reader Support	**30** Books & Babies 10:15–11am Movies @ the Library 10:30–11am	**31** 11am Author Visit Cynthia Berst Noon–3pm *VITA Tax Assistance*

PROGRAM: WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

Librarian **Lynne Puckett**, a Captain in the Navy Reserve, will talk about the roles women have played and are continuing to play in the military, and how those roles have evolved.

Join her *6:00pm, Wednesday, March 7,* on the 3rd Floor.

PROGRAM: AUTHOR VISIT

Local author **Wally Mading** just released a new mystery novel, ***The Malevolent Homebuyer,*** inspired by horrifying true events.

Join him *7:00pm, Wednesday, March 28,* on the 3rd Floor.

Tech and MORE TECH!

SUPPORT GROUP: YOUR E-READER & YOU

Our E-Reader Explorations have been overflowing not only with the curious, but with those who want help with THEIR particular reader. Wait no longer—register for one of our **E-Reader Support Group** sessions. A librarian will help you get more comfortable with your reader and explain how to download Library e-books to it. Bring your e-reader. *Please call 657–8256 to pre-register*. Sessions are *4:00–6:00pm, Thursdays, March 1, 15, 22 and 29,* in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

TUESDAYS: GREAT GOOGLEY MOOGLEY!

This month's **Tech Tuesdays** explore life on the ***Google cloud.*** Please pre-register by calling 657–8258. All classes are on *Tuesday, 11:00am,* in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

- *March 6:* Set up your Gmail (email) account
- *March 13:* Customize your browsing experience with iGoogle
- *March 20:* Organize your time with Google Calendar
- *March 27:* Google Docs keeps/shares your documents online

PROGRAM: GENEALOGY

Use a computer to climb your family tree. The **Yellowstone Genealogy Forum** is sponsoring a series of programs to help you find both resources and relatives. Please pre-register by calling 657–8258. All classes are on *Tuesdays, 7:00pm,* in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

- *March 13:* Personal Ancestry File
- *March 20:* Genealogy Research
- *March 27:* HeritageQuest

For Kids & Families

SPECIAL STORY TIME: DISNEY ON ICE

Local celebrities Mayor **Tom Hanel** and KULR8 "Today in Montana" Anchor **Lindsey Gardner,** along with skaters from the Disney on Ice show will be reading Disney stories. The finale will be a meet and greet with **Mickey and Minnie Mouse**! 50 tickets to the Disney on Ice production ***Mickey and Minnie's Magical Journey*** will be given away to children in attendance.

Join us *11:00am–Noon, Thursday, March 8,* on the 1st 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, Wed., Mar. 21; Tues., Apr. 17,* 3rd Floor.
Intro to Juggling: *4–5pm, Wed., Apr. 18,* 3rd Floor.

CRAFT: GO GREEN!

Celebrate **National Craft Month** at the Library by participating in an after school craft designed for ages 3–11. *To pre-register, call Children's Services at 657–8256.*

Join us *4:00–5:00pm, Friday, March 16,* on the 3rd Floor.

PROGRAM: AUTHOR VISIT

Author **Sheila Ruble** will read her book ***Don't Park on a Pig,*** a delightful story illustrated by her daughter Casey Ruble. Sheila will be signing her book and books will be available for purchase.

Join us *11:00am, Saturday, March 24,* at the Story Time Corner.

PROGRAM: AUTHOR VISIT

Castles, magic and adventure await those who listen to the book, ***Sacred Order of the Crystals,*** read by author ***Cynthia Berst.*** This book is in pre-publication mode, and she is looking for feedback.

Join her at *11:00am, Saturday, March 31,* in Children's Services.

Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!
Download March's schedule here:
www.billings.lib.mt.us

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