LIBRARY CONFERENCE

Montana librarians are coming! Bozeman will host the annual Montana Library Association conference here April 8-11, “Access for All: A Montana Value.” Our Library will be closed the evening of Wednesday, April 8 for a reception celebrating the opening of the conference. Our usual closing time of 8pm will change to 6pm for one night only. All online services will be available to users at www.bozemanlibrary.org.

NOON NOTES APRIL 6

The April Noon Notes concert is “Marimba: History and Development” with Stephen Versaevel, Director of Percussion Studies and Assistant Director of Athletic Bands at MSU. Stephen is currently a Section Percussionist with the Bozeman Symphony Orchestra. As a soloist he has appeared with the MSU Symphony Orchestra on their goodwill trip to Vietnam and Thailand, the University of Kansas Percussion Ensemble, the Florida State University Percussion Ensemble, and was a performer on FSU’s Kaleidoscope series concert. This popular chamber music series is at the Library the first Monday of every month, from noon to 1pm, and is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Montana Chamber Music Society and hosted by the Library Foundation. Visit www.montanachambermusicsociety.org/concerts-noonnotes.htm for more information or call Paula at 582-2426.

FRIDAY FORUM

Join Wonderlust for their monthly Friday Forum series on Friday, April 10 at 12pm in the Community Room. This month’s topic is The People’s Park: Building American Prairie Reserve presented by Gavin Clark. Located in northeastern Montana, the eventual 3.5 million-acre Reserve is already-host to bison, pronghorn, prairie dogs, birds of prey, and more. You’ll hear about the adventure of building this national treasure with private funds but for public benefit. This discussion is co-sponsored by the Library Foundation and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Paula at 582-2426.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Google Mail

In this three-part class, you will learn the difference between archiving and deleting messages, how to organize your inbox, create contact groups, convert messages to tasks, and many other features that will turn you into a Google Mail pro! A Google account is not required to attend so if you are thinking about switching to Gmail, this is a great opportunity to take it for a spin. Meets Thursdays, April 16, 23, and 30 at 6:30pm in the 2nd Floor Computer Lab.

Microsoft Excel

Thanks to patron feedback, we’ve expanded this class to three parts. Spreadsheets are great for keeping track of data and performing calculations on large amounts of data. Learn how to enter, organize, and manipulate data in this introductory class.

Providing the community with free, open, and equal access to general information on a broad array of topics
This class covers sorting, functions, Auto Filter and more! Meets Tuesdays, April 14, 21, and 28 at 6:30pm in the 2nd Floor Computer Lab.

Registration is required for all computer classes. To sign up or view additional information about classes, visit www.bozemanlibrary.org/news/class.php or call the Computer Services desk at 582-2422.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

The Friends Book Club will not meet on Wednesday, April 8 because the Library is closed that evening. The selection for May 13 is The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins. For more information, call 582-2410.

The Albert Gallatin Great Books discussion group meets on Saturday, April 18 at 10:15am in the Board Room to discuss The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway. All readers are welcome. Contact Jeff Lynch at jefflynch 967@yahoo.com.

The Kids’ Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 30 at 4pm to discuss the selected title chosen by members. Readers age 8-12 welcome! Call 582-2404 to join, or to find out the April selection.

Thank you to the Aspen Pointe Book Club for donating $600 to the Friends of the Library for Book Club kits. Because of their generous donation and recommendations, we have added new kits for use by local book clubs. Look for them on kitkeeper, our book kit reservation system.

MONEY SMART WEEK

Want to learn how to get more for your money? Money Smart Week (MSW) is April 18-25 and April is Financial Literacy Month. MSW is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Started in 2002 by the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago, it has grown into a national campaign with partners including the American Library Association. Our Library will host the following free programs and activities:

Monday, April 20 12-1:30 "The Devil in the Details: Identifying the Costs of Your Investments" with Bill Stoddart of NorthFork Financial. Stoddart is an independent investment fiduciary who helps advise individuals and organizations who want to act upon their respective goals and values. This presentation will be held in the Community Room.

Monday, April 20 6:30-8pm "Hunger Games" How would you like to put an extra $50-150 in your budget? This class introduces a meal planning process to help families of all sizes stretch their wallets and fill their bellies. Leslie Atkinson works toward simplifying tasks to spend more time with her family. Her meal planning process is the result of years of trial and error to create a easy, budget-friendly way to streamline meals. This presentation will be held in the Community Room.

Friday, April 24 11-1pm "Shredding Day" with Tear It Up! Clean out your desk and file cabinets and bring up to three boxes of papers to be shredded for free. Brought to you by the Friends of the Library. The truck will be located in the south parking area.

POETRY LIVE!

Join us on Wednesday, April 29 from 7-9pm in the Community Room for an entertaining evening celebrating poetry. Sign-ups will begin at 6:30. Do you have a favorite poem you would like to share with fellow poetry lovers? Please come join us! This program is sponsored by both our Library and MSU’s Renne Library. For more information, call 582-2410.

MAGNIFICENT VOLUNTEERS!

This year National Volunteer week is April 12-18. The Library volunteer force has grown to 68 adults with five joining recently to provide story time through our Ready2Read Reachout Program at local childcare centers. We also have several hard-working teen volunteers. Our volunteers give an average of 112 hours a week to keep the Library running smoothly. Join us in thanking them for their great work!

Adult Chess Club meets on Thursday nights from 6-8pm in the Upstairs Board Room
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Thank you to our generous community for contributing to the Friends Used Book Sales. Your book donations, volunteer time, and shopping are all appreciated! For more information or to become a member, please visit us at www.FriendsBPL.org.

CORNERSTONE APRIL 18

_A Night in Italy_, the theme for this year’s Cornerstone Celebration, will be held upstairs in the Library on Saturday, April 18 at 6:30pm. The night features wine tastings and Italian fare from Pizza Campania and The Bountiful Table. Join the fun with readings from _Under the Tuscan Sun, The Godfather, and A Farewell to Arms_. Singer/songwriter Jake Koelzer will be performing classic songs. There will also be the presentation of the 2015 Cornerstone award, silent and live auctions, and more! This annual fundraiser helps provide the “extra” you find in our Library. It’s a fun way to give back. Tickets are $75 per person. To reserve tickets or for more information please contact Sarah, 582-2425, programs@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org

FOOD FOR FINES

Do you owe fines on overdue materials? If your answer is yes, you can take care of your Library fines and also help the Gallatin Valley Food Bank by bringing non-perishable food items during National Library Week, April 12-18. The Library will waive $1 in fines per food item up to $20. That’s right, 20 food items equals $20! Suggested donations include: canned soups, canned fruit, canned fruit juice, canned vegetables, cereal, and tuna. The Food Bank cannot accept expired items, damaged items, or items without labels, and this offer does not cover lost or damaged materials. For questions, call the Circulation Desk at 582-2408.

COLLEGE PREP WORKSHOPS

_“The ACT, the NEW SAT, and Subject Tests: Getting a Handle on the College Admissions Tests”_ will be held on Wednesday, April 29 from 6-7:30pm in the small Conference Room. Independent college counselor Steve Michaud will focus on how colleges and universities use these tests in their evaluation of prospective students. He will also examine each test’s format, talk about timing, and present tips on how to successfully prepare. Bring your questions!

High school students and parents are invited to _“What Colleges Look for in the High School Student”_ on Wednesday, May 6 at 6pm in the Conference Room. Nervous about applying to college? Want to up your chances of acceptance? Get some answers about how high school students can position themselves for college applications and acceptance. Steve Michaud will focus on how to manage the process from the get-go, what students should be thinking about during their high school career, and how parents can help them in the process. All programs are free and open to the public. Please call Ginny at 582-2404 with questions.

STAFF NEWS

Reference librarian Carmen Clark has been selected by the Montana State Library to represent Montana public libraries at the annual conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco. She received a scholarship that covers travel expenses as well as the registration to the conference.

Chris Buss recently accepted a position in the Circulation Department. Chris has a BA from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She brings library experience from Spokane County Library District, where she worked as a Library Assistant.

Lauranna Cossins was hired as full-time administrative assistant after serving as temporary staff since November. Lauranna moved to Bozeman with her husband and three children from Louisiana last year.

Farewell to children’s librarian Kerry Williams, as well as reference librarians Hannah Vidrich and Amy Beckerman. We wish them well in their new ventures!

DOG WORKSHOP SERIES

Join us for a program on _“Puppies to Senior Dogs”_ on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Just like us, our dogs go through developmental stages and changes. Knowing about these and making the necessary adjustments in your environment can lead up to a better relationship, and a more trusting one. Nancy Tanner is a Certified Professional Trainer and Owner of Paws & People Training.
MORE CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

In celebration of the Week of the Young Child, the Children’s Room will hold a special storytime on Monday, April 13 at 10:15am. “Music Monday” will feature performances by local young musicians, favorite stories, and other activities for preschoolers.

School-age students and families are invited to explore hands-on science during Family Science Night on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30pm. Join friends from ILX Lightwave for “LEDs, Lasers and Electrical Circuits” in the Community Room.

Dad’s Night for preschoolers and dad or other guest returns on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30. Kids can enjoy favorite stories in their pajamas, bedtime snacks, and blowing bubbles! Call 582-2404 for more information.

MONTANA MEMORY PROJECT

The Library has been adding content to the Montana Memory Project as part of a statewide effort to make items of historic importance available online. Our contributions include photographs, a scrapbook, and minutes from the Library Board of Directors’ meetings from 1891 to the 1940s. Here are some interesting facts from the 1912-1919 minutes:

November 1915 the librarian received complaints about the area near the library becoming “...a favorite loitering place for the more or less intoxicated, to such an extent that numerous ladies have found it unpleasant or impossible to come to the library in the evening.”

April 1917 the Library donated all fines collected for the month to the Red Cross box.

May 1918 the library sent 365 books for the soldiers’ camp in Portland, OR.

May 1918 all untranslated German books were removed from library shelves.

Oct. 17-Dec. 30, 1919 the library was closed due to influenza

August 1919 out of respect for the death of Andrew Carnegie the library was closed for 3 days.

If you want to learn more, check out the Montana Memory Project by clicking on the Online Resources link and then History and Genealogy.