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Library Plans for Future

The Library Board of Trustees approved the 2009-2010 Strategic Objective Plan at its July 15 meeting. The Plan was reviewed by the Foundation Board at its July 22 meeting. The Plan consists of six goals:

Goal 1 refers to the adoption of a master plan to guide the Library in planning for the best outdoor use of Library lands in accordance with its vision and mission.

Goal 2 is the purchase of stack lighting in order to provide adequate lighting throughout the stacks. Take a look at the demonstration lights currently in the Library!

Goal 3 deals with a potential library levy in the future when economic conditions improve in order to provide adequate and secure funding for the Library.

Goal 4 concerns succession planning when key personnel retire or leave.

Goal 5 is about appropriate technology and the need for 26 replacement public computers to keep the Library functional.

Goal 6 involves using RFID (Radio Frequency Identity Technology) to better manage the Library's collection.

For further information, refer to the Library website under "About Your Library" or contact Alice Meister at 582-2401 or ameister@bozeman.net.

Wii Wednesdays

Maybe you've heard about it from your friends, a neighbor, or at the gym. . . now you can come to the Library and find out what this is all about. Wii (pronounced "Wheee!") gaming is showing up in unusual places, now

including your local Library. Take the opportunity to learn about the growing national interest in gaming or just enjoy hanging out with your friends. Nintendo Wii videogames will be available four times this month:

Weds. August 12, 3-5 p.m. for Middle School students

Weds. August 19, 3-5 p.m. for High School students

Weds. August 19, 6-8 p.m. Open Wii Night for old and new gamers of all ages

Weds. August 26, 6-8 p.m. Open Wii Night

All programs will take place in the small Conference Room. Please stop by and join in the fun with Wii Sports, Mario Kart, Guitar Hero, and other games for teens and adults.

If you are interested in volunteering to help, please call the Info Desk at 582-2427.

Jazz and More...

Kelly Roberti and friends continue with "Jazz and More" through the summer months. Each evening includes talking to musicians and performing. All programs are free on Monday nights in the large Community Room starting at 7 p.m.

August 3: Bob Bowman, renowned bassist from Kansas City, and violinist Johan Johnson

August 10: Tap dancer Katherine Kramer and Alan and Karen Leech, bassoon & flute

August 17: Vocalists Dos Mayos, Tazlyn Fischer, Susan Platt, and Jake Koelzer accompanied by Bob Britten and Kelly Roberti

August 24: Jack Walrath on trumpet

These free jazz programs are brought to you by the Library Foundation's *Exploring the Arts* series with a grant from the Beim Foundation. Call Paula at 582-2426 for more information.

Author Visits Bozeman

Laurie Cameron, author of the recently published *The Ghost at Old Oak Way* is returning to her hometown for an author visit on Tuesday, August 18 at 4 p.m. The mystery for ages 9-12 was written with co-author Laura Meagher. The follow-the-clues mystery is combined with Civil War history as Eliza and her friends try save the family business, The Bookshop.

Family Music Series

Drumming by Chet Leach will be featured at our final Family Music Series on Wednesday, August 19 at 7 p.m. Join us outside (or inside in case of rain) for this interactive musical event followed by watermelon. All ages invited; feel free to bring blankets or chairs. This free series is sponsored by the Library Foundation.

Children's Festival Sept. 19

Kids and adults: save the date! The second annual Children's Festival of the book will be Saturday, September 19 from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Library. Join us for free readings, workshops, kids' activities, and more with Caldecott-winning illustrator Chris Raschka, award-winning poet Paul Janeczko, and special guest author Ben Mikaelson and others. Call Laura at 582-2425 for more information or to volunteer.

Sweet Pea Art Show

The Sweet Pea Juried and Open Art Shows will again be held in the Library's Atrium Gallery. The public is invited to the opening reception on Thursday, August 6 from 6-8 p.m. in the Community Room. All artwork may be viewed during the Library's open hours throughout August. We welcome special guest John Bishop from England, who is the President of the National Sweet Pea Society. John will be the Grand Marshal of the Sweet Pea Parade and will make a public presentation entitled "All the President's Peas" at the Library on Saturday, August 8 at 5 p.m.

Book Sale Success

The July Used Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library was a rousing success, raising revenue to support the Library and Library programs while circulating thousands of good books within the community. Thanks to all the patrons, members, volunteers,

and donors who made the sale a success. The next Used Book Sale will be held in November; consider donating your gently-used books to the Library.

Wanted: Overdue Books

The Library has contracted with Unique Management Services, a service which works specifically with libraries to recover lost materials. The Library is giving everyone a chance to start with a clean slate by having an amnesty period from August 15 through September 15. Patrons have an opportunity to return overdue items and not pay late fees on those items during that time period. We have 153,747 items in our collection with over 1,985 listed as lost (about 1.5%). Replacement charges would be \$33,547, which is 30% of our materials budget for the year. We are looking forward to getting some of our lost materials back! Call the Circulation Desk at 582-2408 if you have any questions.

Your Old House

Do you ever wonder when your house was built or who lived in it before you did? Stop at the Reference Desk to ask for a copy of the brochure *Researching the History of Your Home*. Designed by MSU intern Hannah Vidrich, the brochure recommends places to visit in order to learn more about the history of your home. It can be viewed on the Library's website by clicking on "Reference and Research" and then the Montana History link. Need help? Call 582-2410.

One Book-One Bozeman

Prior to the author's visit in September, now is a good time to read the 2009 selection, *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez. If your book group is interested in discussing the book, check out the two book kits purchased by the Friends of the Library. You can arrange for a discussion leader by calling 582-2426. The MSU Summer Reading program and the Library Foundation have collaborated to bring Lopez to Bozeman on Sept. 9 for the MSU convocation address and a public sale and signing on Sept. 10 at the Chronicle building. For a list of all events, visit www.onebookonebozeman.org.

Pick up a Gallatin Art Crossing brochure at the Library to locate the new sculptures placed around the Library and along Main Street.



Molly Pratt Honored

A dedication ceremony was held on July 16 to honor Mrs. Molly Pratt, the former Assistant Director of our Library. Colleagues, friends, and family joined Molly outside the Children's Room on a beautiful afternoon to share stories and express appreciation. Molly retired in 1994 after 39 years of service. The bench is part of the Library Foundation's *Benches for Book Lovers* program. Many individuals in the community have funded the benches, including the Friends of the Library. Call 582-2426 for more information.

Library Goes to the Birds

Thanks to the help of Patrick and Carol Hemingway and John and Kiku Hanes, we now have a custom bird feeder, designed and installed by Gary Olson. The new feeder is outside the Ernest Hemingway Alcove, where you'll be able to watch birds through a set of binoculars from inside the Library, read about them in the accompanying guide book, and try your hand at nature journaling in the journal provided. Be sure to look at the entries by local artist Jerolyn Dirks! Call Paula at 582-2426 if you have questions or would like to volunteer to keep the feeder filled.

New to Library Foundation

Alan Kesselheim, author and Library supporter, has recently joined the Library Foundation Board. Al started volunteering at the Library first as a member of the Friends Board and then was a Library Trustee for 10 years. His steadfast service to the Library will be a tremendous asset to the Foundation.

Laura Prindiville joins the Foundation staff as the new Program Coordinator. She brings skill, talent, and experience to help the Foundation to continue offering quality programs and events. Welcome Al and Laura!

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