FREE CONCERT AUG. 1

It's been 15 years since Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia passed away, and the local Dead-inspired band, The Hooligans, has teamed with the Library Foundation for a first-ever “Day on the Green” performance. Join us on the Library’s front Plaza on Sunday, August 1, from 4-8pm, to mark Garcia’s 68th birthday.

“Day on the Green” is a tip of the hat to the legendary Golden Gate Park free concerts that the Dead pioneered. “The Foundation is excited to provide the outdoor venue for this free concert,” said Paula Beswick, foundation director. “We’ve always envisioned the Plaza as a place for people to gather, have fun, and enjoy Bozeman’s great summer weather. What better place for this historic free Hooligan’s concert!”

Concert-goers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Local food vendors will be on-site. Please contact Paula for more information at 582-2426 or director@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org

NOMKOO ARRIVES

An elephant is coming to Bozeman! A Global Ambassador for Sustainability, Nomkhubulwane (Nomkoo) is a 9’ tall 1.3 ton elephant sculpture made of woven recycled tires and comes to Bozeman from her home in Africa. Nomkoo is touring internationally to encourage creative projects and discussions about a more respectful and sustainable relationship with the earth. Bozeman is one of only five US cities to host the sculpture as part of her 2010 North American Tour. From August 4 - September 15, she will reside at the front Plaza of the Library. On Tuesday, August 3 from 10:30 am – 12:30pm all are invited to decorate the sidewalks around the plaza to create a welcoming message for Nomkoo.

A City Celebration to welcome Nomkoo to Bozeman will take place Wednesday August 4, 3:00 - 7:00 pm in the front Library plaza. Scheduled activities include interactive music with the Duplicates, group art projects, and an official welcome message at 5:30pm from Alice Meister, Library Director, Tour Director Martha Joh Reeder-Kearns, and Mayor Jeff Krauss. Children can make their own elephant sculptures starting at 3pm. Refer to the website for the full schedule of events for this day at www.nomkoo.org.
HEEB’S BENEFIT BBQ

August means summer barbeques, and the Library Foundation is partnering with Heeb’s East Main Grocery to bring a big old-fashioned picnic to the Bozeman community. Join us starting at 11:30 am on Friday, August 6 in the Heeb’s parking lot to enjoy a burger or brat, chips, macaroni or potato salad, and soda all for just $5. For only $2 more, treat yourself to a root-beer float! All proceeds from the event go to the “Benches for Book Lovers” program started two summers ago with Heeb’s to help the Library Foundation sponsor park benches and their placement around the Library grounds. A big thanks to Heeb’s staff, and owners Mitch and Sherri Bradley, for continuing their support of the Library! For more info, call 582-2426.

JAZZ & MORE . . . CONTINUES

The popular series with Kelly Roberti continues throughout August with another great lineup of local, regional, and nationally celebrated musicians. August 2 begins with Seattle-based jazz vocalist Kelly Ash, along with noted local jazz singer Susan Platt. This program is followed on August 9 with internationally-acclaimed jazz guitarist Joshua Breakstone, who will be interviewed about his travels and his jazz experience, and will perform with Kelly.

The entire crew of the PBS Emmy award winning series 11th & Grant will be on hand on August 16. In addition to their interview, they will have a multimedia display of “Director’s Cuts” to show a behind-the-scenes look at this popular TV series. This is not to be missed! Eric Funk and Kelly Roberti will also perform music together.

August 23 brings a new adventure. Grizzly bear expert, author, educator, and musician Jim Cole will be interviewed about his life with the bears and surviving two attacks. Cole will also sing a few songs. The second guest is vocalist Krista Arledge, who will perform music with Kelly and pianist Bob Britten and will be interviewed about her musical life.

These jazz programs are sponsored by the Library Foundation’s Exploring the Arts series and local restaurant Montana.

LIBRARY FRIENDS

The July used book sale was a great success for our Friends of the Library—over 9,000 in sales as books were “recycled” in our community, and folks enjoyed socializing and looking at a great range of books. This event could not happen without the much appreciated efforts of our volunteers—thanks so much. Your volunteerism supports a great event and our Library. Also, we give a big thank you to the many people who donated books, and, of course, to the patrons of the sale.

One of the important, behind-the-scenes activities that occurs in the weeks and months leading up to used book sales is the sorting and organizing of donated books. If you are interested in volunteering to help with these important efforts for two hours per month, please contact Board President, John Gallagher at 586-8465.

SUMMER READING LUAU CELEBRATION AUGUST 25

All kids who completed the “Make a Splash!” summer reading program are invited to the final Luau Celebration on Wednesday, August 25 from 6-7:30pm outside on the Library Plaza. Starting with a hula dance performance at 6pm, kids who have visited the Library five times or more this summer can enjoy water games, make leis, and try to dunk a librarian in the dunk tank! Participants in “Make a Splash” also get to choose a free book when they bring their reading logs to the Children’s Desk. Five visits=five stickers!

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Remember the importance for school-age kids to read at least six books during the summer. . . It’s not too late to find a few more great books to read! Call 582-2404 for more information.
Ale Works. The Leuschen Family is the sponsor of the August 9 program. Call Paula at 582-2426 for more info.

COME. SIT. STAY.

Join the Library Book Club on Wednesday, August 4 to talk about The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. Enzo takes stock of his life, as only a dog could tell it in this bestselling novel. The title chosen for Wednesday, September 1 is Double Take by Kevin Michael Connelly. The Friends of the Library invites all interested readers to join the Book Club on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Please call the Reference Desk at 582-2410 for more information.

GREAT BOOKS

The Albert Gallatin Great Books discussion group meets on Saturday, August 21 at 10:15am to discuss Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl. For more information, please contact Neil Lynch at 763-4380.

ONE BOOK – ONE BOZEMAN

It’s not too early to read the 2010 selection, Double Take: A Memoir by Kevin Michael Connolly, and to start planning your fall activities. If your book group is interested in discussing the book, check out one of the two book kits purchased by the Friends of the Library and call 582-2426 to arrange for a discussion leader. The MSU Summer Reading program and the Library Foundation have collaborated to have Connolly provide the MSU convocation address on September 8, free and open to the public. Visit www.onebookonebozeman.org for the growing list of activities.

BENCHES & BIKE RACKS

The Library Foundation thanks Sweet Pea Nursery & Landscaping for permanently placing all 19 park benches on the beautifully landscaped grounds of the Library. Sit on a bench to listen to an outdoor concert, read a book, or simply enjoy the summer weather. Each bench has a plaque honoring or memorializing someone or offering a favorite library quote. There are still two benches that need plaques; call the Foundation office at 582-2426 to inquire how you can “purchase” a bench.

You may have noticed a change in the bike rack situation. Due to the overwhelming popularity of bike riding in Bozeman, the Library Foundation has secured additional racks and funky racks at that! The rack donated by the Community Co-op has been moved to the east side of the plaza coming off the Main Street to the Mountains Trail, and Steve Neff with Spokesman Bike Rack donated and installed his new creatively designed racks resembling the sprocket and pedals of a bicycle. For more information about the racks, visit http://spokesmanbikerack.com. Thank you again to the Co-op and an additional thanks to Steve for the new bike racks!

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

You’ll notice that our weekly children’s programs are not being offered during the month of August to allow for the popular Creative Workshops for kids sponsored by the Library Foundation. Kids ages 5 to 16 can sign up for two of the 25 workshops. Most workshops are full, but there are openings for several of the programs for older kids. If you are age 13 and up, sign up to create your own graphic novel, learn about digital filmmaking, or try your hand at basic bike maintenance. Check the website or call the Children’s Desk at 582-2404 for more information about the workshops. Weekly children’s programs will resume Wednesday, September 1. In the meantime, continue to visit the Children’s Room for some relaxed time as summer winds down.

SCRAPBOOK ANYONE?

Keep memories alive through the art of scrapbooking. Join Creative Memory Consultant, Kim Center, for “Family Scrapbooking Camp” on August 20 from 10am to 4pm to learn everything from the basics to advanced scrapbooking. All ages are welcome at this free workshop. Kim will provide expert advice on simple organization techniques and page layout. Please bring your own materials and a sack lunch. Participants can even take a short walk through Lindley Park over the noon hour! Registration is required and spaces are limited; call 582-2404 to register.
COMING IN SEPTEMBER!


SWEET PEA ART SHOW

The Sweet Pea Juried and Open Art Shows will once again be held in the Library’s Atrium Gallery. Both shows will feature a diverse collection of artwork, ranging from watercolor and oil paintings, to photography, sculpture, and jewelry. Everyone is invited to attend the opening reception on Thursday, August 5 from 5-8pm. The shows run from Thursday, August 5 to Thursday, August 26, and may be viewed during Library hours.

MATH HELP FOR PARENTS

Want to build your child’s confidence, interest and enthusiasm for math? You can attend a 45-minute session on Tuesday, August 24 to learn easy, simple and interesting things you can do as a parent to maintain and enrich your child’s math “literacy” and skills outside of school. The ideas to be shared are meant for children from 5 to 13 years old. Programs are held both at 11am and 5:30pm in the Conference Room, and are taught by Lei-Anna Bertelsen, an educator for 21 years. Eleven of those years were in the Bozeman School District, and seven were spent as an 8th grade math teacher at Chief Joseph Middle School. Lei-Anna has a Master’s in Mathematics Education and currently offers tutoring services, consulting, and summer programs. She can be contacted at 579-9965.

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