CHRISTMAS STROLL @ THE LIBRARY

Be sure to make your way down to the Library during the Christmas Stroll on Saturday, December 3. Walk over or hop on a horse-drawn hay wagon to see the varied performances running from 3:00 to 7:00pm. Come in out of the cold for hot drink specials for the whole family at Lindley Perk Coffee Shop. Once again, the Bozeman Library Foundation will be hosting its signature Cookie Decorating Extravaganza from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Every kid gets his or her own large cookie to frost, sprinkle, and eat, compliments of our friends at Rosaurers, Safeway and Fancy Flours. Everything is free and open to the public, but we strongly encourage community members to buy a $3 button to support the Christmas Stroll—buttons will be available for purchase at the Library that day as well as the week prior. The Bozeman Library Foundation is a proud sponsor of the Stroll. For more information, please email Jeannie at programs@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.

The day’s schedule:
2:00 Ornament-making in Children’s Room
3:00 Bozeman High Kamerata Orchestra directed by Michael Certalic
3:30 Whittier Elementary Choir directed by Janell Magnusson
4:00 Morning Star Elementary Choir directed by Adrienne Reynolds
4:30 Montana State University Horns directed by Sherry Linnerooth
5:00-7:00pm Cookies!
5:15 Bozeman High Jazz Choir directed by Nancy Ojala
5:50 MSU Student Musicians conducted by Greg Young
6:25-7:00 Savery Singers from CJMS directed by Catherine Savery

WANT A MEETING ROOM? CHECK ONLINE

A calendar with a schedule of the Library’s public meeting rooms is now available on the Library’s webpage. Event Management Systems (EMS), a new meeting room scheduling software, was recently implemented and will allow meeting room users to check out availability before scheduling a meeting through the Information Desk. In addition, community members interested in attending meeting room programs will be able to verify the date, time, and location of public meetings. The Library has two meeting rooms with LCD projectors and screens. When not being used for Library programming, the rooms are available for community meetings and programs.

Check out our webpage under Library Services to view the calendars and meeting room guidelines or call the
LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

The Library Book Club meets Wednesday, December 14 to discuss the Birds Without Wings by Louis De Bernieres. It is the story of a small coastal town in South West Anatolia in the dying days of the Ottoman Empire told in the voices of the people—Christians and Muslims of Turkish and Greek and Armenian descent—who lives are rooted there. All interested readers are invited to participate starting at 7:30pm in the Community Room. Call 582-2410 for details.

The Kids’ Book Club meets on Thursday, December 15 at 4pm in the Student Corner to talk about The Magician’s Elephant by Kate DiCamillo. For more information, call 582-2404.

The Albert Gallatin Great Books discussion group will not meet in December. For information call Neil Lynch at 763-4380. The next meeting of the Albert Gallatin Great Books discussion group will be Saturday, January 21 from 10:15am - noon in the 2nd floor Board Room.

The title selected for January’s discussion is A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway. This book is available to borrow at Bozeman Public Library. It is also available as a CD, cassette and Playaway for those who prefer an audio version. We also have the movie version starring He- lena native Gary Cooper. Call the Reference Desk at 582-2410 for more information on these titles and supporting materials such as notes on the novel and biographies of Hemingway. The title selected for February 16 is On the Road by Jack Kerouac. Happy reading!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Thanks to everyone who made our Fall Used Book Sale a success! The Friends raised close to $10,000 for the Library from the sale of books, memberships and collectibles. Book sales are made possible by book donations and the work of dedicated volunteers. Watch this space to find out what the Friends are able to fund over the next year!

Amy MacNamara and Mara Johnson have recently left the Friends of the Library Board of Directors. They both have contributed much to the Friends and the Library over the last few years and will be greatly missed.

Lisa Gunther has joined the Friends’ Board. Join us in welcoming her!

Do you want to support literacy and life-long learning? Consider becoming a member of the Friends of the Library. Memberships start at just $5 for students, $15 for individuals and $25 for families. Membership dues benefit the Friends for improvements to library programs, services and materials. Everyone benefits! Contact the Friends for more information at Friends.BozemanPublicLibrary@gmail.com or 582-2433.

WEAVERS’ GUILD ART SHOW

For more than 40 years, Bozeman Weavers’ Guild has been dedicated to furthering understanding and improvement of the textile arts in our community. Now, the members bring their art form to the Bozeman Public Library Atrium Gallery with an exquisite show December through January, just in time for the cold weather and holiday gifts.

The Library Foundation invites the community to an Art Opening Reception on Friday, Dec. 9, 5:30-7pm where the Guild will also have other items for purchase. A portion of all sales goes to the Foundation in direct support of the Library and its programs.

The featured weavers are:

Vicki Scharen recycles old blue jeans and other garments into sturdy, colorful rag rugs;

Barbara McMullen uses traditional patterns for her rugs and towels;

Carol Roehm finds inspiration in transforming new yarns and old clothes into artistic, usable hangings and other works;

Nancy Liebrecht enjoys using milkweed fiber;

Kay Hatthorn explores wool fibers with her whimsical creations;

Karin Utzinger combines color for her functional pieces of art; and Barbara French finds expression in knitting, weaving, and felting.
LAPTOPS AVAILABLE

The Library has five laptop computers for use in the Library. The laptops were obtained through the Montana State Library's Broadband Technology Opportunity Project (BTOP). The laptops can be checked out for two hours at service desks throughout the Library. Complete with wireless Internet access, microphone, webcam, headphones, and Microsoft Office 2007, the laptops will help reduce waiting time on the public desktop computers. Staff members encourage users to check out a laptop when they need more than an hour for a special project or when they need to use a microphone or webcam. Questions? Please ask!

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Would you like to receive the Library’s monthly newsletter online? Just go to our website at www.bozemanlibrary.org and click on “What’s Going On” along the top menu bar. Click again on Newsletter and you will see the link to “Subscribe to Our Newsletter.” It will arrive in your email at the beginning of each month so you can be sure to stay current on programs and other library news.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

If you would like to support your Library, consider a tax-deductible donation to the Bozeman Library Foundation this year. How many times have you heard someone say “I love the Library!” or said it yourself? Please show your love with a contribution. To give a gift, visit our website at www.bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.

If you’d like to consider a planned gift or memorial to the Foundation, talk to your financial advisor and Paula Beswick, Foundation Director. Please call her at 582-2426 or stop by her office upstairs. Your tax-deductible contributions are needed and appreciated.

WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

The Children’s Festival of the Book Youth Writing Contest Winners for November 2011 are:

**Ages 13-18**

1st: Leyla Kirschner for *Shattered Aether: Book One* (age 16)

2nd: Anna Kaveney for *A Drop of Light* (age 14)

Honorable Mention: Best Retelling of a Classic Tale – Sarah Budeski for *Rumpelstiltskin, The Way He Saw It* (8th grade)

**Ages 8-12**

1st: Claire Kaveney for *The Paper Bag Prince* (age 10)

2nd: Christopher Munson for *The Franklin Campbell Case* (age 10)

Honorable Mentions:

Best Beginning of a Novel: Anja Huffman for *A Rose Within the Thorns* (age 11)

Young Writer to Watch: Annika M. Harting for *Blue the Blue Raven* (age 8)

Thanks to the Country Bookshelf for sponsoring this contest!

HOMEWORK MONTANA

Your Library now offers you free online tutors, writing assistance, and practice tests! Homework MT is a site designed to assist all Montana students from kindergarten to college with their studies. Students can connect to a qualified tutor from a computer or mobile device for one-on-one, on-demand help in math, science, social studies, and English, as well as writing assistance. Doing homework just became a little less frustrating, thanks to Homework MT.

The online tutors are available every Sunday through Thursday from 2pm – 11pm. There are no appointments or schedules. Tutors are available online to provide assistance with homework, studying, preparing for exams, projects, essays, standardized tests, and much more. Check it out today at our website or http://homeworkmt.org.

MEET THE GRINCH!

Join us for a special Friday Storytime on December 9 at 10:15am for an interactive storytelling of Dr. Seuss' classic book, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Kate Bryan, Bozeman’s Music Together Teacher, will bring this beloved book to life by prompting parents/kids to “fill in the words” of many of the most memorable parts of the book.

This storytime is for preschoolers ages 3-5. For more information, please call the Children’s Desk at 582-2404.
SECRET GIFT SHOP DEC. 22

If you have a child between ages 3 and 8, consider giving them the joy of making a homemade gift for you! The Library will hold its annual Secret Gift Shop on Thursday, December 22 at 3:00 and again at 4:00. Registration is required for all children who want to attend while parents relax and read in the Library.

Call the Children’s Desk at 582-2404 to sign up for one half-hour session of secret gift-making. If you are interested in helping, please let us know!

ANNUAL REPORT

The Bozeman Public Library’s Annual Report is now available for fiscal year 2011, which is from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. In addition to highlights from the year, the report shows exactly how busy we are!

- **Registered borrowers**: 28,600
- **Circulation**: 747,259
- **Library Materials**: 138,297
- **Reference Questions**: 107,881
- **Meeting Room Use**: 919
- **Room Attendance**: 15,421
- **Adult Programs**
  - **Programs Presented**: 152
  - **Attendance**: 8,292
- **Children’s & Teen Programs**
  - **Programs Presented**: 641
  - **Attendance**: 19,910
- **Visitors**: 387,699

We hope you will take a little quiet time for yourself during the busy holiday season to visit the Library, enjoy a cup of coffee from Lindley Perk, meet a friend, read a magazine or newspaper, or check out a book or movie.

The Library will be CLOSED on Saturday, December 24 and Sunday, December 25.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!