ARTIST RECEPTION

Join the Library Foundation for an Art Opening Reception for artist Adair Peck on Friday, December 5 from 6-7:30pm. Adair’s creative and colorful papier mache of life-sized trophy animal heads now adorn the walls of the Library’s Atrium Gallery and will be on exhibit through December 30. “My work resonates with both children... and the discerning interior decorator’s eye,” said Peck, whose creations are inspired by personalities and facial expressions of many of the people and animals she sees every day, as well as the legacy and lifestyle of ranchers and hunters.

A percentage of the sales in the exhibit will go to the Library Foundation to ensure a continuation of cultural programs for the benefit of the public. For more information, please call Sarah at 582-2425.

GRANT HUNTING

Over the past decade charities have grown faster than any other kind of nonprofit group with assets increasing 43% to nearly $3-trillion in 2012. Join us for “Grant Hunting Season: Finding the Dough for Your Project” on Wednesday, December 10, from 1-3:30pm in the Community Room for a hands-on workshop to learn what resources are available that can help you identify funding sources. David Young, with the Montana State University Extension Service, and Terri Dood, BPL Reference Librarian, will share information available at the Library and on the web for grant seekers. In addition, participants will learn how to compose a ‘Letter of Inquiry/Letter of Intent’ for potential funders, as well as a brief ‘concept paper.’ Please bring your laptop or iPad, or check out one of ours. Sign-up is required and space is limited for this free workshop. Please call 582-2410 to reserve your spot.

CHRISTMAS STROLL

Please add the Library to your destinations for the annual Christmas Stroll festivities on Saturday, December 6. We welcome student musicians and singers from Bozeman schools starting at 2pm in the Community Room, and you can still ride the hay wagon to and from downtown. We will make simple holiday tree ornaments in the Children’s Room from 2-4pm. Join us for a warm and musical respite!

2pm: BHS Kamerata Orchestra with Michael Cer-talic
2:45: Hyalite Choir with Laurie Jo Howard
3:30: Morning Star Choir with Adrienne Reynolds
4:15: Longfellow Choir with Heidi Damjanovich
5:00 Sacajawea Middle School Select Choir with Charlotte Collier

NOON NOTES DEC. 1

The concert on Monday, December 1 features “Three Gentlemen and a Lady,” chamber music for strings, clarinet, and
piano, at noon in the Community Room. The musicians will be Greg Young, clarinet; Sam Park, violin; Kris Williams, cello; and Chris Biehl, piano. This free, casual series is at the Library the first Monday of every month, and is an opportunity for students, retirees, and anyone interested in music to enjoy the power of chamber music. It is co-sponsored by the Montana Chamber Music Society and the Library Foundation.

Please visit www.montana chamber musicsociety.org/concerts-noonnotes.htm for more information or call Paula at 582-2426.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Tis the season to be jolly and learn new computer skills! Registration is required so please call 582-2436 or sign up online under “Computer Classes” at www.bozemanlibrary.org.

MICROSOFT EXCEL 1 + 2

Spreadsheets are a great tool for keeping track of large amounts of data such as customer records or financial records. Learn how to enter, organize, and sort data in this introductory class. Part 1 is Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30pm and Part 2 is December 9 at 6:30pm.

WEB BROWSER BASICS 1 + 2

Web browsers are the portal to the World Wide Web and all of its tools and information. This class will use Mozilla Firefox browser, but other browsers will be discussed. Part 1 is Thursday, December 4 at 6:30pm and Part 2 is Thursday, December 11 at 6:30pm.

iPAD BASICS 1 + 2

Starting in December this popular class is being expanded into a 2-part series. Part 1 is on Monday, December 8 at 2pm and Part 2 is on Monday, December 15 also at 2pm. New topics include using the Notification Center, how to take screen shots, and how to update apps through the iTunes store. Bring your device and see how to get the most out of the iPad and iPad Mini.

WHAT’S THE FUSS? PODCASTS

Learn all about Podcasts on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30pm. You’ve heard of podcasts but you’re not quite sure what they are or if you should care. Imagine you could listen to a radio program about any topic at any time you want on your computer, mobile device, or tablet and you’ve got a good idea of what a podcast is.

HOUR OF CODE

Children from ages 7-12 are invited to take part in our first ever Hour of Code event at the Library on Thursday, December 18 at 6:30pm. Last year, over 15 million students participated in the nationwide Hour of Code to promote computer science education. Students will be introduced to block code via beginner tutorials at www.code.org. Join us for an educational and fun introduction to computer programming!

MSU AUTHOR RECEPTION

The Library Foundation is pleased to partner again with the MSU College of Letters and Science to celebrate and honor faculty authors who have published new books. The community is invited to the holiday authors’ reception from 5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, December 4 in the Community Room. The event is free and open to all, with complimentary refreshments.

David Parker, associate professor of Political Science, will give a presentation at 6:30 about his new book, Battle for the Big Sky: Representation and the Politics of Place in the Race for the U.S. Senate. Other authors include: Eric Austin, Robert Bennett, Galen Brokaw, Gretchen Minton, Elizabeth Shanahan, Patricia Anne Simpson, and William Wyckoff. For more information, please contact Jody Sanford at 994-7791.

YOGA FOR ALL

Thanks to the Library Foundation, yoga continues through the winter months every Tuesday at 11-11:45am. Open to ages and abilities, instructor Karen Averitt focuses on the basics of yoga, breathing, and mind/body connections. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to bring kids of all ages for 45 minutes of relaxing yoga. Please bring your own mat.

REMEMBERING GEORGE COLE

Former Library Trustee, loyal Library supporter, and 2010 Cornerstone Award recipient George Cole died this past month. His wise counsel and good humor will be missed at the Library and in the community. He and his family named the Library Foundation as a memorial—please consider a gift in his honor. Contact Paula at 582-2426 for the details.
LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

The Friends Book Club meets on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30pm to discuss Red Harvest by Dashiell Hammett. All interested readers are invited, and copies of the book are available to borrow. For more information, call 582-2410.

The Albert Gallatin Great Books discussion group meets next month on Saturday, January 17 at 10:15am in the Board Room to discuss The Good Earth by Pearl Buck. All readers are welcome. Contact Jeff Lynch at jefflynch967@yahoo.com.

The Kids’ Book Club will not meet in December, but will meet on Thursday, January 22 at 4pm to discuss two classic books (we couldn’t decide!). We are reading Lassie Come-Home by Eric Knight and The Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula Le Guin.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Anne Cooper became a volunteer in May of 2005, shortly after moving to Bozeman to be close to family. We are lucky to have her shelve non-fiction books for us on Thursday. Anne is an avid quilter and loves to read and travel. Thank you Anne for all you do!

FREE DOG WORKSHOPS

Join us on Thursday, December 11 at 6:30pm in the Community Room for “Raw Food, Raw Talk” with Libby from Bridger Feeds and Nancy from Paws & People. Learn about appropriate raw food, canned food, home cooked, kibble, and much more. Learn the difference between dog nutrition and marketing. Nancy Tanner is a Certified Professional Trainer and Owner of Paws & People Training.

WONDERLUST FORUM

The Friday Forum on December 12 at 12pm will be a presentation about the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. On September 3, 1964, President Johnson signed into law the historic bill, which established the National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) and set aside an initial 9.1 million acres of wildlands. This month Barb Cestero and Chris Mehl will discuss the natural and the economic impacts of protected federal land in the West to the state of Montana and the communities near these protected lands. In addition to being a Bozeman City Commissioner, Chris Mehl is the Policy Director at Headwaters Economics, a Bozeman-based research group. Barb Cestero works on conservation issues for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a regional conservation organization working with people to protect the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Friday Forum is a monthly speaker series sponsored by Wonderlust, a non-profit organization dedicated to life-long learning, and hosted by the Library Foundation. The programs begin at noon in the Community Room. Please call Paula at 582-2426 with any questions.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are wrapping up another successful year of fund-raising for your Library. As you think about gift giving during this holiday season, won’t you consider a gift to the Friends by becoming a Member? Membership and donation information is available at www.friendsbpl.org, or by calling 582-2433.

Thanks to all who attended our Used Book Sale in November. If you missed the sale, it’s not too late to pick up some last minute gift books at the Friends Used Book Store in the Lindley Perk. We stock the shelves with like-new donated books, and all proceeds support your Library.

TEEN CORNER OPEN HOUSE

Help make our Teen Corner the best it can be! Ages 13-19 are invited to a Teen Corner Open House on Sunday, December 28 and Sunday, January 11 from 3-5pm. We want your ideas and feedback on changes for the Teen Corner. We also need new members with fresh ideas for our Teen Advisory Group. Snacks provided. It’ll be fun, so bring a friend and come by for a short time or longer! Call Ginny at 582-2404 for more information.

AREA 626

Area 626 invites you to join us for a paper crafting workshop on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30pm. Learn how to use our Cricut machine to make small paper boxes for the holidays. Space is limited; call 582-2410 to register.
SATURDAY STORIES
Families are invited to a multi-age program at 3pm every other Saturday featuring a favorite author. All toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary students are welcome to hear stories and stay for hands-on activities. Join us on Dec. 13 for Jan Brett and Dec. 27 for Jerry Pinkney.

MAKER DAY!
Join us on Monday, December 29 from 1-3pm for fun and exploration with Tangrams, an ancient puzzle of seven shapes. Challenge yourself to fit all the shapes to form a variety of silhouettes (cat, horse, person, etc.) that invite problem-solving, creativity and imagination. Kids of all ages can make their own Tangrams, as well as solve puzzles from easy to difficult. Please call 582-2404 for more information.

KID CONCERT!
The Bozeman Childbloom Guitar Program will perform in the Community Room on Thursday, December 18 at 7pm. This is local guitarist Craig Hall’s program to teach children ages 6 and up music fundamentals using classical guitar. Solos, duos, trios, and ensembles will perform arrangements from the Childbloom curriculum. All invited!

SECRET GIFT SHOP
The annual Secret Gift Shop for children ages 3-8 will be held on Tuesday, December 23 at both 3 and 4pm. Parents drop their child off in the Community Room “Gift Shop” so they can make two homemade gifts for family members. Space is limited and registration is required; call the Children’s Desk at 582-2404.

FAREWELL TO NANCY
Our Library Administrative Assistant for the past 22 years, Nancy Stiner, has retired. Nancy did everything: paid bills, ordered all books & materials, made maintenance calls, kept us on budget, helped staff with insurance and safety issues, organized information for the Library Board, and kept us all working smoothly as a team, with a smile. Her patience, tact and sense of humor made working with her a pleasure. We will miss her!