NOTES AT THE LIBRARY

Join us for a new chamber music series at the Library on the first Monday of the month, starting on February 4 at 12 noon in the Large Community Room. “Notes at the Library” offers a refreshing and interactive look at chamber music. The best of Bozeman’s classical musicians get out of the concert hall and into the community room for a dressed down, sack lunch, kid-friendly experience. The series is sponsored by the Library Foundation, the Montana Chamber Music Society, and MSU Music Dept.

The first concert features MSU faculty Angella Ahn, Elizabeth Croy, and Julie Gosswiler for a concert titled, “From America to Paris and Back.” Please contact Paula Beswick at 582-2426 or at director@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org with any questions.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Need help doing your taxes? Tax assistance will be provided by VITA volunteers every Tuesday from 10:00-6:30 in the Library's Small Conference Room beginning January 29 through April 16. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 586-6641 or 522-0226.

The Library does not carry tax forms or publications, but we can help you find them. Check out the links on our webpage that will take you directly to state and federal forms and instructions. Maps, addresses, and telephone numbers for the local offices are also available. For further assistance, please call 582-2410.

LEGO ROBOTICS

Join us for a “Books and Robots” program this winter in which we bring together reading, robotics and Legos for kids ages 6-10. What could be more fun than that? Gallatin Co. 4-H Robotics Teens will help kids build Lego creations with motors and sensors that can be programmed to bring the creation to life as part of a story.

Although each session features a different story, an overview of the basics will be presented each time allowing kids to join any one or more of the sessions. Sessions meet on Saturday from 10am - noon on Feb. 16 and 23, and March 2, 9, and 16. Please register by calling 582-2404 or stop by the Children’s Desk to sign up after Feb. 4.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Free computer classes are offered every Tuesday at 2pm upstairs in the Library Board Room. Please call 582-2410 to reserve your spot.

February 5 and 12: Introduction to MS Word

In this two-part class, participants will learn the basic MS Word tools, how to save documents to a disc, basic formatting, and how to open and save documents. Keyboarding and mouse skills required.

Providing the community with free, open, and equal access to general information on a broad array of topics
February 19: **Genealogy Databases** Learn to use Ancestry Library and HeritageQuest databases to research the history of your family.

February 26: **Open Lab** Reserve time to meet one-on-one with a librarian who can provide help with basic computer and software questions.

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**LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS**

- **When did you last read The Great Gatsby?** The *Friends of Bozeman Public Library* monthly Book Club meets on Wednesday, February 13 from 6:30-8 pm in the Community Meeting Room. In time for the summer release of the movie, you are invited to join in the discussion of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic *The Great Gatsby*. Call 582-2410 for copies of the book or more information.

- The *Big Sky* by A.B. Guthrie is the selected title for the next meeting of the *Albert Gallatin Great Books* discussion group on Saturday, February 16. All are welcome at 10:15am in the 2nd floor Board Room at the Library. Call the Neil Lynch at 763-4380 for more information.

- The *Kids’ Book Club* for ages 8-11 will meet on Thursday, February 21 at 4pm to discuss *Dealing with Dragons*, the first book in a series by Patricia Wrede. Kids are invited for snacks and conversation. Call 582-2404 for more information.

**EXPLORING THE ARTS**

The Library Foundation will host the MSU Cello Ensemble for February’s “Exploring the Arts” on Monday, February 11 at 7pm in the Community Room. Directed by Dr. Julia Cory, the Ensemble is committed to innovative performances of repertoire written and arranged for cello choir. The group explores genres spanning classical to rock, offering audiences a unique experience and challenging traditional boundaries of classical instruments and music. The Ensemble will perform a concert tour in Spain and Morocco in May.

Please contact Paula at 582-2426 or Dr. Julia Cory julia.cory@montana.edu for more information.

**BOZEMAN SCULPTURE PARK**

The Bozeman Sculpture Park Lecture Series Continues with Trey Hill on Wednesday evening, February 20 at 7:00 pm. Hill’s talk will focus on his sculpture “The Day You Weren’t There.” This composite sculpture is constructed from ceramic, concrete and epoxy materials, and visually suggests both biological and architectural forms. Hill’s contemporary piece merges images of the branches of a pruned tree, a human leg, and geometric shapes. The piece “deals with tree images and the idea of trimming them and controlling them for aesthetic purposes,” explains Curator Brad Allen.

Trey Hill is a professional sculptor and currently serves as an Assistant Professor of Ceramics at the University of Montana in Missoula. Hill’s sculpture has been featured in numerous galleries throughout the U.S. and was also juried into the Korean Biennale at the World Ceramic Center (2007).

All BSP lectures are held in the Library’s Community from 7-9pm, followed by a reception for the artist. The BSP series is free and all are welcome. Tours of the park are available by contacting BSP at [info@bozemansculpturepark.org](mailto:info@bozemansculpturepark.org). For further information visit [www.bozemansculpturepark.org](http://www.bozemansculpturepark.org).

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

Have you noticed how beautiful the plants inside the Library are? They have been getting expert care from two of our volunteers. **Julie Wagner** and **David Reynolds** share a love for and extensive knowledge of houseplants. They began caring for the 100+ plants at the Library in August 2011. In addition to watering and feeding, they do regular pruning and repotting.

Before coming to volunteer at the Library, David had a long career with Hamilton Stores, the former concessioner for Yellowstone National Park. Julie taught school for 25 years, the last 19 as a Kindergarten teacher in Bozeman.
DATABASE OF THE MONTH: NOVELIST

Have you ever finished a great book and wanted to find more just like it? Or wanted to help your child find just the right book to read? Finding your next great read is now easier than ever when using NoveList. NoveList is a database that connects readers to their next book by making recommendations for what to read next. Recommendations are connected to every title, author, and series record. All the recommendations include an explanation as to why a particular selection would be appealing to the reader. NoveList contains descriptions and recommendations for both fiction and nonfiction titles and for all ages from the youngest readers to adults. Additionally, NoveList includes Book Discussion Guides, thematic book lists, and reading and book oriented articles. You'll find it on our website!

ATRIUM GALLERY DISPLAY

The Library Foundation invites the public to the Art Opening Reception for "Power and Grace" by artists Meagan and Michael Blessing on Friday, February 1 from 6 – 7pm. This joint exhibit will be displayed in the Atrium Gallery through March. Meagan’s work depicts scenes from her life growing up in the West, claiming, “Everyone has a different tale to tell, and the life in each piece is discovered in the story.” Michael grew up in rural Montana and until 2002 had been a working musician – performing, recording, and composing until he stumbled onto the art of oil painting. “Shapes hold endless fascination for me. Whether they come from nature or from structures that are created by architects, engineers or other technical experts, shapes are what I gravitate towards first.” All artwork is for sale, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Library Foundation to benefit the Library. Contact Paula Beswick at director@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org or 582-2426 for more information about the gallery.

The Library is seeking submissions for its 2014 Atrium Gallery Exhibition Series. The Gallery is located in the Library lobby and showcases both traditional and innovative contemporary art forms, as well as the work of both established and emerging artists of our region. Proposals must be received by April 30, 2013. Incomplete or late proposals will not be considered. For complete description of the program and guidelines, visit www.bozemanlibrary.org/about/art.php or contact Paula.

SW MONTANA ARTS MEETING

The monthly meeting of Southwest Montana Arts will be held on Monday, February 25 at 9:30 am in the Community Room with guest speaker Jerelyn Dirks. Dirks earned a degree in fine arts from the University of California at Los Angeles. She is known for images created for PetSmart stores, Iams Corpora-

cation and The American Humane Association. In 2008, after 18 years as an illustrator in watercolor, she switched to oils and plein-air painting. The public is welcome to a spirited personal dialogue on the process of painting. For more information, call Linda Williams at 586-1350.

PROSPERA LUNCH PROGRAM

The Library Foundation partners with Prospera's Montana Women's Business Center to bring monthly programs to the Library on the first Wednesday of the month at noon. Attendees are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. The Wednesday, February 6 topic is “Small Business Tax Update” with speaker Larry Shotland of Shotland Tax Consulting. Contact Kelly Valentine at KValentine@ProsperaBusinessNetwork.org for more information.

CORNERSTONE AWARD

The Library Foundation is seeking nominations for the 5th annual Cornerstone Award. This award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to literature, libraries, and learning in the Gallatin Valley and is presented annually at the Cornerstone Celebration: Honoring Arts and Ideas during National Library Week. This year’s Cornerstone Celebration will be held on April 20.

Nominations are encouraged from the public and the award is open to any Gallatin Valley
resident, past or present, whose personal or professional experience is deemed relevant to the Bozeman Public Library. Nominations will be received through March 4. For complete guidelines and an application form, please visit the Foundation website at www.bozemanlibraryfoundation.org, or call Jeannie Gracey-Etgen at 582-2425.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends are pleased to announce the new 2013 Board Officers: President- David House, Vice President- Julie Hergert, Treasurer - Sharyn Anhalt, and Secretary - Priscilla Dolan. Board members include Bruce McLeod, Barb Cestero, Cathy Dorgan and Lisa Gunther. The Friends would like to say goodbye and good luck to long time board member and President, John Gallagher. John has served the Friends in various roles for the last 13 years. John will continue to play an important role for our Library as a board member of the Bozeman Public Library Trustees.

The Friends are in the process of building an email database. If you like to receive your Library newsletter via email, please contact us at 582-2433. See you at the Used Book Sale March 22-24.

MONTANA LEGISLATURE

This is the 63rd time the legislature has met in Montana. Find out how to contact your legislator, keep informed about bills, check voting records and even listen and view meetings in progress by clicking on the link on the Library’s website.

STAFF NEWS

Sasha Lindberg, who worked in the Circulation Department, has taken a job at Belgrade High School as a Library Aide. Sasha worked at our Library from December 2010 through December 2012. We miss Sasha’s outgoing, positive and enthusiastic work ethic. Congratulations, Sasha!