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A CELEBRATION OF LETTER WRITING

In January the Library is celebrating the extraordinary beauty of writing, and sending, letters. We invite you to join us in an exploration of thousands of years of history through letters sent in love and battle, business and play, and to expand your own understanding of what a letter can be. What ideas might start if, periodically, a small wave of handwritten notes washed out into the world from Bozeman?

Come visit our letter-writing pavilion in the Library starting Monday, January 9. Bring donations of cards and stationery that have been sitting reproachfully in your drawer, and start fresh, surrounded by inspiration and assistance. Reference books and other materials will be available.

WORKSHOP JAN. 22

Join Lorca Smetana on Sunday, January 22 at

3pm for an exploration of letters through history, and some help getting the letters lurking in the back of your head onto the page and into the mailbox. We'll be exploring letters in history and in literature as well as playing with pens and ink, inkwells and sealing wax. We'll work with ways to start letters and to finish them, and the myriad ways to make them uniquely personal. You will meet homing pigeons—the world's first airmail service, and we'll open up fresh possibilities in envelopes, writing materials and delivery. This workshop is designed to inspire and to remove obstacles to the richness of a letter-writing life. All welcome!

BOZEMAN SCULPTURE PARK LECTURE SERIES

Bozeman sculptor Clarice Dreyer will give a lecture for the Bozeman Sculpture Park (BSP) Lecture Series on Wednesday, January 18 from 7-8pm. Clarice's lecture will focus on her sculpture titled



"Garden Delight." Clarice will speak about her intention as an

artist as well as the process she uses to create and design her sculptures. Conversation about her sculpture in BSP is strongly encouraged.

Clarice Dreyer received her BFA from MSU in Bozeman, and her MFA from the University of California, Berkeley. She has completed several public art commissions, exhibited extensively across the country, and is represented in numerous public and private collections. Clarice is the recipient of three NEA fellowship grants among other awards.

A Bozeman Sculpture Park lecture by each sculptor whose work is exhibited in the park will take place every 3rd Wednesday of the



month in the Community Room of the Library followed by a reception for the artist. All lectures are free.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JAN. 15

"Everybody can be great. . . because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

What's in your heart and soul? Come to the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and find out. The annual MLK Day community event will be held at the Emerson Cultural Center on Sunday, January 15 from 1-3:30 pm. This free family-friendly program will feature live music, Mexican food, a performance by actor Chris McIntyre, a peace parade around the block, and the One Million Ways club from Chief Joseph Middle School. For

those interested in exploring ways to serve in the local area, representatives from non-

profits will be participating.

Patrons with special needs are encouraged to contact us to make arrangements for attendance. We want you there! For more information on this event, please like it on Facebook at



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Bozeman, Montana, call (406)994-7571 or visit the website at <http://www.montana.edu/community>

EXPLORING THE ARTS: SONGS OF WARTIME

The Library Foundation will host the first program of the new year on Monday, January 23 at 7pm in the Community Room. Kelly Roberti kicks off the season exploring America's history of music during wartime, from the Revolutionary War to the present. Composers, musicians, and performers have had an unquantifiable impact on the U.S. during war times. Roberti will provide perspective and recognize music involvement as both a revolutionary tool and peace-making solvent. Music of rallies and music of retreats have made a difference in morale in all conflicts, both pro and con, and musicians themselves have been agents of change with their contributions. Roberti will be joined by local musicians playing both memorable and obscure wartime musical history during the evening.

ART & BENCH DONATION

A special thanks to photographer Sandee Barry Mills for donating the beautiful wooden bench in the Library's lobby in honor of her daughter Storey. Sandee has also donated one of her framed photographs from her recent show "Horses of the Gallatin Valley." Thank you, Sandee!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CORNERSTONE CELEBRATION

The Foundation's 4th annual Cornerstone Celebration: Honoring Arts & Ideas fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 14 at 7pm in the Library. You don't want to miss this special evening of food, drinks, and fun—all to lend support to the Library and its many programs and services. We are already accepting nominations for the Cornerstone Award handed out during the evening's program. This prestigious honor is given to a member of our community who has made a significant contribution to literature, libraries, and/or learning in the Gallatin Valley. Past recipients are Mary Jane DiSanti, George Cole, and Alan Kesselheim. Please visit www.bozemanlibraryfoundation.org or call Paula at 582-2426 for more info or to nominate a worthy individual. See you in April!

WRITERS' GROUP

For anyone interested in the writing process or in becoming a better writer, you are invited to join the Gypsy Rhythm Writers' Group every Monday evening from 7-9pm in the small Conference Room. The group is open to all members of the community and all ability levels are encouraged to attend!

This group is sponsored by the Library Foundation. For more information, please contact Ingeborg Hayes-van Zanten at 586-8006.



JANUARY COMPUTER CLASSES

Thanks to our new laptops, provided by the BTOP grant, we are able to schedule classes at times other than mornings before the Library opens. In January, we will begin offering classes on **Tuesday afternoons at 2pm** in the Small Meeting Room. We will be offering 3 new classes:

January 10: Google Chat

January 17: Skype

January 24: Photo Editing and Sharing

We will also be hosting an open lab for people needing help with MS Word on Tuesday, January 31 from 2-4pm in the Board Room on the second floor. Please call 582-2410 to reserve your spot.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

The **Library Book Club** meets Wednesday, January 11 to discuss *Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht, a novel set in a Balkan country featuring two besieged doctors. 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, January 19 at 4pm in the Student Corner to talk about *Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick. This new title from the author of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* includes two stories set 50 years apart. Two lonely children run away to New York City, and their parallel stories lead like a treasure map to a deeply satisfying conclusion. For more information, call 582-2404.

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. 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. For information call Neil Lynch at 763-4380.

POKEMON TRADERS LEAGUE MEETS ONCE AGAIN

The Montana Pokemon Traders League will meet once again starting January 5. If you are in grades 1-5 and love Pokemon, this might be the club for you! The League will meet in our Teen Study Room on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 3:30-5:00pm. For more information call the Children's Desk at 592-2404.

WORLD STORYTIME: ITALY

Kids ages 4 and up are invited to join us for an afternoon storytime from Italy on Friday, January 20 at 4pm in the Children's Room. Ann Matney will read a favorite picture book aloud in Italian, followed by activities and snacks. The new "One World Storytime" will be held monthly. For more information or to volunteer to share a story from another culture, please call 582-2404.

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

Design engineer Jeff Wyatt will begin a series of science programs featuring solar energy for school-age kids and parents on Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30pm. This hands-on program allows kids to explore science concepts while building and experimenting. For more information, call the Children's Desk at 582-2404.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Do you want to support life-long learning in Bozeman? Volunteer for the Friends and you will be doing just that! The proceeds from the Friends' fundraising activities go towards making improvements to and enhancing library services and programs. Currently, the Friends are looking for volunteers to join the following committees: Collectibles, Book Store, and Book Sale. They are also looking for volunteers to help sort book donations. Come join the Friends and support learning and literacy in Bozeman! All ages and backgrounds are welcome. For more information, contact Jamie Johnston at 582-2433 or Friends.BozemanPublicLibrary@gmail.com.

The Friends also work to reach beyond the walls of the Library to support literacy and outreach efforts in the community. This last December, the Friends donated children's Christmas books to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank that were then distributed along with holiday meals. Friends' donations are intended to nourish a love of



reading and to support families struggling in these difficult economic times. New officers were voted in October; please welcome Shirley Davidson as Secretary, Sharon Anhalt as Treasurer, David House as Vice President, and John Gallagher as President.

STITCH-IN-PUBLIC DAY

Did you know that February is National Embroidery Month? To share the fun and beauty of needle arts, members of the Thread Artists Chapter will be stitching in the lobby of the Library on Saturday, February 4 from 10am-5pm. As part of the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA), our local members will be joining stitchers from across the nation stitching in parks, libraries,

schools, or book stores. The Thread Artists Chapter meets monthly on the third Monday. The afternoon group meets at 1pm in the Senior Citizen Center, and the evening group meets at 7pm in the Bozeman Chronicle Building. Anyone interested in any form of fiber art is invited to attend.

MONTANA ARTS MEETING

Southwest Montana Arts will have its monthly meeting on Monday, January 23 at 9:30am in the Community Room. Featured speaker will be Curtis Tierney, owner of Tierney Fine Art in Bozeman. Tierney will discuss the state of the art world and what he looks for in incoming artists. All interested are wel-

come to attend; call 586-1350 for more information.

STUNTOLOGY JANUARY 29

Kids! Don't miss an amazing afternoon of stunts performed by Sam Bartlett on Sunday, January 29 at 3pm in the Community Room. "Stuntology" is the art of avoiding boredom and exploring mysteries of the physical world by experimenting and playing with everyday objects. A good stunt is something you can learn in ten seconds and then spend ten years perfecting. Sam Bartlett has spent 25 years collecting, performing, writing about, and illustrating stunts. He is a master entertainer and educator.

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