A CELEBRATION OF LETTER WRITING

In January the Library is celebrating the accessible beauty of writing, and sending, letters. We invite you to join us in a survey 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 transformations might occur if a small wave of handwritten notes washed out into the world from Bozeman?

Come visit our unique letterwriting pavilion in the Library starting Monday, January 7. Bring donations of cards and stationery that have been sitting reproachfully in your drawer, and trade them for new, starting surrounded by inspiration and assistance. Reference books and other materials will be gathered for you. All ages welcome!

WORKSHOP JAN. 13

Join expert in letters Lorca Smetana on Sunday, January 13 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. Lorca will survey letters in history and literature, as well as playing with pens and ink, inkwells and sealing wax. Discover ways to start difficult letters and to finish fun ones, and the myriad ways to make them uniquely personal. You will also meet homing pigeons—the world’s first airmail service! This workshop is designed to inspire and to remove obstacles to the richness of a letterwriting life.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for Bozeman’s Martin Luther King annual celebration on Sunday, January 20 from 1:30-3pm in the Emerson ballroom. 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of Dr. King ‘s “Letters from a Birmingham Jail,” and this free, family-friendly event will feature Missy O’Malley as MC, live music, a short march of solidarity, and a remembrance of Dr. King by James Bruggeman, as well as birthday cake and a food drive for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. For more information about the 2013 Martin Luther King Day celebration “like” the event on Facebook, or call 582-2410. This community celebration is brought to you by community members of the MLK Day planning committee.

The Library will be closed Monday, January 21 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

COMPUTER CLASSES

“Tuesdays at Two” computer classes will begin January 8 with Introduction to Computers Part 1 followed on the 15th by Part 2. On January 22 patrons can learn all about the catalog and many services available through the Library’s
website. Open Lab for one-on-one help will be held January 29. Classes will be held in the Board Room on the 2nd floor. Please call 582-2410 to reserve your spot.

Want to get the most up to date information on Library news and events? It’s easy! “Like” us on Facebook to receive daily announcements on all things BPL-related. And while you’re at it, share our page with your friends and family members interested in our fantastic materials and services. Don’t have an account yet? Stop by the Library’s Computer Services Desk and we’ll get you set up. Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/BozemanPublicLibrary

LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

The Friends of Bozeman Public Library cordially invite all interested readers to their monthly Book Club meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 pm, in the Community Meeting Room. The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes is featured on Wednesday, January 9. You are invited to borrow downloadable e-book, audiobook, large type, hardcover or paperback copies of the Book Club selections. Call 582-2410 for more information.

The next meeting of the Albert Gallatin Great Books discussion group will be Saturday, January 19 at 10:15am in the 2nd floor Board Room at the Library. The title selected for discussion is A Passage to India by E.M. Forster. Call the Library at 582-2410 or for more information about Great Books, call Neil Lynch at 763-4380.

The Kids’ Book Club for ages 8-11 will meet on Thursday, January 24 to talk about Remarkable: A Novel by Lizzie Foley. Kids are invited to join us for snacks, conversation, and choosing the next book. Call 582-2404 for more information.

EXPLORING THE ARTS

The Foundation will host its first Exploring the Arts program of 2013 on Monday, January 14 at 7pm in the Community Room. Kelly Roberti kicks off the season with “The Evolution of Bass and the Legendary Bassists in Jazz.” Renowned jazz bassist/composer and educator, Roberti will give an insightful view of the ever-changing role and the lineage of the pivotal players on the bass in jazz history. All are welcome!

JANE AUSTEN ROCKS

For biting wit, social satire, and romance, don’t miss an evening of readings from the works of Jane Austen on Tuesday, January 15, at 7pm in the Community Room. The readings will transport you back to another age, where the trials and tribulations of Austen’s characters will sound all too similar to those today. Readers include Rachael Basely, Cindy Christin, Neil Gregerson, John and Eileen Hosking, Alan Kesselheim, Barbara Kligerman, Laura Prindiville, Kate Wright, Jan Zauha, and Tom Zuzulock. This delightful program is sponsored by the Library Foundation and organized by English Professor Emeritus Jack Kligerman. Please call 582-2426 with any questions.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends will host an Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, January 23 from 5:30-7:00pm. Come visit with other Friends, find out about contributions to the Library this past year, and elect 2013 Board Members. The meeting will be held in the Large Community Room and all members are encouraged to attend. If you would like to become a Friend, memberships will be available at the meeting. Contact us at 582-2433 with any questions. Please mark your calendars for the Spring Used Book Sale: March 22, 23 & 24. We look forward to another great sale!

ARTS MEETING JAN. 28

Southwest Montana Arts will meet on Monday, January 28 at 9:30am in the Community Room. Painter Susan Blackwood will talk about watercolors, and the program is open to the public. For more information, please call Linda Williams at 586-1350. These monthly meetings are co-sponsored by the Library.
LIVING YOUR PASSION

Join the Library Foundation on Tuesday, January 22 at 7pm in the Community Room for “Living Your Passion” with Chris Boyer. Aerial photographer, volunteer LightHawk pilot, and conservationist, Boyer will share a presentation about his work with LightHawk and the environmental perils facing our region due to climate change, as seen through his camera lens. Chris’ images inform science and achieve conservation, and through these images, you’ll see for yourself how the view from a small plane encourages environmental protection.

LightHawk provides flight as a tool to protect land, water, and wildlife in the U.S., Mexico, Central America and parts of Canada; its mission is to champion environmental protection through flight. Chris’s presentation is sponsored by the Foundation as well as the city’s working group, Bozeman Climate Partners. Learn about the genesis for Bozeman Climate Partners, what the group is promoting to reduce our community’s carbon footprint, and how to get involved. To learn more, visit www.BozemanClimatePartners.net or contact Natalie Meyer at nmeyer@bozeman.net. To learn more about the series, please call Paula at 582-2426.

MEMORIAL BENCHES

The Library Foundation will have two park benches available for memorials or to honor someone special. Please contact Paula at 582-2426 if you’d like to purchase one of these beautiful wood benches gracing the grounds of the Library.

BOZEMAN SCULPTURE PARK

On Wednesday, January 16 at 6pm, sculptor EJ Engler will be the first presenter for the 2013 Bozeman Sculpture Park (BSP) Lecture Series. His lecture will focus on his sculpture in the park titled, “Imagination Transporter.” This unforgettable, 24 foot high construction consists of a bright yellow child-size playhouse that is carefully placed upon a wood and steel wheeled base. Engler, who operates a design firm in Gallatin Gateway, MT, will speak about his intentions as an artist and the process he uses to design and fabricate his sculptures. A series of lectures by each artist in the 2012 Montana Invitational will take place the third Wednesday of each month through June 2013. All lectures are free and are held in the Community Room from 6-9pm, followed by a reception. Tours of the park are available upon request by contacting BSP at info@bozemanarts.org. For further information or to get involved with the Sculpture Park visit www.bozemanarts.org.

JOIN A WRITER’S GROUP

Bozeman Gypsy Rhythm Writer’s Group is a writing workshop co-sponsored by the Library. It is free and open to the public every Monday at 7pm in the Library’s small meeting room. Local writers can receive critiques of their works as well as learn more about writing. Guests are welcome to check it out by attending a meeting any Monday night, or call Ingeborg van Zanten-Hayes, facilitator and founder of the group, at 586-9107.

NEW ADDRESS? PHONE?

Have you moved? Gotten a new email address? Let us know! If any of your contact information has changed in the last few months, please have us update your account. Also, did you know that by providing an email address, you can get email notifications one day before any of your items are due? You can also get an email notification to let you know when you have a hold available, and our Self-Check stations will email your check-out receipts!
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Our longtime volunteer Kay McAllister began helping at the Library in March of 1968. That’s 44 years! Before retirement, she taught mathematics. Kay maintains the book display bulletin boards in the Children’s Room. One of her talents is to duplicate the colorful artwork from children’s book jackets. Away from the Library, she enjoys sewing, cooking, and of course, reading!

Kay used to volunteer at nine different places concurrently; now she limits herself to only three. When her husband Byron retired, he began to volunteer with her also. We are lucky to have Kay & Byron!

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: CULTUREGRAMS

CultureGrams offers concise and up-to-date information about every country in the world, as well as each U.S. state and Canadian province. Perfect for school reports as well as for travelers, the site includes customs and lifestyles of each culture. Find recipes, photos, famous people, and other interesting aspects of each country.

You can find this database by clicking on the Kids link on our website and then going to Homework Help. Our thanks to the Bozeman Sunrise Rotary Club for providing CultureGrams to our community.

E-BOOKS & GADGETS

Did Santa bring you a Kindle, Nook, iPad or other gadget for reading ebooks? If so, join us on Saturday, January 12 to learn how to download free ebooks using the MontanaLibrary2Go collection. Help with Nooks and Kindles will be held from 9-10am in the Community Room and for iPads from 10-11am in the Board Room on the second floor. These classes are not designed to teach how to operate specific devices. Space is limited so please call 582-2410 to reserve your place.