Used Book Sale
July 17-19

The best way to find good books at the right price takes place this month at the Friends’ Summer Used Book Sale. It begins on Friday, July 17 with a Member’s Preview from 4 - 7 p.m. Memberships will be available at the door. The sale continues on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and again on Sunday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., with the Bag Sale from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Be sure to check out the Collectors Editions, along with all the other good fiction, nonfiction, children’s books, and more.

The Lindley Perk continues to grow its business. This is good for Library patrons and the Friends. Lindley Perk offers organic fair trade coffee, bakery items, sandwiches and local crafts. A percentage of Lindley Perk’s sales go to the Friends, and used books are sold there throughout the year.

The Friends are pleased to welcome two new board members: Rene Tanner and Jamie Johnston. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Friends of the Library, please call John Gallagher at 586-8465.

Music & Watermelon

The Summer Family Music Series continues on Wednesday, July 22 at 7 p.m. with music by Resonance, a newly-formed eclectic string trio with Craig Hall on guitar, Nancy Padilla on fiddle, and Jesse Ahmann on cello. Bring the family to hear fiddle tunes, old and current jazz standards, and original compositions. Join us outside on the Plaza (or inside in case of rain) for the concert followed by watermelon. Coming on Wednesday, August 19: drumming by Chet Leach! This free series is sponsored by the Library Foundation.

Library Book Groups

★ The Albert Gallatin Society for Great Books Discussion Group meets Saturday, July 18 at 10:15 a.m. to discuss The Origin of Species by Charles Darwin. For information about Great Books, call Neil Lynch at 763-4380.

★ The Kids’ Book Club is reading Cicada Summer by Andrea Beaty in July. The group meets on Thursday, July 16 at 4 p.m. in the Student Corner. All readers ages 8 and up are welcome to join us for snacks and informal discussion. . . parents welcome too.

★ Pick up a copy of The Seer of Shadows by Avi for the Middle School Book Club meeting this month. If you are a reader age 11 and up, please join the group Thursday, July 23 at 4:00 p.m. in the Teen Study Room. Call 582-2404 for more information.
Children’s Programs in July

Mr. E’s MAD Magic Show on Thursday, July 9 at 4 p.m. in the Community Room. This magic team from Colorado has designed a magic show with special effects to show the importance of reading. Parents, grandparents, and kids of all ages: you’ll be amazed!

Harry Potter Party on Tuesday, July 14 at 2 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite character to play quidditch, make wands and other magical activities.

Making Fairy Houses on Wednesday, July 29 from 10 a.m. until noon in the Community Room. Bring natural objects such as twigs, rocks, shells, dried flowers and other materials to build your own fairy house.

Rocket Science with Ed Sobey on Wednesday, July 29 from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Kids ages 9 and up will make rockets and launch them many times, getting them to fly faster and farther. They’ll learn some science in the process of becoming rocket engineers and will have a great time! Ed Sobey, Ph.E. is a former museum director, research scientist, and author of over two dozen books. He travels around the world encouraging creative, hands-on learning in science and technology. This program is sponsored by the Library Foundation.

Free Grant Writing Workshop

Interested in learning to write a grant or find a foundation to help with funding? Mark Tuesday, July 7 on your calendar from 1 - 3 p.m. in the Community Room. Kief Schladweiler from the Foundation Center’s headquarters will present a free workshop. His presentation includes grant writing basics and how to find funding sources using the Foundation Directory. Please call Paula at 582-2426 to reserve a seat.

New Service Begins Soon

In the near future, the Library will contract with Unique Management Service, a materials recovery service which works exclusively with libraries to help recover long overdue materials, fines, and fees. Over 1,450 items have not been returned during the last 4 1/2 years. Based on an average replacement cost of $25 per item, your Library has lost over $36,000 in materials. This does not include the cost in staff time to re-order, process, and re-catalog items.

This is where Unique Management Services comes in. As a member of the Montana Shared Catalog, our Library is partnering with other libraries in the state to contract with Unique. Both Flathead Public Library and Parmly Billings Library are already using Unique and report a high success rate in returns. According to Unique, the average library recovers $4 to $7 for each $1 invested in their service. The rate of recovery is 50-60%. We expect this service to be helpful in getting materials returned, and in tight budget years and difficult economic times, it will increase our accountability to our public. The Library thanks the City Attorney’s Office for its many years of helping to recover overdues.

MyLibrary2Go Changes

More audiobook titles are available to iPod users with the release of a new version of the Overdrive Media Console. Media Console 3.2 will make most titles available in our Library’s audiobooks instantly iPod-compatible for users with Windows PDs. Download this new version from the Library’s webpage. The growing collection of iPod-compatible, Mac-friendly OverDrive MP3 Audiobooks will still be available for patrons with Apple computers. For further information, call 582-2410.

Art Crossing Reception

The Reception for this year’s Art Crossing show and installation will be held at the Library on Saturday, July 11 at 6 p.m. Join us for live music by Scott Evje and the announcement of the Peoples Choice Award for 2009. This year’s show features 19 sculptures to be installed around downtown Bozeman. The goal is to add at least one piece of public art to the permanent collection each year. If you would like to volunteer, please call Tate Chamberlain at 579-1256.

Montana Room Display

Find out how much you know about Bozeman history by visiting the Montana Room this summer. The glass display case holds photos of 20 faces that should be familiar to most Bozemanites. See how many you can name! Thanks to our volunteer Phyllis Smith for putting this display together.
Quilts on Display

During the month of July, three hand-made quilts will be on display to bring awareness to breast and cervical cancer and to celebrate all those who work in the Montana Breast and Cervical Health Program. MBCHP provides free or reduced cost mammograms and Pap tests to eligible women. For more information about MBCHP, call 582-3107.

Staff News

Congratulations to Carmen Clark, who received her MLIS degree from Drexel University’s iSchool. Carmen has worked as a Reference Librarian since November 2006.

Linda Shaw, Gary Matila, and Vallynda Holland are working at the Library this summer as part of several community-based organizations designed to provide participants training to find jobs. They are doing a variety of tasks—processing materials, shelving, maintenance and cleaning—to help our staff provide quality Library service, and in return, they are getting valuable work experience. We are pleased to have them on our Library team!

Playaways Coming Soon!

A playaway? Playaways are pre-loaded, self-playing digital audiobooks. They use a standard AAA battery and any kind of headphones. They can also be played through your car’s audio system. The controls are simple, and the sound quality is good. You can control the volume of the recording and bookmark your place using the pause button. Try one next time you are looking for an audio book! Playaways are a convenient alternative to the audio formats we currently offer... no CDs or tapes to lose or damage, and no need to own a listening device. The Library will supply a new battery for your convenience but we ask that you dispose of used batteries. Please consider donating a new AAA battery for the next listener. You can purchase headphones at the Circulation Desk for $1.00.

Donation Thanks

We’d like to thank Helen and Tom Beausoleil and Dick and Mary Pohl for the beautiful Norfolk Pines they donated to the Library. Milinda Wattschke also donated a ficus plant. You can see them in the southeast corner of the Library, near the newspapers.