Summer Reading Begins June 13

A Summer Carnival on Saturday, June 13 kicks off a summer of reading, with programs for kids, teens and adults all summer long. The Carnival features a puppet show by Markie Scholz, “Quest for the Junkyard Dragon,” at 11 a.m. in the Community Room. Starting at 10 a.m. enjoy music by student musicians, magic and juggling by Steve Aldrich, and art activities in the Children’s Room. All ages are invited!

Be Creative & Express Yourself

“Be Creative @ Your Library” is the theme for kids this summer, so the Library will offer a wide range of arts programs: theater, dance, music, art projects and stories about the arts. “Express Yourself” is the teen summer theme, and teens can submit book reviews for prizes.

It is especially important that all school-age kids read over the summer, and one of the best ways to make that happen is to visit the Library! Research shows that kids who read six or more books over the summer see improvement in their reading achievement. Reading logs and packets will be available all month, so be sure to pick them up on your next visit to the Library, or check the website for more details about summer reading.

Master the Art of Reading

Why should kids have all the fun? Adults can fill out a reading log as part of the “Master the Art of Reading” program and enter a drawing to be held on August 11. Adults can also write short book reviews to receive a $1 fine forgiveness coupon. Pick up your log and review forms at the Reference Desk, and start your summer reading now!

Jazz and More...

Kelly Roberti and friends are back for a continuation of the popular summer jazz series – all free on Monday nights in the Large Community Room at 7 p.m. The line-up includes:

June 1: Adam Platt, pianist
June 8: Eric Funk, composer and pianist
June 15: Ann Tappan, jazz pianist & guitarist Craig Hall
June 22: symphony conductor Matthew Savery;
June 29: Bob Britten, pianist
July 6: Alan Fauque on saxaphone with Eric Funk and jazz singer Jeni Fleming.

Each program includes a personal interview, followed by a performance. These jazz programs are brought to you by the Library Foundation’s Exploring the Arts series made possible by a generous grant from the Beim Foundation. Call Paula at 582-2426 for more information.

Music & Watermelon

The Summer Family Music Series begins on Tuesday, June 23 at 7 p.m. with the rousing sounds of The Muses, termed “Celtic Music with Zing!” The Muses feature Tanya Brody and Matthew Gurnsey from Colorado, who provide beautiful vocal harmonies while playing a plethora of instruments. Families are invited to join us out front on the Plaza (or inside in case of rain) for the musical performance followed by watermelon. This free series is sponsored by the Library Foundation. Look for programs in July and August! Find out more about this unique group at www.themusesmusic.com.
Check Out a Museum!

ONE library card, ONE museum, SEVEN days, FOUR people, FOUR museums to choose from – American Computer Museum, Children’s Museum of Bozeman, Pioneer Museum, and Museum of the Rockies – all now available with a valid library card. Visit www.bozemanlibrary.org and click on “Check Out A Museum” under Library Services and plan a trip to one of these local museums. Simply follow the instructions either at home (you’ll need a printer) or in the Library. To learn more about this free program, stop by the Large Community Room on June 2, 2-3pm to see what the museums have to offer.

Weekly Summer Programs

Library Arts Club: Make a musical instrument, play with clay, enter a Liar’s Contest, discover the secrets of stage makeovers, and other arts activities in this summer’s Library Arts Club for kids ages 6-11 every Friday at 11 a.m. in the Library Community Room. This free hands-on program is offered during June and July as part of the “Be Creative @ Your Library” summer reading program. No registration is necessary, but groups are asked to contact the Children’s Desk at 582-2404 as supplies are limited.

Tuesdays at Two: If you have a group of kids, put “Tuesdays at Two” on your summer calendar. This program for all ages is held on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m. in the Children’s Room. Kids can read to Intermountain Therapy dogs each week, listen to stories, and enjoy outdoor activities and art projects.

Lego Maniacs Club: Meet with other Lego lovers on Mondays at 2 p.m. to design, build, and share your creativity! Legos provided; ages 8 and up. Teen Study Room.

Chess Club: Like chess? School-age chess players meet on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room.

Math Wiz Club: Make math fun this summer by bringing your school-age kids to play Math Wiz, a unique card game created by Jeremy Rayzor. Every round is a math puzzle, and playing will increase confidence and expand critical thinking. Math Wiz Club meets on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. beginning June 18. Parents are welcome to attend.

Men’s Health Fair

Celebrate National Men’s Health Week by stopping by the Men’s Health Fair on Tuesday, June 16 8-10 a.m. for tests, screenings, and 4-7 p.m. for additional information, free food and prizes! Men of all ages are encouraged to learn about fitness, nutrition, and healthy lifestyles all designed to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. For more information call Bridger Clinic at 5870681 ext. 13.

Library Book Groups


★ The Kids’ Book Club is reading The Mayor of Central Park by Avi this month. The group meets on Thursday, June 18 at 4 p.m. in the Student Corner. All readers ages 8 and up welcome to join us for snacks and informal discussion. . . parents welcome too.

★ The Middle School Book Club for students ages 11 and up meets on Thursday, June 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Teen Study Room. Call 582-2404 for title information.

Picking Up a Hold?

You’ll find some slight changes the next time you pick up a book placed on hold. The Library is committed to protecting library patrons’ privacy and has taken additional measures to ensure confidentiality. Beginning June 1 available hold items will be shelved under the first four letters of your last name and the last four digits of your barcode number. You will continue to look for materials under your last name but will also need to have your library barcode number on hand to locate materials (example last name Johnson, barcode number 2377300009901 would be shelved under JOHN/9901). Interlibrary Loan materials will also use this system, but will continue to use pink forms and be shelved at the end of the holds shelf. If you have any questions or comments, please see staff at the Circulation Desk or call 582-2408.
Vapor Study Public Meeting

The City of Bozeman and CVS Pharmacy will conduct a study early this summer to evaluate the potential for vapor migration from groundwater impacted by a former dry cleaner in the neighborhoods north of Hastings Shopping Center. Although evidence suggests that PCE (perchloroethene) concentration does not exceed normal background residential levels, the vapor study will ensure that there are no potentially adverse health effects. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room to provide further information and address concerns.

Library Grounds Ready for Summer

The Montana Nursery & Landscape Association participated in the PLANET Day of Service, choosing the Library as one of its Bozeman projects. A crew of 11 volunteers, participated in a spring clean-up project, readying the grounds for an active summer. A hearty thank you to Hauni Davis and Anna Thomas from Oak Gardens, Shelly Engler from Cashman Nursery, Paulette Epple and Josh Friendson of Blanchford Landscape Contractors, Grace Hammond from Solstice Landscaping, Mary Keck from Garden Creations, Tiffany Lee from Sweet Pea Landscaping, Katie Scherfig from Wildwood Nursery, Debb Smith from 9Bark Design, and Jennifer Weiss of Gardening Under the Big Sky.

Enjoy the Library’s park benches, which have been temporarily placed around the site before settling in their permanent spots. Thank you to all the donors who contributed to these memorial benches. We still have one bench left – please call Paula in the Foundation at 582-2426 for more information.

Tell Your Healthcare Story

On Tuesday, June 9, 7-9 p.m. join with your friends and neighbors for “Healthcare from the Heart: A Reader’s Theater of Community Voices” in the Large Community Room. This special evening is for sharing stories and solutions to the current healthcare crisis. Complementing the program will be live jazz and refreshments. Questions? Call JoAnne at 587-7732.