FROM OUR DIRECTOR

It’s hard to believe that it’s March already. Even though we’re still in our winter season, hints of spring are not far away. For me, especially, the time has flown by since I began as your new Library Director in early November. I want to thank all of you for the extraordinarily warm welcome that you’ve given me. I have been welcomed by so many different people, in so many ways, that I feel even more certain of what I suspected to be true before I moved here: Bozeman is truly a special place.

The Library hosted a retreat for all three of our Boards on February 10th. The Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library Board, Department Heads, and the Foundation Board members joined together to renew their acquaintance with each other and begin the conversation that will help us to plan Library operations and services for the future effectively, as well as continue our tradition of excellent customer service.

Library staff and I have been working this past month on our plans for FY13 and putting those plans down for review. We are taking a new look at our existing statistics and what those mean for long-range planning, as well as taking a fresh look at what new statistics need to be kept. Our goal is to continue to provide the best library materials, services, and programs to our customers in the most effective, friendly, and efficient way possible.

If you’re working on your taxes this month, remember that you can access and download both federal and state tax forms from the Library’s homepage. Likewise, tax help is available every Tuesday from VITA volunteers through April 15. You can find the information to book an appointment on our homepage, as well.

We are preparing for a wonderful summer at the Library. We’ll be working closely with City of Bozeman personnel as we go through the process of getting a new roof in July. You all may remember the fierce hailstorm that hit Bozeman in May 2010 during which the Library roof sustained severe damage. We’re delighted to get a new roof and pleased that insurance will make this possible. We will remain open during the brief construction period and we’ll keep you all informed of our schedule as plans develop. We’re looking forward to an exciting and successful summer here at the Library!

Susan Gregory
LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY

Computer classes will be held Tuesdays at 2:00pm in the Board Room on the second floor. This month the free classes will include:

- March 6—MS Publisher
- March 13—Library Website
- March 20—Facebook
- March 27—Open Lab

In addition, there will be a two-part MS Word class Saturday March 10 and 17 at 8:30am in the Computer Lab. Space is limited so please call 582-2410 to reserve your spot.

ART OPENING RECEPTION

Join the Library Foundation in welcoming artist Kirsten Kainz to the Atrium Gallery for her show’s Art Opening Reception on Friday, March 2, 5:30-7pm with appetizers and drinks. Kirsten will be exhibiting her large-scale Montana landscapes painted in oils and acrylics with titles such as “Wispy Drifter” and “Rain Sky.” Kainz is also a noted sculptor with pieces around town as part of Gallatin Art Crossing. Her cow “Ivy” and chair “Holy Roller” are currently gracing the front of the Library. For more information, please call Jeannie at 582-2425. A portion of all sales directly benefits the Library.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

- The Library Book Club meets Wednesday, March 14 to talk about Dubliners by James Joyce. All interested readers are invited to participate starting at 7:30pm in the Community Room. Call 582-2410 for details.
- The next meeting of the Albert Gallatin Great Books discussion group will be Saturday, March 17 from 10:15am - noon in the 2nd floor Board Room to discuss The Genealogy of Morals and The Twilight of the Idols by Friedrich Nietzsche. Come together to talk about one of the most popular philosophers today. Call the Reference Desk at 582-2410 or discussion leader Neil Lynch at 763-4380.
- The Kids’ Book Club meets on Thursday, March 22 at 4pm in the Student Corner to talk about Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai. For more information, call 582-2404.

POLAND CULTURE & CUISINE

Join Sarna Rose as she takes us on a virtual journey through her homeland of Poland on Wednesday, March 7 at 7pm in the Community Room. Learn about Polish culture, cuisine and culinary traditions of this beautiful country. This is part of the Library Foundation’s Living Your Passion speaker series. For more information, contact Jeannie at 582-2425.

MODEL TRAINS MARCH 10-11

Montana NTRAK will have a special display of their model trains in the Community Room on Saturday, March 10 from 10-7 and Sunday, March 11 from 1-5. In addition to their usual set-up, they will be running American and Japanese commuter trains, especially the Rail Runner of Albuquerque/Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Metra Rail of greater Chicago. They will also bring back the “Twilight Run” on Saturday evening at 6:30pm when the lights go out and the display is lit.

SCULPTURE PARK LECTURE

On Wednesday evening, March 21, Bozeman sculptor Zak Zakovi will give a lecture about his work as part of the Bozeman Sculpture Park (BSP) Lecture Series. His lecture will focus on his sculpture titled “3 Stone Tree - 2010.” Zakovi has completed numerous commissions, exhibited his work extensively and his work is in public and private collections across the country.

A BSP series of lectures by each sculptor whose work is exhibited in the park will take place every 3rd Wednesday of the month through June 2012. All lectures will be held in the Library’s Community Room from 7-8pm followed by a reception for the artist. All lectures in BSP series are free and open to the public. For more information or to get involved with the Bozeman Sculpture Park, visit our web site at www.bozemansculpturepark.org.
SCORE PROGRAM MARCH 21

In honor of their 40th anniversary, SCORE has planned a series of free workshops. All are invited to “Customer-Centric Product Development” by Allen Kawasaki on Wednesday, March 21 from 11:30-1. Today there is a new breed of customer who is dictating a new set of terms in the dynamic between buyers and sellers by demanding high value, high quality products with comprehensive customer service. This program will provide attendees with a template for developing high value products from a customer-centric perspective, and will include an overview of a typical product life cycle, from concept to obsolescence.

Allen Kawasaki has 25 years experience in high tech industry working for both domestic and international companies in various positions ranging from engineering and R&D to engineering manager and product manager. Visit www.montanascore.org for additional information.

EXPLORING THE ARTS

It’s March, so it must mean another performance by the popular band Weatherwood. Mark your calendar for Monday, March 26 at 7pm in the Community Room. Back for the fifth year to celebrate traditional Irish tunes, including Celtic jigs and reels and original compositions, the trio never fails to delight. Enjoy Tom Robison on fiddle and harp, Steve Marty on guitar and various other instruments, and Lindsay Turnquist on harpsichord. This monthly series is hosted by the Library Foundation. For more information, contact Paula at 582-2426.

USED BOOK SALE IN MARCH

The Friends of the Library Spring Used Book Sale will be held on March 30, 31 and April 1. All hardback books (except Children’s and Collectibles) will be $2! The preview sale will be from 4-7pm Friday, March 30 for all Friends members. Anyone who would like to become a Friends member can do so at the door - memberships start at $5! The sale will be open to the public from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, March 31, and the $2-a-bag sale will be held on Sunday from 12-2 pm. A selection of collectible books will be available both Friday and Saturday. Don’t forget to BYOB—Bring Your Own Bag(s)! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Friends at Friends.BozemanPublicLibrary@gmail.com or call 582-2433.

As a result of the money raised at past book sales, the Friends have recently been able to fund the following special requests from Library staff: Teen Room blinds, book carts, Family Science Night materials, summer performers, PlaySpace materials, two replacement AWE Preschool Computers, large print books, books on CD, fiction and DVD replacements, and an iPad and software for staff training.

The Friends of the Library Board would like to welcome Cathy Dorgan to the Board. Cathy is a retired librarian who has worked in school, public and academic libraries. She has also volunteered with the Friends of the Library over the past couple of years. Welcome Cathy!

NEW FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The Library Foundation is pleased to announce three new board members: Christopher Meyer, Bozeman attorney and former Montana Supreme Court Clerk; Denise Malloy, writer, former attorney, and Peace Corps volunteer; and Daryl Henning, retired IMB executive. All will serve a three-year term for the Foundation, which supports the Library with programs and funding. New officers were also voted in: president, SharlaRae Stuber, VP/Real Estate Manager for Big Sky Western Bank; treasurer, Vikki Leuschen, CPA, Franks & Assocs.; and secretary, Susan Quarles, attorney and MSU adjunct instructor. Thanks to all who volunteer their time and efforts to help make our Library such a great success!

CHESS CLUB NEEDS MENTOR

Enjoy playing chess? If you’d like to share your love for chess with kids ages 5-16, please become one of our Chess Mentors. The club meets Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00pm here at the Library. For more information, please call Ginny at 582-2404.
**DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss’ Birthday on Saturday, March 3 from 10:15-12:00 in the Children’s Room. Wear your crazy socks, get a new hairdo from the Crazy Hair Salon, fish in McEligot’s Pool, and get a star on your belly. All ages invited!

**ST. PATRICK’S CELEBRATION**

The Library will again host a family St. Patrick’s Day Celebration for all ages on Saturday, March 17 at 10:15am in the Community Room. Musical guests are the members of Fiddle Dundee, Bozeman’s only all youth Celtic Fiddle Dance Band. This band consists of Luke Foreman (age 17) fiddle, Brooke Dowd (age 16) mandolin and fiddle, Lily Wright (age 15) keyboard and Max Armstrong (age 13) fiddle and drum. They will be joined by Irish Step Dancer Jurnee Armstrong (age 12). Their lively, interactive performance will be followed by St. Patrick’s Day activities for kids.

**PRESCHOOL FAIR MARCH 24**

Know anyone with kids ages 2 to 5? The Library will host an event for parents of preschoolers on Saturday, March 24 from 9-11am. Parents are invited to bring their children to find out how to choose a preschool, what kinds of programs are available, and other information. Parents can then pick up a list and map of area preschools hosting a “Parade of Preschools” from 10-1 for families to visit. Kids can also enjoy fun activities just for preschoolers at the Library. If you have any questions, please call the Children’s Desk at 582-2404.

**SMARTS MEETING MARCH 19**

A meeting of the Southwest Montana Arts group will be held on Monday, March 19 in the Community Room at 9:30am. Rein Gillstrom, owner of CDI, Covershot Digital Imaging in Bozeman, will be speaking on the production and marketing of art prints. Free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Linda Williams at williamsart52@yahoo.com.
ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy represents 30% of a typical office building’s operating costs and is the single largest controllable operating expense! Sustainable Planet Solution and Powerhouse Integrated Conservation Systems have partnered with First Security Bank, NorthWestern Energy, Yellowstone Business Partnership, and Bozeman Public Library Foundation for a special workshop on how to leverage available funding and rebates to make your business more energy efficient. The “Save Green by Being Green” workshop is March 26, 2012, 11am-2pm at the Library. For more information email info@powerhouse-ics.com or call 406-290-0058.

COLLEGE PREP PANEL

Parents, it’s that time of year again to start thinking about your child’s college education; high school students, it’s time to start planning for the rest of your life. To help both, the Foundation is hosting a panel discussion with three experts on Wednesday, March 28 at 7pm in the Community Room: Mike McCormick, Wealth Advisor with Cascade Financial Management Inc., will provide information about financial planning for college; Steve Michaud, Owner, Family Pathways College Counseling, will discuss scholarship offerings and preparation for earning scholarships; and Nicole Berg, Academic Advisor for Workforce Programs at Gallatin College Programs, will present additional options for graduating seniors.

This program is for both parents and students, and there will be ample time for question and answer. Please call Paula at 582-2426 for more info.

ACCESSIBILITY OPTIONS

As part of the BTOP (Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program) grant that provided new computers and laptops, the Library also received software and equipment to allow the visually-impaired or those with dexterity issues to access information. Two stations (one upstairs in the computer lab, and the accessible station downstairs) have Magic magnification software, ZoomText and a ZoomText large-print keyboard. The accessible computer station on the first floor also has JAWS text-to-speech software. In addition, a handheld electronic magnifier is available which can be used with any document to increase text size. For people who have difficulty using a mouse, a TrackMan Marble mouse, with a large trackball and comfortably-shaped mouse, is often easier to control. Both the magnifier and mouse can be requested from the Information and Computer Services desks.

VOLUNTEERS

We are fortunate to have so many people who are interested in volunteering at the Library. In 2011, 19 new volunteers began. We have started 2012 with the same kind of momentum. We have three new volunteer shelvers: Paige Lammey, Nancy Lande, and Taylor Schultz. In Technical Services, Greer Clark is helping Library staff with our many gift book donations, and in February, Pene Fedro began helping process new materials. Thank you to all 56 of our Library volunteers – we couldn’t do it without you! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gail MacMillan at 582-2435.

DYNAMITE DADS

Dads, uncles, and grandpas are invited to bring their children to the Library for a Dynamite Dads program sponsored by The Parent Place and Thrive. Meet on Wednesday, March 21 at 6pm for dinner, followed by an opportunity to explore the new PlaySpace block area in the Children’s Room. Please call 587-3840 to register or register on-line at www.allthrive.org under events.

LINDLEY PERK CONTEST

Starting Monday, February 27 Lindley Perk Coffee Shop will have an NCAA Final Four Contest! Pick the winner of the 2012 Mens NCAA Basketball Tournament and win a FREE drink of your choice. One entry per person, please. All entries must be in by 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 13. Good luck!

SET YOUR TIMERS!

The Cornerstone Celebration: Honoring Arts & Ideas fundraiser will be Saturday, April 14 at 7pm — you don’t want to miss this fun ode to food! Held in the Library, you can eat, drink, and be merry with food provided by The Bountiful Table, drinks from Winegardner’s Wine and Bozeman Brewing Company, and all sorts of food surprises.

The Cornerstone Award will be presented that evening to an individual who has made a significant contribution to literature, libraries, and/or learning in the Gallatin Valley, and there will be a full program of locals talking food. Tickets are $75 per person or $125 for two. Please visit www.bozemanlibraryfoundation.org or call Paula at 582-2426 for more info or to reserve your spot.