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Montana Library2Go

The next time you want to enjoy an audio book—download it! Starting May 4, Bozeman Public Library will be offering audio books that can be downloaded from any Internet connection, saved to your computer, and even transferred to your MP3 player. This new program, called OverDrive, is part of the “MontanaLibrary2Go” statewide library collaboration. You will have access to more than 2,000 titles for adults, children and teens in a variety of genres. Just follow the link from our home page at www.bozemanlibrary.org to browse the catalog of titles, download the free OverDrive software, and then you’re ready to download a book. You will be able to check out a maximum of five titles at a time for 14 days. Titles will automatically “return” when the title is due, so there will never be any overdue fines. So, the next time you’re going on a trip, working out, or doing chores around the house – listen to a book! This new service is provided by the Friends of the Library. Questions? Call 582-2410.

Library Museum Pass

Our Library is partnering with local museums to offer a Library Museum Pass to promote arts and cultural attractions in our community. The Bozeman Public Library, Library Foundation, and Friends of the Library are collaborating with the American Computer Museum, the Children’s Museum, the Pioneer Museum, and the Museum of the Rockies. There will be three free passes to check out at the Library for each museum, good for up to four people and available each week for a seven day period. All you need is a valid Library card and an imagination! This cooperative program will be rolled out mid-May. Check the Library website for additional information.

Voyage to Antarctica

Antarctica has long held an irresistible fascination for explorers and adventurers. Bozeman’s Tom Skeele and Phil Knight visited Antarctica in 2008 with Lindblad Expeditions. They weathered high seas, hiked on the continent and visited several islands, watched whales, explored penguin colonies, paddled sea kayaks, and even went swimming! On Thursday, May 28 at 7 p.m. Tom and Phil will present their slide show “A Voyage to Antarctica” in the Library’s Community Room. This event is free and open to the public.

Two Concerts in May

Travel on a diverse and inventive traditional music adventure with the group *Four Shillings Short* on Monday, May 4 at 7 p.m. Hear a sitar from India or a Renaissance Crumhorn or one of an ever-increasing array of instruments (over 20 at last count), including hammered dulcimer, mandola, tin whistle, percussion and vocals. . . a captivating family show!

By popular demand, *Exploring the Arts* brings back Maria Millar and Shawn Wyckoff from Julliard to reprise their entertaining violin and flute duet music on Monday, May 18 at 7 p.m. If you missed them last year, you don’t want to this year. Maria and Shawn will have you tapping your feet and trying to keep up as their fingers fly! These two programs are brought to you by the Library Foundation.

Great Decisions 2009

The 2009 Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group meets on Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. to discuss “Egypt in the 21st Century,” moderated by Ross Rodgers. Read about the topic in the 2009 Great Decisions briefing

book, available for purchase or check out. The series is sponsored by the Montana Center for International Visitors and Friends of the Library. Call MCIV at 994-4887 for further information.

Library Book Groups

★ The chosen title for the Library Book Club is *Our Story Begins: New and Selected Stories* by Tobias Wolf. This is Wolf's first published collection in over a decade. The Book Club meets on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. All readers are welcome; please call 582-2410 for more information.

★ The Albert Gallatin Society for Great Books Discussion Group meets Saturday, May 16 at 10:15 a.m. to discuss *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. For more information about Great Books, call Neil Lynch at 763-4380.

★ The Kids' Book Group meets on Thursday, May 21 at 4 p.m. to talk about the classic dog story *Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes. If you are a reader age 8 and up, please join us for snacks and informal discussion.

★ The Middle School Book Club for students ages 11 and up meets on Thursday, May 28 at 4:00 p.m. in the Teen Study Room to discuss *Scat* by Carl Hiassen. Call 582-2404 for more information.

The Grapes of Wrath

Jack Kligerman leads a discussion of *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck on Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. as part of the "The Big Read Under the Big Sky." The Montana Historical Society and the Bozeman Historic Preservation Advisory Board have put together a series of programs. For more information, visit <http://www.neabigread.org/events.php>.

Downtown Portrait Project

On March 5 a massive natural gas explosion rocked downtown Bozeman destroying several buildings and shaking the community to the core. The event forever reshaped Bozeman's historic Main Street, but it also bonded the community in a way beyond words. "The Downtown Portrait Project" – an exhibition of photographs and stories featuring those directly affected by the blast – reflects the trauma and triumph of that day. The project was shot on location the month following the explosion by photographer Ben Pierce.

Proceeds from the exhibition will benefit the Downtown Relief Fund and the Tara (Reistad) Bowman Memorial Endowment Fund. The Library Foundation welcomes the public for the Opening Reception on Friday, May 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Atrium Gallery.

Interlibrary Loan Changes

Due to the increased use of ILL, we have had to change the number of items patrons can have on order at one time from 10 to 5. This will allow the ILL staff to keep up with demand and also adjust to the new postage rate. Requests for renewals may now be made up to the day the item is due, and there will be no charges for phone calls. If you have any questions, please call 582-2414. The Interlibrary Loan staff will continue to work hard to provide excellent service.

One Book-One Bozeman

The Library Foundation and MSU Summer Read joined forces in choosing *The Soloist* as the book for One Book–One Bozeman 2009. The personal account written by Steve Lopez is the perfect choice to bring together incoming students and residents for a broader community discussion. To learn more, visit www.onebookonebozeman.org. In the meantime, check out the book or a book kit at the Library!

Friends of the Library

The Friend's Used Book Sale raised over \$10, 543 in book sales and signed-up many new Friends. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers who helped with putting the books on the tables and those who helped at the sale itself. We would also like to thank all the patrons who donate their books on a regular basis. . . all used to raise funds to support your Library!

Learn About Falun Dafa

Two free classes in Falun Dafa will be held on Wednesday, May 6 from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m.- noon in the Community Room. The ancient practice of Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) was introduced to the public in China in 1992. It has four easy to learn, gentle standing exercises and a sitting meditation based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance. The classes are always taught free of charge. For more information, visit www.faluninfo.net.

Women's Health Fair

Women of all ages are invited to the Women's Health Fair on Tuesday, May 12 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Included during day are a variety of tests, including Lipid Profiles (please fast for 12 hours prior) done by the Medical Arts Lab, body mass index and blood pressure checks all day, vaccines, and free anonymous HIV testing. Get a free chair massage, or find information on breast and cervical health, acupuncture, yoga, and more! Call Laura at the Bridger Clinic 587-0681 for more information.

Essay Writing Workshop

Tom Zuzulock teaches a S.A.T. essay writing workshop on Wednesday, May 20 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Space is limited and registration is required. These free classes are sponsored by the Library Foundation. Please call Paula at 582-2426 to register.

Bozeman Sculpture Park

Plans for a Sculpture Park on Library grounds are underway. The concept includes rotating exhibits every one or two years, with sculptures on concrete pedes-

tals along the paved trail. A Master Plan is on display at the Library of the 24 sculpture pedestals. Construction will be done in four phases to minimize disruption of the trail. For further information, please contact Alice Meister at 582-2401 or Zak Zakovi at 582-9703.

Computer Classes

The Library will offer "Learning at the Library" computer classes in May. Classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Computer Lab on the second floor. Call 582-2410 or sign up at the Reference Desk for the following:

Saturday, May 2: "Intro to Computers, Part 1"

Saturday, May 9: "Intro to Computers, Part 2"

Saturday, May 16 at 8:30 a.m. "Excel Basics"

Saturday, May 30: "PowerPoint for Beginners"

Staff News

A poem by children's librarian Sandra Brug has been published in a newly released anthology, *Incredible Inventions*, selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins. Sandra will be teaching poetry workshops as part of our Creative Workshops this summer. This is her eleventh poem published in a children's poetry anthology!

