HANDKERCHIEFS: LITTLE SQUARES OF HISTORY

The handkerchief, although small, is a textile rich in history, in needlework techniques, and in graphic design. Join Terese Blanding on Friday, May 8 at 4pm in the Community Room as she shares her collection of over 1000 vintage hankies and describes the history, literature, art and everyday life of these artful little squares.

From Shakespeare’s Othello to Louise Erdrich stories, Blanding will explore the wide-ranging adventures of this versatile artifact. Call 582-2410 for further information.

COLLEGE WORKSHOP

High school students and parents are invited to “What Colleges Look for in the High School Student” on Wednesday, May 6 at 6pm in the Conference Room. Nervous about applying to college? Want to up your chances of acceptance? Get some answers about how high school students can position themselves for college applications and acceptance. Steve Michaud will focus on how to manage the process from the start, what students should be thinking about during high school, and how parents can help them in the process. All programs are free and open to the public. Please call Ginny at 582-2404 with questions.

GARDENING IN ZONE 4

Join us for “Growing the Great Pumpkin and Other Gardening Challenges in Zone 4” on Tuesday, May 12 from 6:30-8pm in the Community Room as part of our Area 626 series. Toby Day, Extension Horticulture Associate Specialist and statewide Master Gardener Coordinator through Montana State University Extension, will share his expertise on how to be a successful gardener in Zone 4. Day is an avid gardener, regular guest on PBS’s Montana Ag Live, and winner of last year’s Great Pumpkin contest with a 456 pound behemoth. For more information, call 582-2410.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Two of our favorite classes are back and better than ever! These three-part classes are free but sign up is required.

iPad Basics
Tuesdays, May 12, 19, and 26. Class begins at 6:30pm and meets in the 2nd Floor Computer Lab.

Microsoft Word
Thursdays, May 14, 21, and 28. Class begins at 6:30pm and meets in the 2nd Floor Computer Lab.

To sign up visit www.bozemanlibrary.org/news/classes.php or scan this QR code with your mobile device.

LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

The Friends Book Club meets on Wednesday, May 13 in the Conference Room from 6:30-8pm to discuss The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins. This popular novel is available to borrow in every format, and as a downloadable ebook or audio book. For more information, please call 582-2410.
The Albert Gallatin Great Books discussion group meets Saturday, May 16 from 10:15am – noon in the Board Room to discuss All the Kings Men by Robert Penn Warren. All readers are welcome. For more information, email Jeff Lynch at jeff.lynch967@yahoo.com.

The Kids’ Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 28 at 4pm to talk about Ms. Rapscott’s Girls by Elise Primavera. Readers age 8-12 welcome! Call 582-2404 for more information.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
Welcome to Blaise Arsenault, new owner of Lindley Perk Coffee Shop! Blaise is a family man, musician, and skilled maker of lattes.

Our next Used Book Sale isn’t until July, but you can find high quality used books in our Friends Used Book Store seven days a week. You can always find Fiction, Western Interest and Cookbooks—but keep an eye out for new seasonal categories and great children’s books. Thank you for supporting the Library by shopping the Used Book Store! All proceeds benefit the Library.

ART EXHIBIT
Missing Pages: A Literary Series by Jackson, Wyoming artist Shannon Troxler, will be on exhibit in the Atrium Gallery at the Library. This unique collection of encaustic paintings, inspired by the characters of classic literature, will be on display May 1 through June 30. The Library Foundation, sponsors of the exhibit, will host an artist’s reception open to the public on Friday, May 1 from 6 – 7:30pm.

Troxler explains that “This collection of paintings is an invitation to visit old friends and to reread and explore the classics with a fresh eye and open mind. I hope that it sparks conversation and dialogue - How do you envision these characters? Which are your favorites?”

The paintings are created using rabbit skin glue, also used in bookbinding, to glue pages of original books or bamboo paper to wooden panels. A percentage of sales will go to the Library Foundation to ensure continuation of cultural programs at the Library for public benefit. For more information about the exhibit or opening reception, call Sarah DeOpsomer at 582-2425 or email programs@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.

STAFF NEWS
Bozeman Public Library received its third consecutive Excellent Library Service Award (ELSA) from the Montana State Library Commission. The awards were announced at the 102nd annual Montana Library Association Conference held in Bozeman last month. We are so proud!

BPL staff and Foundation presented four workshops for 290 librarians of all types from around the state. Reference Librarian Carmen Clark served on the Steering Committee for the conference.

Fond farewells to Librarian Assistants Carri Genovese and Patrick Roten. We wish them every success in their new homes!

THANK YOU
Our Library and the Gallatin Valley Food Bank thank all the generous patrons who donated to Food for Fines during National Library Week. We gathered 419 pounds of food in exchange for $371.30 in fines. That’s a good trade!

FRIDAY FORUM MAY 8
The noon Friday Forum on May 8 will feature Lisa Stoeffler, Bozeman District Ranger for the U.S. Forest Service since 2011. Lisa is a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Forest Service, who currently oversees one of the most popular ranger districts in the state, including the Bridger Mountains, Hyalite Canyon, and forestland abutting Yellowstone National Park. She and colleagues Keith Koenen and Clay Demastus will discuss conserving high elevation whitebark pines in Greater Yellowstone through seed orchards.

Friday Forum is presented by Wonderlust and co-sponsored by the Library Foundation. Please bring your brown bag lunch and your curiosity. For more information contact Paula Beswick, 582-2426 or director@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.
ART LECTURE MAY 27

The Gallatin Art Crossing wraps up its Spring Art Lecture series on Wednesday, May 27 at 7pm in the Community Room with MSU Assistant Professor of Art Josh DeWeese. He has served as Resident Director of the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts in Helena from 1992-2006. He holds an MFA from the New York College of Ceramics and a BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute. DeWeese will speak to his history with art in Montana and the Bozeman area, as well as other topics.

The series features regional artists and members of the creative community who are promoting public art and the value and impact it has on the Gallatin Valley. The lecture series is hosted by the Library Foundation, so please contact Paula Beswick at director@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org or call 582-2426.

GIVE BIG GALLATIN VALLEY

This May 5th, go BIG for the Bozeman Public Library Foundation! On that day, we’re participating in Give Big Gallatin Valley, Gallatin County’s Largest Day of Giving. For 24-hours only, visit GiveBigGV.org, make a donation (min. $10) and every dollar you donate will be stretched by a Match Pool of Funds from the Bozeman Area Community Foundation and their presenting sponsors. When you give big, extraordinary things happen! Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and Give Big. Find more information at GiveBigGV.org.

FREE PARENTING WORKSHOPS

Flora McCormick will offer a series of three workshops for families on Thursday mornings from 9-10am in the Conference Room. Registration is necessary, but workshops are free and childcare will be available.

May 28: Positive Discipline.

Learn tips and tools to respond to tantrums and testing, as well as ways to use routines, questions, and playful interventions to effectively motivate your child’s behavior.

June 4: Taking the “Mean” Out of Saying What You Mean.

Discuss creative ways to encourage cooperation without yelling, nagging, or lectures.

June 11: Helping Children Manage Their Emotions.

Tips on anger management for kids and helping your child develop self-soothing skills to last a lifetime.

These workshops are sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and are designed for parents and caregivers of children ages 2-8. Flora McCormick, LCPC is trained to work with youth and adolescents and an experienced Positive Discipline Parent Educator. Please sign up at the Children’s Desk or call 582-2404.

SCREEN SMART WEEK

Screen Smart Week is May 4-10, an opportunity for families to see how TV, computer games, smart phones, and tablets affect their lives. A week of activities for kids are on our website. Our children’s computers will be turned off, and Wii Wednesday & Minecraft will feature board games!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

For many years, George Kittrell was a volunteer book shelve for half the year and a Yellowstone Park Ranger for the other half. He no longer spends his summers in the Park, so now he can help year-round at the Library. He enjoys shelving and has done other projects to help out where needed. George loves being out in nature, and also enjoys running and baking (the Library staff have been the lucky recipients of many sweet treats). Thanks George for being part of our Library team!

CORNERSTONE AWARD

Kelly Roberti was honored as the 7th Cornerstone Award winner in April for his tireless work promoting music and the arts through his “Jazz & More... with Kelly Roberti” summer series, as well as his contributions to our Exploring the Arts program and One Book—One Bozeman. He has conducted 100 jazz programs over seven years and will embark on the 8th season on June 22. The Cornerstone Celebration hosted over 100 people, raising money to continue funding arts and cultural programs at the Library. Thank you to our community for your support!
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Family Science Night meets on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30pm with Monforton science teacher Ryan Hannahoe. School-age kids and parents can explore science with hands-on, high-energy activities.

Visit the BOB Bus on Friday, May 22 at 10:15 and 11:15am and enjoy a storytime all about gardens! Listen to stories about plants and gardens, plant a seed, and take a tour of the BOB Bus! The Bozone Ozone Bus (BOB) is fully operational thanks to the efforts and inspiration of Bozeman’s youth via the Bozeman Youth Initiative.

BOB is a greenhouse on wheels fully supplied with plants of all kinds. The mission of the bus is to educate youth about important environmental issues such as sustainability and alternative energy.

Let’s Ride Bikes Storytime on Wednesday, May 27 at 10:15 and 11:15am with Matt Bolus and friends from the Bozeman Bike Kitchen. In addition to stories, try out some bikes for preschoolers and get tips on bike repair from the mobile bike kitchen.

Pollinator Storytime on Friday, June 5 at 10:15 and 11:15 with bee enthusiast Lorrie Maffey. Join us for stories and activities all about our favorite garden helper—bees! This will be a storytime filled with sensory activities involving all of our five senses! We will examine honey combs, bees wax, pollen, bee suits, and even some bee specimens.

Coming on Saturday, June 13:
Kickoff to summer reading! Family summer reading packets will be available in June, and we look forward to kids, teens, and adults reading for fun all summer long. Call 582-2404 or check our website for more information about “Every Hero has a Story” summer reading program.