A Volunteer Farewell

Library staff and long-time friends said goodbye to Alice Ridenauf last month as she prepares to leave Bozeman after 42 years. Alice was a librarian at MSU’s Renne Library from 1967-1984 and has been an extremely active volunteer at our Library for over 25 years. Alice worked almost 35 hours every week shelving adult fiction, in addition to volunteering at the Deaconess Hospital, Museum of the Rockies, and the Bozeman High School Library. She will be remembered as a soft-spoken, graceful woman with a sense of humor and deep sense of service to her community. A flowering plum tree has been planted in her honor in front of the Library. Alice, who turned 90 last December, will retire to Plentywood, Montana.

Montana’s Changing Climate Series

This fall Bozeman will host national and regional climate experts to present diverse perspectives on Montana’s changing climate. The first in the series of four will address how climate change is impacting our fish and game species. T.O. Smith, policy director at Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, will present “Fishing and Hunting in a Warmer Montana” on Thursday, October 15 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Smith will discuss the threat of climate change and how the state is crafting a management response to safeguard Montana’s outdoor heritage.

Second in the series is “What Will Climate Change Cost Montanans” presented by Dr. Ernie Niemi, president and senior policy analyst at ECONorthwest on Thursday, October 29 at 7 p.m. What do we stand to lose if climate change goes unaddressed? Join a nationally renowned economist for this timely discussion in the Community Room. The series is free and open to the public, and is organized by the National Parks Conservation Association and MSU’s Big Sky Institute, with support provided by the Bozeman Public Library, Headwaters Economics, National Wildlife Federation, Montana Audubon, and Montana Conservation Voters.

Friends Social Oct. 8

The Friends of the Library will host a social hour at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 8 in the Conference Room. All current members and those with an interest in the Friends are invited to gather, learn more about the organization, and share ideas. Light refreshments will be served. The annual meeting will follow at 7 p.m. to discuss volunteer opportunities and preparations for the fall used book sale on November 13-15. If you have questions, please call John Gallagher, President of the Friends of the Library, at 586-8465.

Great Decisions Meets

If you are interested in foreign policy, or just want to learn more about an issue, consider joining the Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion Group which meets monthly at the Library. The topic for Thursday, October 15 at 7 p.m. is “Universal Human Rights” moderated by sociologist Dr. Leah Schmalzbauer and anthropologist Dr. Tomomi Yamaguchi, both at MSU-Bozeman. You are encouraged to
read the article on the topic in the Briefing Book available at the Reference Desk or for check out. For more information on Great Decisions, please call the Montana Center for International Visitors at 994-4887.

**College Planning Program**

Are you unsure of how to begin the college search process? Join Educational Consultant Steve Michaud for “Understanding the College Planning Process” on Monday, October 5 from 7 - 8 p.m. Together, teens and parents can find out about how the admission process works, how to do a college search, testing, and financial aid. Michaud is an independent college counselor with 15 years of experience working with families. For more information, please email stevemichaud73@gmail.com.

**Learning at the Library**

Free computer classes will be held in the Computer Lab upstairs on Saturday mornings beginning at 9 a.m. Space is limited so call 582-2410 to register. Classes this month include:

- October 3: Introduction to Computers Part 2
- October 10: Beginning Internet
- October 17: Beginning MS Word 2007
- October 24: Beginning Email
- October 31: Intermediate Email

For a complete listing of fall classes, visit our website at www.bozemanlibrary.org.

**Exploring the Arts Oct. 19**

Join local author and illustrator team, Paul Schullery and Marsha Karle, to learn about their process of collaboration on four published books, with the fifth in the works. “You Mean You Actually Work Together? A Happy Marriage of Writing and Painting” is the title of their presentation on Monday, October 19 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Schullery, a noted Yellowstone National Park historian and author of over 30 books, is the first scholar-in-residence at MSU’s Renne Library. Karle, former YNP spokeswoman for over a decade and accomplished artist, has shown her work locally for many years. Their books and artwork will be on display during the presentation. Exploring the Arts is sponsored by the Library Foundation; call 582-2426 for more information.

**Bozeman Cultural Council**

If you are interested in the cultural “scene” in Bozeman and preserving its uniqueness, join the Bozeman Cultural Council for an informative lunch meeting on Monday, October 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Room where the draft Living Cultural Plan will be unveiled. You can also gather more information about the BCC and how to become an active participant from President Paula Beswick, Vice President JP Pominichowski, and Treasurer Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer. Please direct questions and RSVPs to rsvp@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.

**S.A.T. & Essay Writing Help**

In the throes of college applications and deadlines? Stressed over the multiple essays required by colleges and universities? Help is here with the College Application Essay Writing Workshop on Thursday, October 22 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Tom Zuzulock, College Prep Writing teacher at Bozeman High School, discusses the creative aspects of these essays and talks about what admissions offices are looking for. If you are taking the S.A.T. test this fall or winter, sign up for the informative S.A.T. Essay Writing Workshop from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 29. Mr. Zuzulock will review the basics of writing a successful test essay—what scorers are looking for, how to organize ideas, and how to do it all in 25 minutes. Both classes are sponsored by the Library Foundation; call Paula at 582-2426 to register.

**Author Visit October 26**

Montana orthopedic surgeon and author, Dr. Michelle Foltz, will give a presentation about her new book, A Leg to Stand On, on Monday, October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Foltz has worked in developing countries for the last 17 years as a volunteer surgeon and as an employee of the Kwa-Zulu provincial health system in South Africa. Drawing on her extensive experience and research, she will talk about the unaddressed social, political, and economic problems of preventing and treating trauma in poor countries, why the problem has grown, and some of the solutions. Copies of her illustrated book will be for sale. Hear George Cole’s interview with Dr. Foltz on YPR (88.5 FM) on Monday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.
Library Book Clubs Meet

★ The Friends of the Library Book Club meets on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *Middlemarch* by George Eliot. Subtitled *A Study of Provincial Life*, George Eliot’s novel is a study in human nature as well as an historical reflection from the vantage point of the early 1870s. All interested readers welcome; contact the Reference Desk at 582-2410 for a copy of the book.

★ The Great Books Discussion Group meets on Saturday, October 17 at 10:15 a.m. in the Library Board Room to discuss the life of Albert Gallatin. You will enjoy learning about one of the more interesting and neglected founding fathers. He was elected to the Senate but never seated because he was so reviled by the opposing party! Contact Neil Lynch at 763-4380 for books about Gallatin or further information.

★ The Kids’ Book Club meets on Thursday, October 22 at 4 p.m. to talk about *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. With a blend of humor and math fun, this funny, fresh, and poignant novel about competing lemonade stands captures the one-of-a-kind bond between brother and sister. Call 582-2404 for information about book clubs or other programs.

★ The Middle School Book Club meets on Thursday, October 29 at 4 p.m. in the Teen Study Room to discuss *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead. (The September meeting was cancelled.)

Teen Corner

Have you seen the new DVD player in the Teen Corner yet? Now you can watch movies at the Library! Teen Read Week 2009 will be celebrated Oct. 18-24 at the Library with displays of great books for teens. This year’s theme is “Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library,” which encourages teens to read something out of this world. Teens are invited to carve pumpkins and decorate the Library for harvest and Halloween with the Teen Advisory Group on Wednesday, October 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. Apple cider and snacks provided; call Ginny at 582-2404.

NEW: Science Night!

Parents, grandparents, and kids of all ages are invited to build a “Rocket Racer” on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. All materials will be supplied and kids can race to see which design goes the farthest! Call the Children’s Desk at 582-2404.