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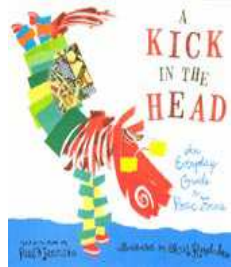
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## Children's Festival of the Book Sept. 19

This is a "don't miss" free event for everyone who loves children's books! The second annual Children's Festival of the Book will be held Saturday, September 19 from 9:30 a.m.-



5 p.m. at the Library. A panel discussion on choosing kids' books will be followed by workshops and readings by our featured guests, Caldecott-winning illustrator Chris Raschka and award-winning poet Paul

Janeczko. Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, Sneed Collard, and Ben Mikaelson will also join us this year. The day includes kids' activities, a panel on publishing children's books, live music, and a puppet show. A schedule will be available at the Library or on our website. The event is sponsored by the Library Foundation and Humanities Montana.

## Have You Read It Yet?

Join with your community in reading *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez, a true story about the encounter and friendship on the streets of L.A. between Lopez and homeless musician Nathaniel Ayers. If your book group is interested in discussing the book, check out one of the book kits purchased by the Friends of the Library and call Paula at 582-2426 to arrange for a leader. The MSU Summer Reading program and the Library Foundation have collaborated to bring Lopez to Bozeman on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. for the MSU convocation address at the Brick Breeden Fieldhouse, open to the public. For a complete list of the September events, includ-

ing a showing of the recent movie based on the book on Friday, September 11 at 7 p.m. with refreshments, visit the website at [www.onebookonebozeman.org](http://www.onebookonebozeman.org). A special *Exploring the Arts* will be held on Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the Library with Kelly Roberti talking about music and the privilege of meeting Mr. Ayers. In conjunction with the project, Sola Cafe has chosen the Library Foundation as the recipient of "10 Cents for Charity" during September. Stop by Sola Cafe on Sunday, September 13 at 11 a.m. for a benefit concert by the Bourbon Street Players.



## New Trustee Appointed

Donna Swarthout has been appointed as a new member of the Library Board of Trustees to serve a five-year term. Swarthout is an Adjunct Instructor at MSU, teaching classes in the Political Science Department, the College of Business, and the Honors Program. She has a B.A. in Political Science and German and an M.A. in Political Science from UC Berkeley. Swarthout and her husband Brian have three children. Her interest in serving as a Library Trustee stems from her deep connection to one of our most vital civic institutions. Her family regularly visits the Library, and she hopes to serve as a strong advocate responsive to the community's needs and concerns.

## Library Card Sign-Up

Students are heading back to school. Do your kids have the most important school supply of all? How about your friends and neighbors? Studies show that children who are read to at

home and visit their public library perform better in school. What percentage of folks in Gallatin County do you think have a library card? \* September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and we want Bozeman families to know how easy it is to get a library card! Stop by with proof of your address in Gallatin County and identification; it just takes minutes. (\*62% of residents, or 29,682 people, have a current library card--higher than most communities!)

## Wii Wednesdays

Wii (pronounced "Wheee!") Wednesdays will continue this fall to give everyone an opportunity to try their hand at interactive gaming. Programs for middle school, high school, and families will be offered in the small Conference Room on Wednesdays and one Sunday afternoon in September. Sign up to play Wii Sports, Mario Kart, Guitar Hero, and other games. If you are interested in mentoring, please call 582-2427.

Sept. 2, 16, 30: 3-5 p.m. for Middle School students

Sept. 9, 23: 3-5 p.m. for High School students, Open Wii Night from 6-8 p.m.

Sept. 20: 3-5, Open Wii

## Writer's Group Begins

A writer's group is starting up at the Library on Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m. for all people interested in learning more about the writing process or becoming a better writer. For more information or to register, contact Ingeborg Hayes-van Zanten at 586-8006 or [vanzantenintegral@yahoo.com](mailto:vanzantenintegral@yahoo.com).

## Donna Seaman Sept. 15

Literary critic and editor Donna Seaman will visit Bozeman on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room to talk about the making of *Home Ground*, an innovative collaborative dictionary of landscape terms. The project began when Barry Lopez realized a book like this didn't exist, and so decided to create one with the help of forty of his friends, including Gretel Ehrlich, Barbara Kingsolver, Terry Tempest Williams, Ellen Meloy, Jon Krakauer, and more. Following the talk about *Home Ground* and the deep connection between language and the land, copies of this beautiful book will be on sale. Seaman is a book critic for Chicago Public Radio and has collected her author interviews in *Writers on the Air*.

## Papermaking Workshop

Join Ellie Schiedermayer for a free adult workshop on handmade papermaking on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Learn about recycling paper and several techniques before making a few sheets yourself! Ellie comes from a long line of papermakers, including grandfather Arnold Grummer, who began his own papermaking company. No registration is necessary; for more information please call Alice Meister at 582-2401.

## Saving Creation Author

Author Christopher Preston will speak about his recent biography of Holmes Rolston, known as the father of environmental ethics, on Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. In 2003 Rolston was awarded the Templeton Prize in recognition of his life's work for discoveries in science and religion. Preston teaches philosophy at the University of Montana. *Saving Creation: Nature and Faith in the Life of Holmes Rolston III* documents the evolution of Rolston's environmental philosophy, from his childhood, years in the ministry, and finally to his groundbreaking work reconciling biology and theology.

## Adventures in Yellowstone

Get ready for Ken Burns' new PBS special "The National Parks: America's Best Idea" by attending Bozeman author M. Mark Miller's presentation on Sunday, September 27 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room. *Adventures in Yellowstone: Early Travelers Tell Their Tales* is the result of researching more than 200 first-person accounts of trips to the park. The book is a compilation of the most vivid and gripping stories of early travel to Yellowstone. The book will be on sale following the presentation with proceeds going to the Pioneer Museum. The PBS series begins Sept. 27.

## Learning at the Library

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

September 19: Computer Safety

September 26: Introduction to Computers Part 1

For a complete listing of fall classes, visit our website.

## Library Book Clubs Meet

★ The Friends of the Library Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. They will discuss *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez on September 2.

★ The Great Books Discussion Group meets on Saturday, September 19 at 10:15 a.m. to discuss *The Education of Henry Adams* by Henry Adams. Contact Neil Lynch at 763-4380 for further information.

★ The Kids' Book Club meets on Thursday, September 17 at 4 p.m. to talk about *Dog Sense*, a novel by Missoula writer Sneed B. Collard III. The author will be visiting Bozeman on Saturday, September 19 for the Children's Festival of the Book.

★ The Middle School Book Club meets on Thursday, September 24 at 4 p.m. in the Teen Study Room to discuss *When you Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead. (All fans of *A Wrinkle in Time* will want to read this!)

## Friends of the Library

Mary Doyle recently resigned from the Friends of the Library board. Among her many endeavors, Mary played a strong role in membership drives, used book sales, and commissioning the sculpture hanging over

the Circulation Desk. She brought commitment, hard work, a sharp eye for detail, great people skills, and a good sense of humor to her service. We are happy to report that Mary plans to continue as a Friends' volunteer. Thank you Mary; we appreciate all you have done for our Library!

## Banned Books Week

"Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read" is observed September 26 - October 3. This annual library event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to choose or to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular. Check out our display of books that have been challenged or banned; better yet, read a banned book this month!

## Art Show Reception Sept. 4

Paintings of the MIA juried art show will be on display in the Atrium Gallery during September and October. Fifty-five local artists are participating in the 8th annual show. All are invited to the opening reception and awards presentation on Friday, Sept. 4 from 6-8 p.m.

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