CHALLENGING CHILD BEHAVIORS FEB. 6

Do you feel like you are constantly begging your child to do what you ask? Ultimately ending up threatening to take away a privilege or resorting to a bribe just to get her to respond? Do you find it impossible to get out the door, toys picked up, homework completed and more—without begging? If you find yourself in a power struggle with the child who could do yesterday what she’s refusing to do today, there really are practical tips to manage those behaviors while building a life-long relationship with your child.

Join Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, Ed.D., and bestselling author of Raising Your Spirited Child, Sleepless in America and Kids Parents and Power Struggles for a humorous and helpful conversation. Kurcinka recently moved to Bozeman and will be speaking at the Library on Thursday, February 6, at 6:30pm in the Community Room.

Known for her understanding, humor and practical advice, Kurcinka is nationally and internationally recognized as a top-selling author and sought-after speaker on parenting challenges. Her presentation is free and open to the public.

HANDWRITTEN LETTERS

Join us for a workshop on Sunday, February 2 at 2pm on The Mastery of Handwritten Letters—how to write them, what to put in them, how to make them fun, how to make them brave, and how to make them powerful. As a companion to the Library’s Letter Writing Pavilion, speaker and author Lorca Smetana will bring an abundance of wonderful letter-writing paraphernalia, examples and exercises to provide you with a delightful winter afternoon.

What if, periodically, a small wave of handwritten notes washes out into your world? How would this benefit your personal life, your career, the larger world that you live in? The impact of a personal and handwritten letter is huge, especially in a technological world.

NOON NOTES

Join us on Monday, February 10 from 12-1pm for Noon Notes @ the Library, the free chamber music series in the Community Room. This Baroque concert features local young talent Else Trygstad-Burke on cello and Megan MaKeever on flute, as well as current high school students Claire Young and Hannah Mohr on violin. Else shows her immense musical skill, playing movements from the Second Solo Suite by J.S. Bach, and then joined by the others playing Tartini and a second Baroque piece. In addition, Else will provide a short informative lecture about the fascinating culture of the period. Everyone is invited to this family friendly, cas-
ual look into the world of chamber music. Call Paula at 582-2426 for more information.

**FRIDAY FORUM SERIES**

Join Wonderlust and the Library Foundation for the second installment of the monthly series hosted by the Library on Friday, February 14, at 12pm in the Community Room. Gerry Wheeler, MSU Emeritus Professor of Physics, will present “Testing Our Kids: An international comparison of USA student performance in Science and Mathematics on a state-by-state basis,” which discusses the critical topic of STEM education. He will answer the question of how Montana kids stack up against their counterparts nationally and internationally, based on periodic large-scale, sampling assessments.

According to Wheeler, we’ve had our state ranked nationally with the National Assessment of Education Progress, often called “the nation’s report card.” A new study links this assessment with the Trends in Mathematics and Science Study, allowing us to look at individual states with an international yardstick. This talk will look at how we are testing our kids in science and discuss the results. Wheeler is on the science advisory boards of both NAEP and TIMSS and is chair of the content committee for the 12th grade physics test for an upcoming TIMSS assessment. This discussion is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Paula, 582-2426.

**LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS**

- The Friends’ Book Club meets on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30pm in the Community Room. The title chosen is *Claiming Ground* by Laura Bell. Bell moved out west right after college to take a summer job on a Wyoming ranch surrounded by old male sheepherders. Some 30 years later, she still calls it home. A limited number of copies are available for members to borrow, as well as books in other formats. Please call 582-2410 for more information.

- The Albert Gallatin Great Books monthly discussion group meets on Saturday, February 15 at 10:15am to discuss *The Story of Mary MacLane* by Mary MacLane. Coming in March: *Swan’s Way* from *Remembrances of Things Past* by Marcel Proust. Questions? Call Neil Lynch at 763-4380.

- The Kids’ Book Club for ages 8-11 meets Thursday, February 27 at 4pm. We invite kids to join us to talk about *The Water Castle* by Megan Blakemore. To sign up, please call 582-2404.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

Goodbye to Lisa Gunther, who is stepping off the Board after completing a very active board term, as well as volunteering at the Friends Used Book Sales and as a regular sorter of donated books. The Friends are appreciative of all of Lisa’s hard work and her contributions—as well as her good sense of humor and pleasant way of working with the Board, volunteers, Library staff, members, and used book sale patrons. Thank you and good luck Lisa!

The Library staff would like to thank the Friends for providing five new beautiful display units for the adult nonfiction area. Take a look at your next visit upstairs.

**FREE TAX HELP**

Free tax help is available again this year at the Library beginning February 4. VITA volunteers will offer assistance every Tuesday in the Conference Room from 10am-6:30pm. Some evening appointments will be offered. Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled by calling Marguerite at 586-6641 or Ed at 388-1846.

Can’t get in on Tuesdays? Free help is also available at the Bozeman Senior Center, MSU College of Business, the Community Café, the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, and the RDI-Consumer Credit Counseling. Call 582-2410 or stop by the Reference Desk for more information about these other opportunities.

**YOGA FOR ALL**

Yoga For All continues every Tuesday from 11-11:45am in the Community Room. Taught by yoga instructor Karen Averitt, this weekly class is for moms, dads, caregivers, or anyone in the community who wishes to attend. Please bring your own mat. Call Paula at 582-2426 for more information.
ART LECTURE FEBRUARY 10

Local sculptor Mitch Billis will present his stories, process, and creations on Monday, February 10 at 7pm as part of the Gallatin Art Crossing’s Monthly Lecture Series, sponsored by the Library Foundation. Billis has been sculpting bronze for years in the Bozeman area, contributing “My Story” to the Art Crossing collection.

This fanciful sculpture depicting a child riding a magic carpet is located at the Main Street entrance to the Library. The public is invited to enjoy the experiences and process of this well-established and unique artist as he talks about his career and skills, benefiting the local artistic community.

The Gallatin Art Crossing exhibit hosts a variety of sculpture introducing viewers to many artistic approaches. The goal of the program is to add at least one piece to the permanent collection each year and expand further throughout downtown, bringing unique works to optimal locations. The Art Crossing shares the goals of the Library to display public art and encourage community involvement and interaction with the art, for the benefit of the public. To learn more, visit www.gallatinartcrossing.com or contact Paula at 582-2426.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Library encourages local artists to submit proposals to exhibit in the Library’s Atrium Gallery. The goal is to showcase both traditional and innovative contemporary art forms, with each exhibit on display for one to three months. The Library is committed to exhibits that will expand the public’s appreciation of art, as well as reflect the diversity of the community. Selections are chosen by the Library Art Committee, consisting of local artists, community members, and staff from the Library and Library Foundation. Submissions for 2015 will be due on Wednesday, April 30. Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered. To learn more, see the exhibit proposal guidelines at www.bozemanlibrary.org/about/art.php, or contact Paula Beswick at 582-2426 or director@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.

* SMARTS MEETING

Southwest Montana Arts holds their monthly meeting on Monday, February 24 at 9:30am in the Community Room. Guest artist Daniel Smith, a renowned wildlife painter, will share his thoughts on his art. All are welcome. For more information, please call Linda Williams at 586-1350.

MEETING ROOM PROGRAMS

To find out more about public events here at the Library each day, visit the Library website at www.bozemanlibrary.org and click on Library Services. Choose Meeting Room Information and you can find a calendar of all the programs scheduled here at the Library. Or call us at 582-2427.

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

School-age kids and parents can join us for an evening of hands-on science activities on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Monforton science teacher Ryan Hannahoe will return with more cool myth-busting science experiments. For information, call the Children’s Desk at 582-2404.
FEBRUARY: KIDS & FAMILIES

Join us in the Children’s Room for a birthday celebration honoring children’s author and illustrator, Mo Willems, on Sunday, February 9 at 3pm. We will have crafts, activities, and stories featuring Elephant and Piggie, Knuffle Bunny, Pigeon, and Duckling.

“Fun with Letters” is a hands-on hour of activities on Monday, February 10 at 10am for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and children ages 2-5. Games, books, and handouts will show lots of fun ways to introduce letter names and sounds. Join us in the Community Room for this free workshop, part of the national Every Child Ready to Read project.

For those parents unable to attend “Books & Babies” during the week, we will have a weekend program on Saturday, February 22 at 10am in the Children’s Room. The program provides songs and rhymes, along with relaxed play time for babies 0-2 with parent or caregiver. Tell your friends!

The Children’s staff will present a “Fun with Science and Math” workshop on Wednesday, February 26 from noon to 1pm in the Community Room. We invite families for lunchtime snacks, followed by a variety of science and math hands-on activities just right for preschoolers. Discover all kinds of easy ways to include science and math in your daily life! No registration necessary; for more information call 582-2404.

Coming Sunday, March 2: Dr. Seuss Party at 3pm in the Children’s Room. Visit the Crazy Hair Salon, the Star-On Machine, and more fun for Seuss fans of all ages.

CHILDREN’S BOOK AWARDS

Locomotive by Brian Floca won the 2014 Caldecott Award, and Kate DiCamillo won her second Newbery Award for her novel Flora & Ulysses. For more 2014 winners, visit www.ala.org.
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