HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Library Board of Trustees and Staff! Pictured above are the five Trustees serving on the Library Board: Judy Mathre, Jacki McGuire, Donna Swarthout, Holly Brown, and Chair Ron Farmer.

The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month, and everyone is welcome to attend. Trustees are appointed for a five-year term and may serve two full terms in succession.

Judy Mathre is a long-time Bozeman resident and former mayor who retired from MSU’s Local Government Center and currently volunteers at the Library. Judy is serving her first full term.

Jacki McGuire is a CPA and owns her own company. She served on the Library Foundation Board and uses her financial expertise to benefit the Library.

Donna Swarthout is the newest member of the Board in her first full term and is an Adjunct Instructor at MSU, teaching classes in the Political Science Dept., the College of Business, and the Honors Program.

Holly Brown is a District Judge whose experience as a real estate lawyer was particularly instrumental during the Library’s construction.

Ron Farmer is the president of First Security Bank and was awarded the MLA Trustee of the Year Award for his many hours of service and dedication after completing his first 10 years.

CHRISTMAS STROLL ACTIVITIES

The Bozeman Public Library gets into the holiday spirit with a full day of festivities to celebrate Christmas Stroll on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Decorate cookies from Elle’s Belles, make ornaments to bring home, or sit back and enjoy holiday music from Bozeman High School Orchestra and Jazz Choir, choirs from Whittier School and Chief Joseph Middle School, the MSU French Horn Ensemble and Piano with Strings Attached. Visitors can jump on the Hay Wagon from the Library’s main entrance and be back in the thick of Christmas Stroll in minutes. Stroll buttons are required for wagon rides and can be purchased at the Library.

A full schedule of events is available on the Library website. Questions? Call 582-2425.
CORNERSTONE: NOMINATE SOMEONE YOU KNOW

The Bozeman Public Library Foundation is seeking nominations for the 2nd annual Cornerstone Award. This award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to literature, libraries, and learning in the Gallatin Valley and is presented at the Cornerstone Celebration: Honoring Arts & Ideas during National Library Week. This year’s Cornerstone Celebration will be held on April 17, 2010.

The award was created in 2008 as a way of honoring those who have supported and helped build the rich cultural community enjoyed by residents of the Gallatin Valley. “With construction of the new Library complete and enjoying a record number of visitors, we thought this would be a perfect way to recognize some of the people who made it possible,” says Paula Beswick, Foundation Director. “The award itself is a manifestation of the Foundation’s vision of the Library as a ‘cornerstone of our community’s high quality of life.’” The inaugural award was presented to Country Bookshelf owner Mary Jane DiSanti in April of 2009.

Nominations are encouraged and welcome from the general public. The award is open to any Gallatin Valley resident, past or present, whose personal and/or professional experience is deemed relevant to or inherently connected with the Bozeman Public Library. Nominations will be received beginning on January 1, 2010, through February 15, 2010. For complete guidelines and an application form, please visit the Foundation’s page www.bozemanlibrary.org/support/foundation. To learn more, contact Program Coordinator Laura Prindiville at 582-2425.

TEENS MAKE IT HAPPEN

Join Carlee Fountaine for a reading of her children’s book Hope on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00pm in the Community Room. Carlee will discuss her Destination Imagination team’s project to benefit Ugandan orphans. Teens are encouraged to stay for a Teen Advisory Group meeting and snacks following the presentation. This program is part of the Library’s “Teens Make It Happen” series. For more information, call Ginny at 582-2404.

BOOK GROUPS

The Library Book Club meets on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 7:30pm to discuss Triangle by Katherine Weber. The author blends facts about the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist fire in New York City with a believable fictional premise in this novel about Esther Gottesfeld, the oldest living survivor of the disaster. Pick up a copy at the Reference Desk or call 582-2410 for more information.

The Kids’ Book Group will not meet in December, but will meet on Thursday, January 21 at 4pm to talk about the first in the Children of the Lamp series, The Akhenaten Adventure by P.B. Kerr. All readers age 8 and up are invited to join in for snacks and discussion in the Student Corner. Call 582-2404 for more information.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

The Library has hired Jessica Sweet and Katy Chambers as substitutes. Jessica graduated from Montana State University with a BA in English and Psychology. Katy attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri and graduated from the University of Montana with a BA in English Literature and is currently taking classes towards her Masters in Library & Information Science.

HELP FROM MSU STUDENTS

Three students from Gary Bishop’s management class at MSU have been working with the Library’s marketing committee this semester to complete customer surveys and create a marketing plan. Reese Rankin, Cy Baldwin, and Kalvin Reichelt will give their final presentation on December 7 to Library staff and fellow students. We’ll keep you posted on the results!

BOOKS & BABIES SATURDAYS

You can attend “Books & Babies” one Saturday a month! Please invite your friends and neighbors with babies on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 9am in the Community Room. The informal program for infants age 0-2 and parent or caregiver features rhymes and songs with time for play and meeting others. Please call the Children’s Desk at 582-2404 for more information about programs for all ages.
LEGO SHOW-AND-TELL PARTY

Bring a LEGO creation of your choice from home to LEGO Club on Monday, December 28 at 3pm in the large Community Room. You can share your design and enjoy LEGO-themed snacks as a perfect holiday season break for all LEGO lovers!

The Library’s weekly LEGO Maniacs Club needs more LEGOs, especially small LEGO people and building bases. For more information, or to make a donation, please call Ginny at 582-2404.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The November Used Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Bozeman Public Library, was a rousing success. Thank you to the many volunteers, Library patrons, community members who donated books, and everyone who helped to make the sale a big hit. The event fosters "recycling" of books in our community and raises funds that are used to support our Library. A whole range of books went out the door, including some special "collectibles" and a mass of children's literature. Stay tuned for the spring sale!

Donations of books, DVDs, music CDs, and audio books are always welcome. These items are sorted, and over 25% are kept for the Library collection. The remainder are sold at the Friends’ books sales.

Please help us by sorting your donations before bringing them to the Library. All items should be in good condition. Please do not bring textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, and music records, as they no longer sell. Remember to pack boxes lightly to make it easier for you to deliver the items. If you have a large amount of items to donate, consider spacing your drop-offs to allow space and staff time to sort the material.

Used books, Library post cards, and book bags continue to be available for sale at Lindley Perk coffee shop. The assortment of used books available for purchase presents a range of gift-giving options for the upcoming holiday season.

FOUNDATION BOARD

The Library Foundation is pleased to welcome new board member Mike McCormick. Mike comes to the board with great experience in the community as a financial advisor for Stifel, Nicolaus and Co., Inc. and a board member of other local nonprofits. He is married with two young daughters.

The Foundation also says goodbye to long-time board members Susan Barbisan, Lindsey Kurz, Daryl Paulson, and Aurene Sinnema. All have served the Foundation and Library admirably during their terms, and their enthusiasm and commitment will be missed. Please join with us in thanking them for their many years of volunteer service. A book for each will placed in the permanent collection in their honor.

FOUNDATION GIFTS

Looking around the Library this month, a few things will catch your eye. Thanks to the Library Foundation, donors, and volunteers, the Library is festively decorated for the holidays both inside and out. Be sure to bring your out-of-town family and guests to show off your community’s decked-out, green Library.

While wandering through the stacks downstairs, you may have noticed rows in the Mystery and DVD sections that were illuminated with new LED lights. These energy efficient lamps will soon brighten all stacks thanks to an agreement by the Library Foundation to fully fund their purchase and installation. Montana’s dark winter months got just a little brighter inside the Library!

SAY THANKS WITH A DONATION TO THE LIBRARY

The Library Foundation has been the recipient of several generous estates and memorials, thanks to the forethought and munificence of donors and families. These gifts have allowed the Foundation to purchase new audio materials, place park benches on the grounds, create the Travis Atkins Memorial Grove, add books, furniture, lights, and art to our collections, and increase the programs and services offered.

Our shared community continues to be charitable to the Library, especially during this difficult economic time, and for that we are all grateful. A library upholds the best of ideals in our
night: blast off with newton cars. at 6:30pm for families and children grades 3 and up.

saturday, january 16: great books discussion group meets to discuss the red badge of courage by stephen crane.

monday, january 25: exploring the arts with “under the blue rose.”

check the library’s website at www.bozemanlibrary.org for details about upcoming library events for all ages.

library closed

the library will be closed on thursday, december 24 for christmas eve and friday, december 25 for christmas day. the library will also be closed on friday, january 1 for new year’s day.