The Foundation seeks to increase and enhance the quality of services, programs, and community events offered, while advocating for private and public support of the Library. In 2009, the Foundation:

- Sponsored the first-ever Children’s Festival of the Arts.
- Hosted the inaugural One Book – One Bozeman community read program with Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder.
- Started “Benches for Booklovers,” providing memorial benches on Library grounds.
- Funded the first Artist in Residence program with local artist Jerolyn Dirks.
- Sponsored the new “Baby Brains: Partnering with Parents” project for infants 0-3.
- Started two new series: Gallatin Valley Exploring the Arts with Kelly Roberti; Jazz & More…with Kelly Roberti; Montana2Go, downloadable audio books; Reading Right from the Start booklets for parents.
- Launched a new web site (www.bozemanlibrary.org).
• The Board of Trustees bid farewell to Al Kesselheim after 12 years as a Library trustee. He served as a library spokesperson and was a dedicated and articulate supporter of the Library. Judy Mathre, longtime Bozeman resident and former City Commissioner, joined the Board in July.

• Outdoor sculptures can be enjoyed along the Library grounds thanks to the Gallatin Art Crossing, which plans to add one piece of public art to its permanent collection each year. The Bozeman Sculpture Park Board is eventually planning to place sculptures along the trail south of the building.

• The Library won a Merit Award in the 2008 Montana American Institute of Architect (AIA) Awards Program. The jury cited the Library’s beautiful detailing, exciting contemporary look, contextual sensitivity, and environmental achievements.

• The Library’s Main Street to Mountains Trail Connection received a 2008 Beautification Award from the City of Bozeman’s Beautification Advisory Board, presented by Mayor Kaaren Jacobson in October.

• A Downtown Portrait Project display of photographs and stories from the March 5 natural gas explosion in downtown Bozeman hung in the Attirum Gallery in May. The project was shot on location the month following the explosion by photographer Ben Pierce.

• Our Library partnered with local museums to offer the free “Check Out a Museum Pass” for Library cardholders to visit the American Computer Museum, the Children’s Museum, the Pioneer Museum, and the Museum of the Rockies.

• A Library survey showed that 95.2% of our patrons were extremely or very satisfied with overall Library services. We encourage patrons to fill out suggestion forms as we value their input.

• We held our first Children’s Festival of the Book in August 2008 with our featured guest, illustrator Paul O. Zelinsky. We had panel discussions, author readings and kids’ activities, all free and open to the public. The Festival was sponsored by the Library Foundation and Humanities Montana.

• Our “Baby Brains” project provided staff training, a public lecture on brain development, and packets for new parents.

• Christmas Stroll activities on December 6 featured holiday music performed by local choirs and young musicians, making homemade cards and ornaments, and decorating sugar cookies baked by Elle’s Belles. The Secret Gift Shop for children ages 3-8 allows children to make small homemade gifts for their family.

• Montana NTRAK, a local model railroading club, set up 10 scale miles of miniature model trains in the Community Room for a weekend at the end of February.

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