As a membership organization, the Friends enrich the Library experience by sponsoring activities and programs, providing volunteer services, and donating gifts. Throughout the new Library, patrons enjoy the fruits of Friends labor. In 2007, the Friends:

- Commissioned local artist Richard Parrish to create a hanging sculpture
- Purchased nine public computers
- Housed a Used Book Shop at the Friends Bookstore in Wild Joe’s Organic Coffee and Tea House, which opened with the new Library
- Held two Used Book Sales, with the Spring sale raising over $10,000
- Sponsored monthly speaker series and a variety of performers
- Hosted monthly music events
- Increased revenue and membership substantially
- Published and distributed monthly newsletter Check It Out

The Library Foundation raises funds, builds capacity, develops community events, and reinforces the importance for continued and increased public support for the Library. In 2007, the Foundation:

- Helped secure funding for debt reduction of the new Library
- Hosted Artist Receptions in the Library Atrium Gallery and funded the very successful Exploring the Arts series
- Dedicated a veranda bench in honor of Wendy Bay Lewis, Foundation Development Director 1998-2006
- Sponsored Children’s and Young Adult programs
- Helped fund the Library landscaping project
- Recognized the generous community support for the capital campaign on the permanently displayed Donor Wall
- Hired full-time Foundation Director, Paula K. Beswick

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TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF A GROWING POPULATION, PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF ADULTS GREW THIS YEAR. ATTENDANCE AT THESE PROGRAMS INCREASED OVER 200 PERCENT IN ONE YEAR’S TIME. SOME HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Bozeman Symphony’s Far Afield String Trio performed
- Through partnership with Montana Center for International Visitors (MCIV), the International Speaker series continued with topical world discussions, including: Iranian cinema, turmoil in the Himalayas, and penguins of the Antarctic
- With MCIV, the Great Decisions program met monthly to discuss current political issues
- A community celebration honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Computer classes conducted by the Bozeman Tech Center and Library staff
- Monthly Library Book Club discussions
- Special programs: Eve Malo on her book "Dynamite Women: the Ten Women Nobel Peace Prize Laureates of the 20th Century"; Vicky York talking about the library scene in Fiji; and John Clayton on "The Cowboy Girl: The Life of Caroline Lockhart"

As the sheer number of kids increased in Gallatin Valley, so did the programs geared towards our younger patrons, including:

- Annual parties celebrating Harry Potter, Dr. Seuss, and Winnie-the-Pooh
- Creative Workshops sponsored by the Library Foundation for 157 kids, ages 7-15, in August 2006
- Teen Read Week in October and Teen Tech Week in March
- “Paws, Claws, Scales, & Tales” summer reading program
- Monthly “Artists From the Schools” program exhibiting children’s artwork
- Traveling Pants young adult program
- Perennial favorites “Books & Babies,” preschool storytimes, Dad’s Night, R.E.A.D. Aloud to a Dog, and Kids’ Book Group

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