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Library Book Groups

★ The Library Book Club meets on Wednesday, January 7 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the Robert Cormier classic, *The Chocolate War*. Published in 1974, the novel tells the story of a high school freshman who discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join the school's annual fund raising drive. All interested readers are welcome to this informal discussion; please call 582-2410 for more information about the Library Book Club.

★ The Albert Gallatin Society for Great Books Discussion Group meets Saturday, January 17 at 10:15 a.m. to discuss *Ulysses* by James Joyce. Local author Valerie Hemingway will lead the discussion. Get reading, it's a long one! For more information, please call 582-2410.

★ The Kids' Book Group will meet on Thursday, January 22 at 4 p.m. to talk about *Saffy's Angel* by Hilary McKay. 13-year-old Saffy comes from an eccentric, artistic family, and she travels to Italy to find a special memento of her past. The Book Group is open to readers ages 8 and up; parents are welcome!

★ The Library will begin a new book group for middle school students ages 11 and up on Thursday, January 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Teen Study Room. Readers can enjoy afterschool snacks and talk about favorite books. Bring your friends and book suggestions to this first meeting to choose titles (and a name for the group!). Questions? Call us at 582-2404.

King Celebration

Bring your friends and family out for an afternoon in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., on Sunday, January 18 starting with a march down Main Street, from the Leaf & Bean to

the Library. Meet at the Leaf & Bean at 1:00 p.m. and walk to the Library, where live music, inspirational speakers, and multimedia will celebrate the vision of Dr. King. The celebration is intended for all ages. Please call Ruth Forrest at 579-7649 if you are interested in participating in the program. The Library will be closed on Monday, January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Great Decisions 2009

The 2009 Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. once a month. The topic for January 22 is "U.S. and Rising Powers" moderated by Debra Wahlberg. In the 21st century some rapidly developing countries have become increasingly influential. Who are these "rising powers"? Will their emergence change the global balance of power? This timely discussion is open to all; you can purchase the 2009 Great Decisions briefing book at the Reference Desk, or check out a copy to read the article prior to the meeting. The series is sponsored by the Montana Center for International Visitors; please call 994-4887 for more information.

NEW! Saturday "Books & Babies"

In response to many requests, the Library will hold a special "Books & Babies" program one Saturday morning each month so that working parents can enjoy an hour of rhymes and play with their infants ages 0-2. The first program will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 10 in the large Community Room. The lobby of the Library will be open, and the program will feature 15-20 minutes of rhymes, songs, and fingerplays followed by

free play and social time until the Library opens at 10 a.m. Future programs will be held on February 7, March 7, April 25 and May 23. The programs are free and open to all parents and caregivers of infants. Join us! Call 582-2404 for more information.

Sunday Movie Matinee

The Library will begin a series of classic family movies for ages six and older starting on Sunday, January 25 at 3 p.m. in the small Conference Room. The first in the series is *Mary Poppins*, the 1964 singing, dancing, and animated story of an unusual nanny to the Banks family, starring Julie Andrews. The film is 140 minutes long. Coming soon:

Sunday, Feb. 22: *Doctor Doolittle* (1967)

Sunday, March 22: *Annie* (1982)

Sunday, April 26: *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* (1969)

Homeschooling in Bozeman

Join us for a panel discussion on Monday, January 26 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room to learn about the benefits and challenges of homeschooling, and find out why more families are choosing this option. Families will share their ideas and methods about educating their children at home. There will be time for questions from the audience. Please call Heleen at 586-1025 for more information.

Library Classes

The Library will be offering computer classes again on Saturdays from 9-10:00 a.m. in the Computer Lab.

Jan. 17: MS Word

Jan. 24: Introduction to Computers Part I

Jan. 31: Introduction to Computers Part II

Feb. 7: Beginning Internet

Feb. 14: Email Part I

Feb. 21: Email Part II

Space is limited so call 582-2410 to reserve a spot.

Kids Chess Club Returns

Elementary and middle school kids, and their parents, are invited to a planning meeting for a revitalized Kids Chess Club to meet at the Library. Please join us with your ideas and energy on Monday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m. in the Teen Study Room. Questions? Call Ginny at 582-2404.

New Art in the Library

Engineers Without Borders, an MSU student-run service group, will be showing "Wells of Hope: Clean Water for Kenyan Communities" – a photo exhibit from Khwisero, Kenya. A group of students traveled to Africa last summer to build wells in impoverished areas of the country's western region to bring safe, accessible drinking water, and healthy sanitary facilities to its communities. Join the Library Foundation and Engineers Without Borders for an opening art reception on Friday, January 23 at 5:30 p.m. There will be a presentation by Ronald Omyonga, a development architect from Nairobi and the director for MSU's project in Kenya. The evening will also feature local African Drummers. All are welcome!

Grants Awarded

The Library Foundation thanks the G.C. Waite Foundation and Beim Foundation for grants to help fund the Creative Workshops program and to expand the *Exploring the Arts* series, respectively. Look for these new, improved programs in 2009!

Foundation Board News

The Library Foundation welcomes Dr. Michael Redburn and Vikki Leuschen to the board of directors. Dr. Redburn brings years of educational experience as the former superintendent of the Bozeman School District and currently as an MSU assistant professor in Educational Leadership. Ms. Leuschen is a small business owner and CPA with prior non-profit board experience. Both bring added skills and expertise to the board. Also, a fond farewell to Joe McCarty who leaves the board after three years of service.

This is Montana Slide Show

Rick and Susie Graetz will return to the Library on Sunday, February 1 to present their "This is Montana" program starting at 3 p.m. in the large Community Room. What makes Montana so special? Through their acclaimed photography, Rick and Susie will show off the beauty and uniqueness of the Montana landscape. The Graetz's are publishers, authors and photographers. Rick is a professor of Geography at the University of Montana. Susie is a Visiting Scholar and Research Professor and is head of UM's International Programs publishing projects.

Art Exhibit Application

The deadline for submitting applications for solo and group art exhibits is January 31, 2009. Each exhibit runs for up to three months in the Atrium Gallery. We are committed to exhibits that will expand the public's appreciation of art as well as reflecting the diversity of the community. An Art Committee consisting of local artists, community members, and Library staff will review the applications. You can find the proposal form at www.bozemanlibrary.org or you can contact Library Director Alice Meister at 582-2401.

Welcome Lindley Perk!

In December the Library's coffee shop received a change in management and a new name. Our friends at Wild Joe's Coffee decided to sell their Library coffee shop business to Lindley Perk. The Friends of the Library, who oversee the space, welcome the new ownership. Please stop in and say hello to Colleen and Tom Johnson at Lindley Perk! Please remember that a portion of all the food, beverage, and gift sales benefits the Library and 100% of the book sales in the shop go to the Library as well. The Lindley Perk is open 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 9:30 - 5 on Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 on Sundays.

Teens Make it Happen

Do you know an awesome teen, or group of teens, who have done something interesting, unusual, or inspirational? Nominate them to present a program about their idea, project, or experience at the Library by calling Ginny Cowan at 582-2404.

Spanish/English Classes

Free Spanish and English language classes will be held at the Library on Saturday afternoons in January. Jose Serrano Herrera will teach Spanish for English speakers and English for Latinos from 2-3 p.m. Classes will be held in the small Conference Room, and are free and open to the public. For more information, please call Jose at 582-0381.

"Chill" Study Break Jan. 18

Teens: finals got you down? Take a study break with your friends at the Library on Sunday, January 18, from 1-5 p.m. As always, computers, Teen Corner booths, the Teen Study Room, and other quiet study areas will be available. Drink discounts for teens will be offered by the Lindley Perk Coffee Shop. And check out the snacks in our small Conference Room!

