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## USED BOOK SALE!

Please mark your calendars: the next Used Book Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be held March 26-28. The members-only sale will be Friday from 4pm-7pm. Anyone may join as a member at the sale. The regular sale will be held on Saturday from 10am to 5pm and Sunday from 10am until noon. The always popular "bag sale"—where remaining books may be stuffed into bags and purchased for \$1 per bag—will follow on Sunday afternoon from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.

The upcoming book sale is a great opportunity to find a wide range of inexpensive and interesting books, as well as some featured "collectible" books. We hope to see you there! For those of you who may be interested in volunteering, please contact Friends' President John Gallagher at 586-8465.

## EXPLORING THE ARTS

*Out of Context*, a Los Angeles-based chamber ensemble, will perform on Monday, March 8 at 7pm in the Community Room. This trio brings out the passion and drama of works including Brahms, Beethoven, Liszt, and Heinrich. They will explore the fascinating world of transcription—how three musicians can perform a work intended for an entire symphony orchestra on only a horn, oboe, and piano. This family-friendly program offers a mix of entertainment and education, sponsored by the Library Foundation. For more information, call 582-2425.

## ART RECEPTION

The public is invited to join the Library Foundation for a reception on Friday, March 5 from 5:30-7:00pm celebrating the opening of *In Praise of Trees*, an exhibit of unique art by Stephen Durbin and Kerry Corcoran. Durbin and Cor-

coran each feel a personal connection to trees, saying "trees possess character." While Corcoran works in printmaking and Durbin in photography, they combine and complement the artwork through their differing approaches, recognizing their common interest in trees. This original show will be on display through May. For more information about the Library exhibit, please call Laura Prindiville at 582-2425.

## REIF LARSEN MARCH 8

Reif Larsen, author of the bestselling *The Selected Works of T.S. Spivet* will speak at 7pm Monday, March 8, at MSU's Strand Union Ballroom A. The talk will be followed by questions and answers and a book signing, and is free and open to the public. Parking is free on campus after 6pm.

Prior to the evening event, Larsen, who teaches writing at Columbia University, will



teach at selected classes on creativity and writing at Bozeman High School, Bridger Alternative School, and MSU University Honors and English classes. The program is sponsored in part by the Library Foundation.

### BOOK GROUPS MEET

★ The title for the March 3 meeting of the **Library Book Club** is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Olive is a retired teacher who deplores the changes in her small town in Maine and the world at large. The novel won the 2010 Pulitzer Prize. The Friends of the Library invites all interested readers to join the Book Club on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. For more information or to pick up a copy of the book, please call 582-2410.

★ On Saturday, March 20, the **Great Books Discussion Group** meets to discuss *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger. The group meets the third Saturday of the month at 10:15am in the Board Room upstairs. For more information, call Neil Lynch at 763-4380.

★ The **Kids' Book Group** meets on Thursday, March 25 at 4pm to talk about *Where the Mountains Meet the Moon* by Grace Lin, a 2010 Newbery Honor Book. The April title will be *The Candy Shop War* by Brandon Mull. All readers age 8 and up (and parents) are invited to join us in the Student Corner. For details, call 582-2404.

### TYGER BY THE TAIL MARCH 24

William Blake's "The Tyger" is one of the most popular poems in English—ever. Come find out why on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Experience Blake: the multimedia artist who was both a poet and painter, not to mention a founder of British Romanticism and a visionary whose works continue to appear as songs on pop radio, as hymns in church on Sundays, and even transformed into slogans for Nike advertising campaigns.

Part of Blake's ongoing fascination for us is that he had "authority issues." He hated being told what to do or what to think, especially by organized religion, or science, or philosophy, or the media, or even his wife. And even though he was highly opinionated, he didn't want to tell us what to do and think either. Instead, he used his art to invite us to wrestle with it, to be confused by it, to be inspired by it—and ultimately, to see our own lives "in high def."

MSU English Professor Marvin Lansverk will present this public program on a fascinating and influential painter/poet. A cookies and coffee reception will begin at 6:30, program at 7, in the Library's large Community Meeting Room. It is made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Friends of Bozeman Public Library, the Montana State University English Department, and the MSU Libraries.

### MODEL TRAINS AT LIBRARY

Montana NTRAK, the popular Bozeman-based N Scale model railroad club, will present a special Twilight Run the evening of Saturday, March 13 from 5-7pm at the Library in celebration of the change-over to Daylight Savings Time. The room lights will be dimmed and the trains will be run, showing interior lights and drumhead tail lights on the passenger trains, the flashing headlights on the locomotives, and the colorful lighting on the layout.

In addition to the Twilight Run, Montana NTRAK will present its layout on Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14 during Library hours. Children accompanied by a parent or guardian will be allowed to run the trains.

### FINAL YOGA CLASSES

Karen Averitt will teach her final "Mom & Baby Yoga" classes on Tuesday, March 2 and March 9 at 11am in the Community Room. The Library Foundation extends great thanks to Karen for volunteering an hour every week for this fun and health-beneficial class. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to teach this worthwhile class once a week, please call Paula at 582-2426. Karen will return again in the fall.

### GREAT DECISIONS

If you are interested in learning about foreign policy, join the Great Decisions Discussion Group this month. The topic for Thursday, March 18 at 7pm is



"Kenya and R2P." Before the discussion, a 20-minute televised segment will be shown at 6:40pm that gives expert opinions about the topic. The 2010 Great Decisions briefing books are for check out or sale, only \$15 at the Reference Desk. For more information, please contact the Montana Center for International Visitors at 994-4887.

### PUPPY DOG TALES

Thinking about getting a puppy? The third program in the series of free programs sponsored by Nancy Tanner of Paws & People will be held on Thursday, March 18 from 6:30-7:45pm. Education, management, training, and relationship are all part of raising a puppy into a good dog with an owner they can trust. You'll get tips for a successful relationship over a lifelong journey. Tell anyone you know with a puppy!

### SCIENCE NIGHT MARCH 23

Will you accept the challenge? Family teams will attempt to launch the greatest payload possible to the ceiling using balloon-powered rockets! Join us on Tuesday, March 23 at 6:30pm in the Community Room for another free Science Night for kids of all ages with parents or other adult. Questions? Call 582-2404.

### LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY

The Library offers free computer classes on Saturdays from 9-10am in the Computer Lab. This month's schedule includes:  
 March 6: **Beginning Email** Set up a free email account and

learn how to send and receive message.

March 13: **Intermediate Email** Set up your address book and try some advanced features.

March 20: **Computer Safety** Learn how to protect yourself and your computer.

March 27: **Beginning MS Word 2007** Introduction to the basic features of Word 2007.

To register for computer classes, please call 582-2410.

### SING WITH YOUR CHILD!

The Library is celebrating Sing With Your Child Month by offering free *Music Together* classes for families with children ages infant to six. These 45-minute classes will take place Friday, March 12 and Friday, March 19, at 10:00 am, Saturday, March 20, at 9:15am, and Wednesday, March 25, and Wednesday, March 31, at 5:15pm. Classes are limited to two classes per family. No previous musical experience is required.

These free family music classes bring families together in a relaxed, musical environment. By emphasizing actual music experiences, rather than concepts, *Music Together* introduces families to the pleasures of making music together instead of passively receiving it through CDs, TV, or online.

Classes will be led by Kate Bryan, certified *Music Together* teacher. Registration is required. There must be at least one adult for every two children attending. Part of the *Artist in Residence* program is sponsored by the Library Foundation in an

effort to bring art and art education—of all forms—into the lives of those living in our community. For more information or to register your family, call the Foundation at 582-2425.

### TAX HELP AVAILABLE

Free tax help is available for low and moderate income individuals through VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) through April 6. Sessions are scheduled every Tuesday 10am-6:30pm in the Small Conference Room. Appointments are required so please call 586-6641 or 587-0305 to schedule or for more information. Forms are available in both English and Spanish, and several of the volunteers are bilingual. Tax forms are not available at the Library, but you can find them on the Library's website or at local tax offices.

### CORNERSTONE EVENT

Save the date for this entertaining fundraiser held on Saturday, April 17. Tickets are \$75 for an evening of authors, live music, delicious food and drinks, and a chance to mingle with other booklovers in the stacks! Call Paula or Laura at 582-2426 to reserve your tickets.

### DR. SEUSS PARTY

The Library's annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Party will be held on Tuesday, March 2 from 4-5pm in the Community Room. Wear crazy socks, get a hairdo at the Crazy Hair Salon, visit the Star-On Machine, and lots more. Thanks to the Phi Beta Pi Sorority for its help!



**CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY MARCH 17**

Irish stories and live fiddle music will be featured for a family celebration on Wednesday, March 17 starting at 10am in the Community Room. Music will be provided by Fiddle Dundee, an all youth Celtic Fiddle dance band. For more information, call the Children's Desk at 582-2404.

**TEEN TECH-A-THON**

Discover the new and maybe undiscovered cool tech stuff available for free at your Public Library! If you are 12-18 years old (grades 6-12) and complete our Teen Tech-a-Thon between March 7 and 21, you can enter a raffle for iTunes gift cards, an iHome iPod dock, or maybe

even an iPod Nano. Besides these prizes, you'll get a chance to try out our Wii, Kindle, Play-aways, Flip camera, downloadable books, and much more. Everyone who enters gets a free hot chocolate from Lindley Perk. The event is part of Teen Tech Week: Learn, Create, Share. For more information, call 582-2404.

**GALLATIN ART CROSSING**

The Gallatin Art Crossing is once again looking for contributions from area artists to help us furnish downtown Bozeman with talent and diversity. Last summer 18 statues were installed in the downtown area, all of which are visible there and at the website [Gallatinartcrossing.com](http://Gallatinartcrossing.com). These pieces were selected by the City of Bozeman

for the Bozeman Beautification award in the outdoor sculpture category. GAC hopes to add at least one piece to the permanent collection each year. This year's installation will be on Friday, June 18 with guided tours and a reception with the artists. We invite you to take a stroll with us to enjoy these unique and eclectic pieces.

**CENSUS CENTER AT LIBRARY**

Beginning Friday, March 19, the Library will be a Census Questionnaire Assistance Center to help people fill out their Census forms. Information about the Census will also be available. For more information, please call the Reference Desk at 582-2410.

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The protagonist of Larsen's bestseller is a 12-year-old genius cartographer and illustrator who hops a train to journey from his home on a ranch in Divide, MT, to Washington, D.C., to accept a prestigious prize at the Smithsonian. According to the storyline, Spivet is nominated for the award by his fictional mentor, the mysterious Dr. Terence Yorn, an MSU entomologist. The scientists at the Smithsonian assume from the quality of his drawings that the brilliant Spivet is a graduate student rather than a lonely kid who makes sense of his world through detailed cartography and charts, maps and graphs. Spivet's story advances beyond the book in an innovative Web site, <http://tsspivet.com>.