

BEYOND THE STACKS: A Newsletter from North Lake County Public Library



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DREAM BIG! FAMILY SUMMER READING PROGRAM THRIVES

Welcome
to our
Newsletter,
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Dream big! The 2012 Family Summer Reading Program (FSRP) at North Lake County Public Library is off to a great start. After five weeks, 850 adults and children are registered. Prizes are on display throughout the library, and the front desk is hopping to keep up with the many excited children and adults taking part.

had rave reviews from parents, teachers, child care workers, and especially kids.

about rockets and electricity, as well as Story Day, Game Day, and Craft Day. There's even been a reading by a local children's author, a puppet show, and, of course, our popular Bug Race is in the works! Get your beetles ready!



Families converged on the library in June to sign up for the annual Family Summer Reading Program.

North Lake County Public library extends grateful thanks to all the businesses, individuals, service groups, and volunteers who help bring this awesome program to our patrons.

Thursday morning programs for school-aged children are also happening! Kids are taking part in fantastic programs



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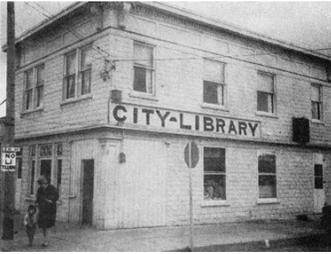
FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OFFERED

Have you ever wanted to learn more about Excel, basic Internet, or Twitter? How about PowerPoint, Google Plus, and MontanaLibrary2Go? Come to the library or give us a call! Our technology training specialist, Mandy Moran, can help.

Classes are scheduled nearly every day, along with one-on-one tutorials which are offered by appointment.. Topics vary in difficulty, but are geared for those with very little computer experience as well as those who are looking to hone their skills.



Our library's technology trainer, Mandy Moran, shows students how to use Facebook.



An early photo of Polson's library brings memories of the old days to many of our patrons. Now 100 years old, the library is moving into its second century.

**Toys at the
Library?
You bet!
Come play
with us!**

100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Did you know? North Lake County Public Library is celebrating its 100th birthday during 2012. Our centennial committee is planning many events to commemorate this special occasion, including parties, displays, visiting authors, a parade entry, and more.

COMING SOON

NEW FIRE ALERT SYSTEM

As a result of a decision by our Board of Trustees and a gracious donation from Mission Valley Security, installation of a new fire alert system will be completed soon. The system will be monitored 24 hours a day.

Library SMARTboard

Thanks to a Ready-to-Learn grant through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and Montana PBS, the library now has a SMARTBoard installed in the meeting room for programming and public use.

PLAY AND LEARN CENTER

Where can you find brightly colored kids' rugs, new books, plenty of educational toys and high-quality wooden blocks? The library's new PLAY AND LEARN CENTER, that's where! Best of all, it's a work in progress, so more components may be

added as funding becomes available. Bring your little ones and join the fun! Everyone is welcome.

Toys have been chosen for their creative play value and to provide meaningful interaction with parents and care-

givers. New books are continually added to the collection, as well.



A young child enjoys storybooks on one of our colorful new rugs.

WHAT IS THE NORTH LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION?

Originally founded and organized in 1988 as the Polson Public Library Memorial Foundation, the Foundation was reorganized in 2011 as the North Lake County Library Foundation.

The Foundation believes the difference between a good library and a great library is community involvement and support. To that end, the mission of the Foundation is to champion the North Lake County Public Library District through advocacy, financial assistance, fundraising

and innovative leadership that benefit our community and promote greater awareness of our Library's valuable resources.

The Foundation supports many valued programs and services offered at the Library, including the Summer Reading Program, Mother Goose Time, Story Time, Friday Flicks, Game Day, and ongoing enhancement of the Library's general collections in all formats. Among the special programs recently sponsored by

the Foundation are author book talks and the June 2012 Lecture Series by Joanna Shelton, titled "America in the World Economy: Can America Compete?" The Foundation looks forward to co-sponsoring activities and events for the 100th Year Celebration of the Library's Birthday.

The North Lake County Library Foundation is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization registered with the IRS and the State of Montana.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT

Friends of the Library invite all readers to join us this fall.

On September 26th, the Wednesday afternoon group (1:00 at the United Methodist Church) will talk about Catherine Chung's Forgotten Country, a novel about immigrant assimilation, honor, and loyalty within a Korean family.

Thursday morning Bookfriends (Sept. 27,

10:00 at the library) will discuss Excellent Women by Barbara Pym, set in postwar England, in which a young spinster relates her shrewd observations about relationships and life with droll British humor.

The Thursday afternoon group (Sept. 27 at 1:00, also at the library) has chosen Luis A. Urrea's The Hummingbird's Daughter,

part history, part fiction, and based on the author's Mexican ancestor who was taught by a Yaqui shaman and became famous for her healing powers.

Our complete 2012-2013 book list brochures are available at the library; we hope to see you in September!

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Bookfriends



LIFE JACKETS FOR CHECKOUT

With Flathead Lake just out our window, we're delighted to offer life jackets for checkout. Thanks to a collaboration with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, we now have nine brand new life vests to fit our youngest patrons. They

are available in three sizes to fit infants under 30 pounds, children 30-50 pounds, and youngsters 50 – 90 pounds.

Certain parameters apply to checkout, of course, but thanks to this new program,

boaters, swimmers, and picnickers by the lake will be safer this summer!



"We're very excited to be able to offer life jackets to our patrons for checkout."

Library Director
Marilyn Trosper

NEW ADDITIONS!

Here are a few of our new books, now on the shelves and ready to check out!

232.9 HAMILTON:
24 Hours that Changed the World

303.62 ALTHER: *Blood Feud*

303.62 RICE: *The Hatfields and the McCoy's*

305.908 CONNOLLY:
Double Take

362.28 REYNOLDS:
Surviving Bill

371.30281 FOX: *Get Organized Without Losing It*

973.7092 O'REILLY:
Killing Lincoln

W PORTIS: *True Grit*

CORNWELL: *Red Mist*

F KING: *The Wind through the Keyhole*

F ROBERTS: *The Witness*

F TOWLER: *Island Light*

M HALL: *Dead Last*

M KELLERMAN: *Gun Games*

MT M JOHNSON: *As the Crow Flies*

YA MELOY: *The Apothecary*



New books are a welcome addition each month!



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The Story Shuttle, newly decorated with our logo and colors, travels throughout the county, bringing books, stories, and library contact to outlying areas.



Eight Oscar-winning movies were shown to the public in our meeting-room-turned-movie-theater. We even bought a theater quality popcorn maker for this and many coming events!

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS @ North Lake County Public Library!

The Greater Polson Community Foundation is now renting office space in one of our atriums. The group was awarded an Orton Family Foundation grant for community improvement, and has been happily using the area as its headquarters.

- “Food for Fines” was held in honor of National Library Week. Four big tubs of canned goods were delivered to our local food pantry, and many pleased patrons saw their fines forgiven.
- A book sale, powered by dedicated volunteers, helped us clean out hundreds of used books.
- Check out our new website, which is up and running at : northlakecountylibrary.org
- Date Night! The movie *Titanic* was shown along with free popcorn, drinks, and candy. More to come!
- Friends of the Library purchased crisp new black vests embroidered with our logo for the library staff.
- The Story Shuttle van now sports our new logo and colors, thanks in part to a grant from the Greater Polson Community Foundation.
- National Volunteer Week was a big event here at the library. It’s a time to show our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated volunteers for the many hours they contribute!



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