



Summer Hours have begun:

Weekdays:

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturdays:

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sundays & holidays:

Closed

Winter hours will
resume September 1,

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*“The Montana State
Library Commission is
honored to recognize
our state’s very best in
library services with
the ELSA,”*

MSL Commission Chair

Richard Quillin

Beyond the Stacks

A Newsletter from North Lake County Public Library



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Fizz! Boom! READ!

Our Family Summer Reading Program Sizzles!

Our popular Family Summer Reading Program is off to a sizzling start! Youth Services Librarian Martell Memmer has created a busy season, filled with reading adventures and incentives for all.

As always, Thursday mornings find the library crowded with eager school-age kids and their caregivers for our weekly program. Participants so far have attended an

Usborne book fair, experienced “Kewl Science” physics demonstrations with Jim Semmelroth, and enjoyed Game Day in the park, with plenty



Kids eagerly line up for a sack race during Game Day at the Park — an annual Family Summer Reading Program activity

of community volunteers to help.

More programs are planned, including an egg drop contest, a volcano-building activity, a puppet show, movie day at the theater, and the hilarious annual Bug Race. At the end of the season, a prize drawing will be held to give away the fabulous prizes that have been collected for lucky winners!

EXCELLENT LIBRARY SERVICE AWARD (courtesy of the Montana State Library)

On April 10th, at the 101st annual Montana Library Association conference in Billings, North Lake County Public Library received the 2014 Excellent Library Service Award (ELSA) from the Montana State Library Commission.

The ELSA recognizes libraries for achieving excellence in serving their communities in areas including collection development, information access, policies, planning and evaluation, fiscal management, board accomplishments continuing education for

staff and trustees, and outreach to the community.

46 libraries of all types – academic, special, public, and school – received the ELSA in 2014.





Attendees watch Silver Linings Playbook during our recent film/discussion series.

FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



"Those with mental illness enrich our lives."

TO COMMEMORATE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

NAMI - Mission Valley
and North Lake County Public Library

present

Minds Matter:
Movies & Discussion on Mental Health

6:30 p.m. each Tuesday in May (schedule below)

Library Meeting Room
#2 First Ave. E., Polson
Refreshments will be served.
Everyone is welcome!

MINDS MATTER: A Film/Discussion Series @ Your Library

NAMI Mission Valley (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and North Lake County Public Library presented a film/discussion series called MINDS MATTER during the month of May, which is National Mental Health Month. The events were free and open to the public.

popular movie portraying an aspect of mental illness was shown in the library meeting room. Following the film, a mental health professional/speaker led a discussion.

Varichak (Montana Department of Health and Human Services), Laurie Johnson, (author of *I Am Laurie*), Julie Fleck, (director of Sunburst Mental Health Service), and Lisa Orr (Sunburst Mental Health Service).

Four films were shown: *The Soloist*, *Silver Linings Playbook*, *As Good As It Gets*, and *Temple Grandin*. Discussion leaders were Vicky

Attendees were enthusiastic about the series and hope to see it repeated next year.

Each Tuesday evening during the month, a

BOOK DONATIONS FOR THE LIBRARY

As you might know, the library accepts donations of previously owned books. We use them to stock our nine Book Nooks, add to the collection, and fill out our annual used book sale. (Proceeds from the book sale are used for collection development.) Please call ahead when donating if you have a large number to give.

There are a few items we cannot accept, including the following:

- Old encyclopedias
- Textbooks of any kind
- Damaged books (dirt, mold, missing pages, water damage, etc.)
- National Geographic magazines

FOOD FOR FINES

The library carried out its traditional "Food for Fines" promotion during National Library Week. We were happy to collect and deliver 69 pounds of canned and dried foods to the Polson Loaves and Fish Food Pantry.



(Autumn Walkup photo)

Neal Lewing, popular singer, songwriter, historian, and performer, gave his highly regarded Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau presentation on two occasions at the library during April.

New to the Collection

As you know, we're constantly putting new items into the collection. Here's a sampling of recently added books:

- F** *Mr. Mercedes* by Stephen King
- 305.26** *Second Wind* by Dr. Bill Thomas
- F** *The Hundred-foot Journey* by Richard Morais

- J 791.84** *The World Famous Miles City Bucking Horse Sale* by Sneed Collard
- 005.446** *Windows 8 & Office 2013 for Dummies* by A. Rathbone & W. Wang
- F** *Let Him Go* by Larry Watson (winner of the 2013 Montana Book Award)
- YA 649.10248** *What to Expect: Baby-sitters Handbook* by Heidi Murkoff

- F** *Power Play* by Danielle Steel
- 004.67** *It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens* by Danah Boyd
- F** *Written in My Own Heart's Blood* by Diana Gabaldon
- M** *Any Other Name* by Craig Johnson



The North Lake County Library Foundation, intent on business.

News from the FRIENDS by Carole Wheat

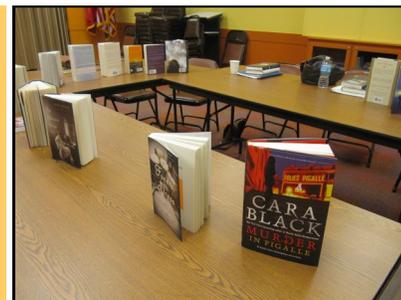
The Friends of the Library held their board meeting on June 13, 2014. The topic of gifts to the library was discussed, and donations were made for adult science-fiction books and new library posters. Money was donated in April to the Summer Reading Program as well.

Members of the

Friends of the Library Board were among those attending the Capital Campaign seminar session on May 7. Plans for widespread library renovation were presented and discussed.

Brochures for the three Bookfriends groups meeting in 2014-2015 will soon be available at the library. Wednesday's

1:00 P.M. group, meeting at the Polson Methodist Church, starts October 24 with "Orphan Train" by Christine Kline, while the Thursday groups at the library's Community Room begin on September 25 with "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher" by Timothy Egan (10:00 A.M.) and "The Housemaid's Daughter" by Barbara Mutch (1:00 P.M.).



A tableful of intriguing books awaits the recent Friends of the Library meeting.



Open House Held for Newly Retired Trustee, Jackie Gran

Retiring library trustee Jackie Gran was honored at an Open House on Thursday, April 24th. Staff, patrons, fellow trustees, and library users gathered in the library atrium to thank her and wish her well.

Jackie, who has served for twelve years in sever-

al positions on the board of trustees, including board chair, was instrumental in spearheading the formation of the North Lake County Public Library District, among other accomplishments. She has been especially appreciated for her exceptional commu-

nication skills, gracious leadership, and deep caring for the library and its staff. Thank you, Jackie!



Gifts from The Friends

Our Friends of the Library group has contributed generously toward the purchase of new items for the collection, among other things. We're very grateful for their support!

iNeed iPad iNstruction

Free technology help is available daily at the library. Just call our full-time tech trainer, Sarah, for an appointment or advice over the phone.

Whether you're looking for the most basic kind of assistance or refining your already good skills, she's ready and willing to help! (406-883-8225)

Did you know? Our Library Offers:

Test Proctoring - Our library offers test proctoring services. Call the circulation desk at 406-883-8225 for information.

Typewriter - Use our electric typewriter onsite to fill out forms or applications, etc.

Vital Statistics Indices - Indices for vital statistics from local newspaper archives are available from 1910 to 1989.

Webcam - The library has a webcam for public in-library use.



Just a reminder: we have life jackets of all sizes to check out to adults over 18 with an active library card. Call us or ask at the circulation desk for more details!



Young library patrons happily enjoy the punch and cake at our recent Open House!

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A model of *The Tardis* from "Doctor Who" was created for the Family Summer Reading Program by staff member Sabrina Nystrom. There's "more than meets the eye" inside!



Library Director Marilyn Trosper addresses a group of trustees, Friends of the Library, and staff, while speakers from LIBRARY STRATEGIES, Sue Hall and Peter Pearson, prepare to offer a training workshop. The trainers helped the group learn the steps involved in a capital campaign for future library renovation.



AND...

Many thanks to departing staff member, Sabrina Nystrom — and happy trails! Also a warm welcome to temporary part-time cataloger, Mary Lou Mires, and a sincere "welcome back" to summer worker Kylee Wegner.

Continuing education events help our staff stay up to date on all aspects of library work. We attend regularly to bring you the best possible service.

Did you know that our nine community Book Nooks have distributed more than 5,000 free books to readers throughout the area so far? Staff member Jery Walker diligently restocks the stations frequently. Feedback from the community has been positive and enthusiastic!



Library staff members are ready to greet honored guests as they arrive for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. From left to right are: Taylor Rost, Sabrina Nystrom, Martel Memmer, Sarah Karasch, and Maclan Burningham.

Thank you, volunteers, for all you do for the library!