



(Kendra Mullison photo)

Game Day at the library is a big hit for kids and adults alike. Come join the fun every other Friday afternoon! On alternate Fridays, free G- or PG-rated movies are shown, always with free treats!

Beyond the Stacks

A Newsletter from North Lake County Public Library



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STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE LIBRARY

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A 13-member Strategic Planning Committee, made up of a cross-section of community members, met in the library meeting room on Saturday, March 21st to discuss the future of the library.

Led by professional facilitator Tracy Cook, the group looked ahead to the needs of the Polson community. Members discussed, among other topics, the

direction the library should take to keep pace with future demands.

Director Marilyn Troser gave the committee a tour of the building and discussed various issues facing the library.

Using the recent report created by Polson's Heart and Soul project as partial groundwork, the group met for five hours to fine-tune its

recommendations. Those recommendations will be used by the library's board of trustees in long-term planning efforts.



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Facilitator Tracy Cook leads the planning session.



The library Board of Trustees holds a discussion at their monthly meeting.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION MAY 5TH

Three candidates have filed for the two vacancies on the North Lake County Public Library Board of Trustees.

The filing deadline was February 19th for the Tuesday,

May 5, 2015, election.

Those who have filed are incumbent trustees Allen Bone and Bruce Harrop, along with new candidate Holly Wurl.

Terms are for four

years.

All library supporters are urged to turn out for this important election.





Purple crocus in our garden announce that spring is here!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR “HOME , HOME ON THE RANCH”

“Home, Home on the Ranch” is the theme of a free program to be presented in our meeting room on Weds. April 29th at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and refreshments will be served.

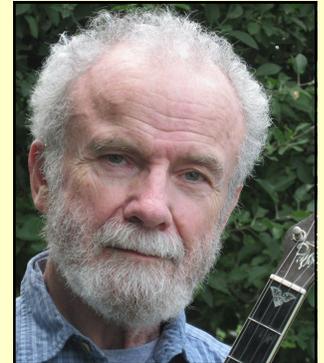
Humanities Montana speaker Bill Rossiter of Kalispell will tell of the “values, experiences, humor and tragedies

unique to building a life in the rural West.”

He accompanies his stories — some serious, some funny, some seriously funny, he says — on guitar, banjo, autoharp, and harmonica.

Bill is a retired chair of the Humanities Department at Flathead Valley Community College and a recent recipient of the

Governor’s Humanities Award.



Partial funding for this Speakers Bureau program is provided by a legislative grant from Montana’s Cultural Trust and from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

New Junior Poetry Books

J 808.11 SIDMAN
Winter Bees

J 808.11 SINGER
Mirror, Mirror

J 808.11 SCHMIDT
Loose Leashes

J 808.11 DYLAN
Man Gave Names to All the Animals

LEGAL KIOSK TO BE MANNED

Take advantage of the new service available in conjunction with our legal kiosk! The kiosk is a computer station placed at the library by the Montana Legal Services Association. It is dedicated to legal self help and research.

Beginning in April, the kiosk will be manned one day a month by Ameri-Corps

volunteer, Zach Tkachyk. He will travel to Polson to meet with anyone needing help finding information and resources. Zach is not an attorney and cannot give legal advice, but he is trained to assist. He will demonstrate ways to complete self-help forms and connect people with

helpful online or published resources. Topics include family law, crisis intervention, senior services, landlord/tenant issues, bankruptcy, disability services, basic needs, or debt collection.

Zach will be here the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the study room housing the legal kiosk.

A NEW STORY SHUTTLE FOR THE LIBRARY

Our new Story Shuttle is out and about, delivering books, fairytales, and much more!

The Library Board of Trustees agreed that our very old van had seen better days. They authorized the purchase of a small Ford Transit van, a dependable and sure-

footed vehicle to take its place.

With a colorful vehicle wrap created by graphic designer Daniel Smith and applied by Sign Pro, the new shuttle is eye-catching —and already in high use. It serves as an outreach vehicle for Youth Services Librarian

Kendra Mullison on her many “story stops” at child care facilities, and for Jerry Walker as she monitors and restocks the nine popular Book Nooks around town.

We’re grateful for the new wheels and the many outreach opportunities it provides!



The new Story Shuttle!

News from FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY by Carole Wheat

Our Bookfriends' schedule is winding down for the year, but there is still time to join us for some good book discussions.

The Wednesday afternoon group (1:00 P.M.) at the Methodist Church will hold its last meeting of the season on April 22 to discuss the Nobel Prize-winning novel, "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel

Garcia Marquez.

A book of historical fiction set in South Africa, "The Housemaid's Daughter" by Barbara Mutch, will be discussed at the library on April 23 (10:00 A.M.) by the Thursday Morning Bookfriends.

Also on April 23 at the library (1:00 P.M.), the Thursday Afternoon Bookfriends will review

Anna Quindlen's "Still Life With Bread Crumbs", a fictional tale about appreciating life with all its imperfections and complexities. This group will also meet on May 28 to discuss "Under the Wide and Starry Sky", a novel of historical fiction about Robert Louis Stevenson and his wife Fanny, written by Nancy Horan.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Library for their generous donations to the library's collections. This year, some of their monies are earmarked for electronic subscriptions and streaming opportunities. We are now adding these enhanced services!

FREE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Free Technology classes are offered at the library each month.

Topics have included Facebook basics, photo-editing, Kindles, Nooks, iPads, and introductory sessions on Internet use and Microsoft Word. Space is limited, so registration is required.

April's class schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, April 1
1:00 pm—2:30 pm
iPad Basics

Thursday, April 4
10:30 am—11:30 am
Creating an Account and Using Gmail

Tuesday, April 14
11:00 am—12:00 pm
Computer Basics: Using Files and Folders

Wednesday, April 22
11:00 am—12:30 pm
Up in the Air: What is the Cloud, and How do I Use it?

Saturday, April 25
2:00pm—3:30pm
Computer Basics: Microsoft Word

Our technology trainer also offers one-on-one tutorials. For an appointment, call the circulation desk at 406-883-8225.

"So much universe, and so little time."

Author Terry Pratchett, author of more than 70 novels, who died March 12, 2015.

OTHER LIBRARY NEWS

INTRODUCING FREEGAL!

Go to our library's homepage to try *Freegal*, a new service available with your active library card. Freegal allows you to stream movies and download music (more than seven million selections). It's all free

and simple to use, even for beginners.

This service is the result of a generous gift from the Polson Friends of the Library.



Food for Fines

Don't let overdue fines stop you from reading your next book. The library's annual Food for Fines week is coming April 13-18. Bring in a food donation and we will wipe the slate clean! This applies to any of your overdue (but not lost or damaged) items!



Music was the theme of a recent Story Time session. Here, Youth Services Librarian Kendra Mullison and Library Assistant Maclan Burningham present musical stories to a group of eager participants.



Our annual Adopt-a-Book was a success! During the months of February and March, library supporters “adopted” beautiful hardback children’s books and added them to our collection in honor of a loved one.

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Saturday: 11 am to 4 pm

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**Coming Up Soon: National Library Week,
National Volunteer Week, and our fabulous
Family Summer Reading Program.
Stay tuned!**



Local U. S. Marine Corps veterans Chuck Lewis and Tomy Parker offered a free evening presentation on Weds., March 4th. They focused their talk on the book “The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien. The highly acclaimed work of fiction is about a platoon of Americans in Vietnam during the war. Many thanks to these two veterans for sharing their experiences with us all.

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

Library Puzzle

What wonderful new outreach service will be unveiled on April 13th at the library?

Hint: Think books, books, books — and amazing hand-painted places to house them — maybe in your neighborhood! (Look for another hint hidden somewhere within this newsletter!)

Making Plans for Summer Reading

Our very popular Family Summer Reading Program is in the planning stages!

This year’s themes will be *Every Hero has a Story* (for kids), *Unmask* (teens), and *Escape the Ordinary* (adults). The fun begins in early June! Watch for details.

A Few of the Library’s Resources:

- Explore the immense Ebsco databases linked to our website’s RESEARCH page.
- Use Homework Montana with its free tutoring! Find the link on our home page.
- Download the BookMyne App for your Apple iOS and Android devices to access North Lake County Public Library on the go.
- Find us on Facebook!