



Our traditional Forgiveness of Fines took place during National Library Week. Patrons brought in a total of 112 pounds of nonperishables to donate to the Polson Loaves and Fish Food Pantry, while clearing their cards of overdue fines. It was a win-win project, and the Pantry was grateful for the windfall!

### A Warm Welcome to New Assistant Director

A new position has been created on the library staff, that of assistant director. Please join us in welcoming Polson native Abbi Dooley to the job!



# Beyond the Stacks

## A Newsletter from North Lake County Public Library



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### April Events (see also page 2!)

Several big events took place at the library during April. Our photos tell the story!



Humanities Montana presenter, Mary Jane Bradbury performed in our meeting room on April 14th.



New staff member Abbi Dooley hosted a workshop on April 26th about financial fraud and money-smart techniques.



Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on April 14th honored many of our faithful supporters.

### Coming Soon!

Montana author Russell Rowland will give a book reading/signing in the library meeting room on **Monday, May 23rd**. He will present his new work, *Fifty-Six Counties: A Montana Journey*. Russell is also the

author of three highly acclaimed novels set in Montana, as well as co-editor of *West of 98: Living and Writing in the New American West*. He lives in Billings.

Please join us at 4:00 p.m. on the 23rd for this event!

### On Your Mark, Get Set, Go Wild!

Keep your eyes and ears open; the Family Summer Reading Program will begin **Monday, June 6th**.

More about this popular program soon.

## Continuing Education

In our quest for more education, and to stay in touch with cutting edge library practices and issues, the staff was privileged to be able to attend two recent library conventions.

During the first week of April, Marilyn Trosper flew to the Public Library Association convention in Denver, while the rest of the staff took turns attending portions of the Montana Library Association conference in Missoula.

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*"As we traveled around the U.S. reporting on the revival of towns and cities, we always made the local library an early stop. We'd hit the newspaper offices, the chamber of commerce, city hall, and Main Street for an introduction to the economics, politics, and stresses of a town. The visit to the public library revealed its heart and soul."*

From "The Library Card" by Deborah Fallows in the March 2016 issue of *The Atlantic*

## Four more Little Free Libraries

During National Library Week, our library "unveiled" four new Little Free Libraries for the Polson area. They will join the earlier four set in place last year.

Based on the "Take a Book, Leave a Book" concept, the Little Free Libraries will be filled with great reading material for all ages. To get them ready for service, the original bare wooden boxes were hand-painted by local artists LouAnne Krantz, Edna and Mike Lemm, and Jim Nesladek; stipends for the work were contributed by the North Lake County Library Foundation. Once in place, each Little Free Library will have a volunteer caretaker to oversee it and keep it stocked. This year's units are earmarked for Boettcher Park, LaBella Lane, Mission Bay, and Sunrise Drive.

