



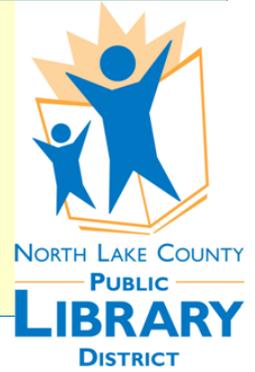
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Well-known Polson author Gary J. Cook also spoke and read from one of his novels.

# Beyond the Stacks

## A Newsletter from North Lake County Public Library



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### MONTANA AUTHORS @ THE LIBRARY

Three award-winning Montana authors presented a book reading and signing at the library on July 26th.

Beth Hunter McHugh read from her debut novel, *The Actor*, which won the 2015 Meadowlark Award. Her novel takes place in the late 1960s in a Montana university town.

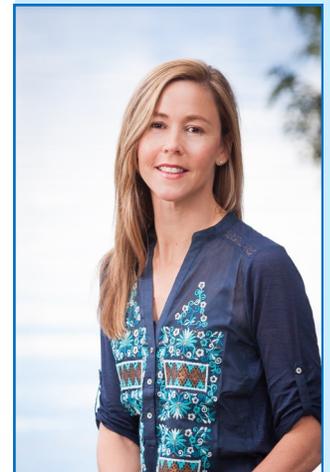
Polson writer Gary J. Cook, author of *Blood Trail*, (later revised and re-released as *Lone-walker*) and *A Murder of*

*Wolves*, spoke of his experiences as a former U. S. combat Marine and sheriff's deputy, which form the basis of his acclaimed works. He read from *Lonewalker*.

Christine Carbo read from her compelling new book, *Mortal Fall*, a mystery that takes place in Glacier National Park. Her popular first novel, *The Wild Inside*, was also available for sale.

After the readings,

all three authors signed their books and mingled with the audience over refreshments.



Montana suspense writer Christine Carbo added her reading to the event.



### The Library at the CHERRY FESTIVAL 2016



Our booth at Polson's Cherry Festival was a big success. Here, Angela Claver oversees the coloring contest and greets interested passers-by. (Abbi Dooley photo)

Staff members Abbi Dooley, Kendra Mullison, Angela Claver, Heather Miles, Julie Wenner, and Taylor Rost, along with foundation board member Bob Bushnell, represented the library at the Cherry Festival on July 16-17.

Hundreds of visitors stopped by the booth.

Both kids and adults took part in the coloring contests, vying for the cherry-themed prize baskets. Others picked up literature, chatted with the staff, and took a library survey.

We hope to take part again next year!



Happy winners of the teen and children's coloring contests accept their prizes at the library.



A warm welcome to Heather, our new technology specialist! Heather is available for free one-on-one tutorials and can answer those puzzling questions about your electronic devices. Later on, she'll offer classes on various technology topics, too. Call 406-883-8225 for information or to make an appointment!

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### LIBRARY FOOD DRIVE—AUGUST 1-6

The library will hold a food drive August 1-6 to celebrate the success of the 2016 Family Summer Reading Program. Each canned or nonperishable item brought in will reduce your overdue fines by \$1. (If you don't have a fine, feel free to donate anyway!) Please note that forgiveness of fines does not apply to lost or damaged items. All food will go to the Polson Loaves and Fish Food Pantry.



### Family Summer Reading Program

It's been a summer of fun for kids and adults taking part in the annual Family Summer Reading Program!

The program will end on August 11th with the final prize drawing, ice cream social, and complimentary HAPPY HIPPO rides for those who have finished all 8 levels of their reading log. Rides are courtesy of Bob Ricketts at Three Dog Down.



The program's 31st annual Bug Race was enjoyed by all! Many thanks to Master of Ceremonies Chris McElwee (below, right) and the volunteer judges for their help!



### FREE Services You Might Not Know We Offer

**Did you know? The library has:**

- E-Books and digital audiobooks for checkout from MontanaLibrary2Go
- Music CD checkout
- Programs for adults
- Programs for children
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