

Friends of the Lewistown Public Library NEWSLETTER

July August 2014



Around the Library

Read at the Park - Friday July 11 - Join us!



In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, the Library will host a "Read at the Park" event on July 11 at 6:30 pm at Frank Day City Park. All ages and families are encouraged to come whether or not you are signed up for the Summer Reading Program. Fun activities are planned!

"Make An Offer" Book Sale July 4 at Book Station

A "Make an Offer" Book Sale will be held Friday on the Fourth of July instead of our usual first Saturday of the month from 9:00 am til 2:00pm. The Friends will be offering a variety of books for sale outside the Book Station and you will get to decide what they're worth to you. We'll also have some special and unique books for sale under the "Big Top" where Jim Dullenty and Floss Kettering will be determining the merits of your offers. For these special books, no reasonable offer will be refused. The Friends are hoping that the festive spirit Fourth of July celebrations generates will translate into lots of shoppers with generous hearts making wonderful offers because they know that the money will all go to our Lewistown Public Library, helping it be the very best that it can be. Be sure to stop at the Book Station part of your Fourth of July celebrations!

May & June Book Sale Results

A little rain, a little snow....no big deal!! Shoppers were out in force, and we made \$692.70. Thanks to all book sorters! We had a smaller crew this time, but The Book Station looked great for the sale! Also, a little bird told me that Jim Hanson swept the entire parking lot. Thank you, Jim! On sale day Neil and Donna Philip worked the early shift; Blanche Chapman and Chris Montgomery took over at 11:30. Thanks, everyone! We made \$514.00 at our June sale featuring paperbacks for summer reading. Thanks to Louise & Tony Gies for working the morning shift, to Joyce Swanz & Kathleen Woodward for the late shift and to book sorters.

Pete Fromm a Hit at Author Dinner in May

Pete Fromm spoke on May 14 to a sold out crowd at the Elks Club as the guest for the Lewistown Public Library Author Dinner. Fromm read from his memoir, Indian Creek Chronicles and talked with humor and wit about telling stories and how he became a Montana author. The silent auction was back again, and a special thank you goes to all those who donated items as well as the Lewistown Public Library Board of Trustees for all their work to make the night such a success. Over \$5000 was raised through this fundraiser and all proceeds go towards the Lewistown Public Library's Books and Materials Collection. The event was sponsored this year by Hi-Heat Industries and the Friends of the Lewistown Public Library. Watch in future newsletters for the announcement of next year's author for Spring 2015.

Calendar

July



4 Fri 9am-2pm. "MAKE AN OFFER" Book Sale at the Book Station.

10 Thurs 2pm. Library Board Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.

11 Fri 6:30pm "Read at the Park" Event. Frank Day City Park. FREE.

August

1 Fri 12:30pm Friends of the Library Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room

2 Sat 9am-2pm Book Sale at Book Station.

14 Thurs 2pm. Library Board Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.

21 Thurs 6:00pm Reception and Pie Social, featuring exhibit "Leading the way: Montana Woman Suffrage & the Struggle for Equal Citizenship". Part of Culture Night Series. Upstairs Meeting Room.

Friends of the Library will NOT meet Friday July 11, but will meet as scheduled Friday, Aug 1 from 12:30 - 2pm in the Upstairs Meeting Room.

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From the President

Dear Friends,

This is the first FOL newsletter since our May elections and here are the results: everybody was reelected! So I will continue as president, Donna Phillip as VP, Joyce Swanz as secretary and Tony Gies as treasurer. Thanks to our officers for agreeing to serve for two more years; know what a commitment you're making. Here's the rest of the story though, it also means two more years of letters from me.



Ever since I was first elected as president, and this is the start of my fourth two-year term, I've worried that the day would come when we'd run out of books. Well the Central Montana community continues to amaze me with their incredible support and generosity because we're still receiving great donations for our monthly book sales. And I have to repeat myself by reminding all our great supporters that all our money goes directly to the Lewistown Public Library to help it be the very best that it can be.

I think that with your help, the Friends are meeting their objective because our Lewistown Public Library is awesome! We have a friendly, creative, hard working, well-informed Library Director and staff who keep our Library busy with activity and programs as well as ensuring that there's lots of good reads in a variety of formats. We can all be so proud and grateful that we have the Lewistown Public Library as the heart of the Central Montana Community. Take a minute to pat yourselves on the back for all your hard work and support for the Friends of the Library because we're part of the reason that Lewistown has this tremendous resource right on Main Street available to all of us and then take a deep breath and remember that we still have lots of work to do keeping our Book Station ready and organized for our monthly sales.

To paraphrase my son-in-law who is fond of saying "happy wife, happy life" happy Library, happy Lewistown!

Marie Anderson

President, Friends of the Library

Summer "Beach Read" Picks

Anonymous reviewers suggest easy summer reads.

A Hundred Summers by Beatriz Williams

Great summer read: a story of a woman dealing with an old betrayal by a friend, and losing herself in the comforting rituals of summer as she stays at the family vacation home at Seaview, RI. The plot follows the actual historical event of the 1938 Hurricane hitting Rhode Island, and there are lots of intriguing family secrets, a relatable heroine and a fabulous love story.



Still Life with Bread Crumbs by Anna Quindlen. The author has penned several wonderful, serious books (*Black and Blue*, *The One True Thing*) - this is her newest & the lightest I've read. The book's protagonist, well known NY photographer Rebecca Winter, experiences a financial shortfall, sublets her NYC apartment & moves to a country cabin to make ends meet. The ensuing events, as she adjusts to life in the country and including a romantic interest, make this a comfortable and humorous summer page-turner.

Divergent by Veronica Roth. Do you have a young adult in your life you'd like to connect with? Adult readers often forget that there's a wonderful world of young adult literature and that reading a teen title and the ensuing discussion can help bridge the age gap. I just read the *Divergent* series by Veronica Roth because my granddaughter asked me to. Although reminiscent of the *Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins, the ending is a surprise and there's lots of action and an innocent romance in the story line. In fact after reading the first book, I was rather compelled to finish the series. It meant a lot to my granddaughter that I would read some titles she recommended.

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Summer Reading Program Update

The Summer Reading Program at the Library is off to a great start! After a busy registration during the week of June, participants have been attending the activities and reading in order to qualify for fun prizes. At the time of this writing, over 300 kids have signed up and over 150 adults. Themes this year are "Fizz, Boom, Read" for the youth 6th grade and younger, "Spark a Reaction" for youth 7th – 12 grade, and "Literary Elements" for adults. Back by popular demand is the scavenger hunt for all ages!



People do not have to participate every week if they so choose, and can sign up at any time during the summer through August 2. Thanks to our many sponsors, including the Friends of the Library, who make this program so special! If you haven't had a chance to learn about the program or sign up, please visit the library.

Friends of the Library Elect Officers

Friends of the Library held officer elections at the May 2 meeting. Here are the results: Marie Anderson will continue as president, Donna Phillip as VP, Joyce Swanz as secretary and Tony Gies as treasurer. Thanks to all our officers for agreeing to serve for two more years. Your commitment is appreciated!

Tips on Starting Your New Book Club

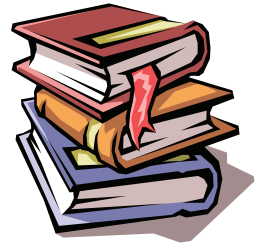
I was a member of a book club for 10 years, before I moved to Montana. The book club is still going. Here's what we did to make our club successful:

1. **Set group size.** 8-10 members offered good opportunity for all to contribute but big enough for good discussion if some couldn't attend.
2. **Set a regular meeting time and stick to it.** Most clubs meet once a month, for example 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday.
3. **Pick a venue.** We rotated hosting meetings in our homes, The hostess served food/drink. Coffee shops, cafes or the Library's Upstairs Meeting Room also work well: centrally located + no need to clean or serve food.
4. **Keep communication simple.** Many clubs send out an email of book, meeting place & any changes. We all make sure to RSVP.
5. **Select 6 months of books at once.** With the advance notice, members liked being able to get an early start on bigger books.
6. **Select a good book mix.** Fiction & nonfiction, dense & light, long & short provides something for everybody.
7. **Designate a discussion facilitator.** We used the person that suggested the book.
8. **Start book discussion within 15 minutes.** That gave us time to catch up before we got "down to business".
9. **The Best Part:** You could come to book club even if you didn't read the book.

It was a great book club, we were best of friends and I miss it. Try it, you'll like it! *Laurie Lohrer*



Summer New Book Sampler



New Fiction:

All Fall Down – Jennifer Weiner
Bird Box – Josh Malerman
Cavendon Hall – Barbara Taylor Bradford
China Dolls – Lisa See
Euphoria – Lily King
A Family Affair – Fern Michaels
Four Friends – Robyn Carr
The Kill Switch – James Rollins
The Kraken Project – Douglas Preston
Mrs. Lincoln's Rival – Jennifer Chiaverini
Murder of Crows – Anne Bishop
Sniper's Honor – Stephen Hunter

New Non Fiction:

Hard Choices – Hillary Rodham Clinton
Mac Basics in easy steps (revised) – Drew Provan
Made Men: Mafia Culture.... – Antonio Nicaso
Montana Then and Now – Aaron Parrett
One Nation: what we all can do to save America's Future – Ben Carson, MD
Phake: Deadly world of Falsified & Substandard Medicines – Roger Bate
Queen Victoria: life of Contradictions – Matthew Dennison

New DVD's:

All Creatures Great and Small – complete set
The Bletchley Circle – season 2
Burlesque
Call the Midwife – season 3
Crying Wolf : exposing the wolf reintroduction to Yellowstone
Fever Pitch
Memoirs of a Geisha
Mr. Selfridge – seasons 1 & 2
19 Kids & Counting – season 5
127 Hours
Prehistoric Planet
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Join us for a Culture Night Reception and Pie Social

Featuring the exhibit **“Leading the Way - Montana Suffrage and the Struggle for Equal Citizenship”**. This traveling exhibit uses historic photographs, archival documents and other rare materials to highlight Montana Women’s roles in fulfilling the promise of democracy in the United State. The event is the second in our Culture Night Series.



6:00 pm Thursday, August 21 at Upstairs Meeting Room