

Friends of the Lewistown Public Library NEWSLETTER



January/February 2015

What the Friends accomplished in 2014 - we rock!

When folks ask what Friends of the Library do we sometimes focus on our work days and book sales. But what we really do is help our library.

Here's a reminder of what Friends of the Library did in 2014:

- Finished paying for "painting out the pink" on the Library's exterior.
- Bought the two new chairs for the Library's Adult Fiction area.
- Supplied, prepared & served food for January Chili Bowl.
- Helped with the expenses of the Spring Author Dinner.
- Supported the Library's Summer Reading Program.
- Helped pay for Spanish program for the preschool reading bunch.
- Brought the Fall Montana Repertory Theater to our library.
- Sponsored the guest speakers and programs at the Library that the community enjoys for free.
- Donated cash to the swimming pool as commitment to community.
- Completed Book Station upgrades.

In 2015, we'll pay for the next step in Library maintenance by installing new energy efficient historical accurate windows in original part of library.

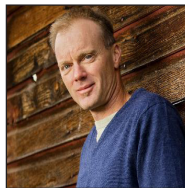
Wow...we've been busy and that's why we'd like you to join us as members in the Friends of the Library...so that you can share in the satisfaction of helping the Lewistown Public Library be the best it can be!

Renew your membership or join today! Write your check to Friends of the Lewistown Library. Use membership form (right). Mail or drop by Library.

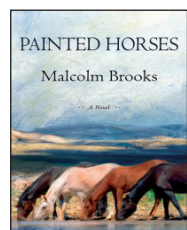
Renew or join today and support your library!

2015 Author Dinner to feature Malcolm Brooks

The Lewistown Public Library is pleased to announce Malcolm Brooks as the guest speaker for the 2015 Annual Author Dinner. Brooks' debut novel, *Painted Horses*, has received starred reviews and was awarded the Fall 2014 Barnes and Novel Discover Great New Writers selection, the 2014 National Reading Group Month Selection, and is #22 on Amazon's 100 Best Books of 2014. Set in the mid-1950s in Montana, *Painted Horses* is reminiscent of the work of Wallace Stegner and Thomas McGuane.



The novel sends a dauntless young woman on a heroic quest, sings a love song to the horseman's vanishing way of life, and reminds us that love and ambition, tradition and the future often make strange bedfellows.



Malcolm Brooks was raised in the foothills of the California Sierras, where Gold Rush and Native American artifacts still abound. A carpenter by trade, he has lived in Montana for 20 years. His writing has appeared in *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Outside*, *Sports Afield* and *Montana Quarterly* and among others.

The 5th Annual Author Dinner will be Wednesday, May 20 at the Elk's Club. The evening features a catered dinner, a silent auction and time to visit and listen to Malcolm Brooks. Tickets go on sale April 1, available at the Library or from any Library Board Trustee. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Save the date and we look forward to seeing you this spring!

Friends of the Library Membership Form. Renew or join by January 31.

**Yes, I'd like to become a Friend of the
Lewistown Public Library.**

___ Annual Basic Membership.... \$ 5

___ Easy Reader Membership.... \$10

___ Literacy Lover Membership...\$15

___ Bibliophile Membership..... \$20

___ True Connoisseur..... \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

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Please make checks payable to:

Friends of the Lewistown Public Library.

Mail your check & this form to:

Friends of the Lewistown Public Library,
701 W Main Street,
Lewistown MT 59457

**Or drop off your membership donation
at: Lewistown Public Library**

Thank You!

From the President

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year! The Friends of the Library and others have received concerns about our change in meeting times. So we're going to try something else to alleviate these concerns. Our new attempt to eliminate any confusion is this: we'll sort books on the Tuesday and Thursday before our monthly book sale at our usual time of 10:00 at the Book Station. Then at 12:30 on the working Thursday we'll have the Friends monthly meeting. That way we'll have a good crew to sort books, plus good attendance at our monthly meeting. Friends are welcome to bring their lunches if so inclined.



However, because there are details to work out for the Chili Quiz Bowl and Winter Fair Book Sale, the January Friends meeting will be **Thurs Jan 8th at 12:30 and we'll provide the pizza.** As you know it takes a bit of coordination to put on another great Chili Bowl (get the food ready, transported to Jack's Hanger and then to clean up) and a two day Winter Fair Book sale, so mark January 8th on your calendar and join us in getting things organized for these two great events!

Next on my list is that its time to renew your membership in the Friends. We set aside the whole month of January for membership renewal and for \$5.00 a person it's the best deal in town. You get to help the Library and we have so much fun working together that it's a great price for a whole year's worth of entertainment. Please spread the word!

We're not going to have a January 3rd book sale because of the holidays. However to compensate we'll keep the Book Station open both Friday and Saturday (9am-2pm January 30th and 31st) during Winter Fair. We'll follow past practices and skip the February sale because there's only a week between Winter Fair and February 7th.

That's lots to take in but I know you're up to it! I hope that 2015 brings great things your way.

Marie Anderson

Marie Anderson, President, Friends of the Lewistown Library

Winter New Books & DVD's

New FICTION

All the Birds, Singing – Evie Wyld
The Cavalier of Rabbit Butte – Robert J. Horton
Cold Cold Heart – Tami Hoag
Cold Hands - Kathryn R. Stahl
Dark – Lorrie Moore
Deadline: a Virgil Flowers novel - John Sandford
Full Force and Effect – Tom Clancy
Insatiable Appetites – Stuart Woods
The Marco Effect – Jussi Adler-Olsen
The Narrow Road to the Deep North – Richard Flanagan
The Outcast - Jolina Petersheim
Private Vegas – James Patterson
The Revival - Stephen King
Song of the Shank – Jeffery Allen
To hell or the Pecos – Patrick Dearen
Willow Basin – Peter Dawson
Wyoming Trails – Lauran Paine

New NON FICTION

Confederates in the Montana Territory-Ken Robison
Stalin: The Court of the Red Tsar-Simon Sebag Montefiore
Blackfeet Tales of Glacier National Park-James Willard Schultz
Fully Alive: Discovering What Matters Most-Timothy Shriver

Chasers of the Light: Poems from the Typewriter Series-Tyler Knott Gregson
How to Read the American West-William Wyckoff
Cowgirl Up: A History of Rodeoing Women-Heidi Thomas
Lives in Ruins: Archaeologists and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble-Marilyn Johnson
Origami: Cars, Boats, Trains, and More-Mari Ono
Mint Juleps with Teddy Roosevelt: The Complete History of Presidential Drinking-Mark Weber

DVD's

The Roosevelts: An Intimate History
The First World War: The Complete Series
The Inner Circle
Sleepy Hollow-season 1
Star Trek: Into darkness
Super 8
Transformers
Where do we go now?

****Denotes NY Times Bestsellers

Go to www.lewistownlibrary.org click on "Catalog" and then on the words "New Arrivals" for a complete listing of new items in the library.

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Membership

Please support The Friends of the Lewistown Library, with your tax deductible membership of just \$5 at www.lewistownlibrary.org.

Become a Member!

To join, pick up a membership form at the library or online at www.lewistownlibrary.org.

Join Us!

Around the Library

“Library Connect” Open House - January 15, 2015

Join the Library Staff on January 15, 2015 for an Open House launching the new virtual service, “Library Connect”. The Library’s website will now feature a way to virtually contact a librarian to gain reader’s advisory or information on certain genres. Your well-read and diverse librarians will be ready to converse with you personally or via e-mail to construct a list of books to read or to alert you of new books in an area that you most enjoy reading about. Check out the web site today at www.lewistownlibrary.org and click on the Library Connect button on the home page. You will be transported to a plethora of information about reading materials brought to you by your very own Lewistown Public Library librarians! Then, on January 15, 2015 from 4-6 p.m., the library staff will host an open house in the public computer area of the library to visit and inform patrons about this new and fun service. Food and “Your Next Book” fortune-telling will also be part of the evening - so don’t miss it!

Irish Culture Night March 12 - Save the Date!

Once again the Lewistown Public Library will be hosting a Culture Night in the Upstairs Meeting Room of the Library. On March 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. it will be all about the Irish and the country of Ireland. Whether you are Irish or not this culture event will be a fun get together of food, drink, music, culture and history of the Irish world. Interested in helping with Irish Culture Night? Contact Dan Bell at the Library.



Late Fall Book Sale Results

We harvested a nice profit of \$634.75 from our November book sale. Thanks to all our faithful book sorters and to sale workers Marie Anderson, Jacque Rollyson, Neil and Donna Philip.

The December book sale generated \$683.90 from shoppers stocking up on holiday gifts and reading material for the winter ahead. Thanks to our book sorters and sale workers Tony & Louise Gies, Jacque Rollyson & Donna Philip.

Librarian Dan Bell’s Favorite Non-Fiction

During long winter nights, why not lose yourself in a good nonfiction book? The first one I wholeheartedly recommend is Dan Jones’ *The Plantagenets: The Warrior Kings and Queens Who Made England*. The book serves as an exhaustive tour of the Middle Ages, chronicling court intrigue, murder, jousting tournaments, the Crusades, the Black Death and internecine feuds pitting father against son, husband against wife. It is a 500 page narrative history, but you’ll be rewarded with a veritable “game of thrones”.

Next up is *Pocahontas and the Powhatan Dilemma* by Camilla Townsend, a professional historian’s revision of the traditional story. You know it well if you have seen the Disney movie, Terrence Malick’s *The New World* or survived a 7th grade social studies class similar to mine. Townsend continuously explodes many of the myths surrounding Pocahontas, instead relying on documentary and contemporary evidence to reveal the young woman’s life. Perhaps the only place the author loses her scholarly cool is in the portrayal of John Smith, which turns out to be a highly entertaining treatment of the adventurer.

Another good nonfiction read is *A Commonwealth of Thieves: The Improbable Birth of Australia* by Thomas Keneally. Probably best known for his novel *Schindler’s List*, Keneally applies first-rate prose to the founding of his native land, in the process elucidating eighteenth-century colonization, criminal theory and European-Aboriginal relations. He also details an ill-fated escape attempt made by Irish-speaking convicts who hoped to reach China on foot through the Australian Outback.

Pick up one of these recent additions to the Library’s nonfiction collection and let me know what you think. Or ask me about other non-fiction favorites.

Calendar



January

1 Thurs Library closed New Year’s Day

8 Thurs 12:30pm Friends of the Library meeting. Upstairs Meeting Room.

8 Thurs 2pm Library Board Meeting. Upstairs Meeting Room.

15 Thurs 4-6pm “Library Connect” Open House in Public Computer area of the Library. Free. Refreshments and more.

23 Fri 5th Annual Chili Bowl at Jack’s Hangar. 5pm Dinner, 6:30 Quiz. \$10/person at door includes chili dinner & entry for one person. Pre-register at 538-5212.

30-31 Fri & Sat 9am-2pm Winter Fair Book Sale at Book Station. Western & Collectible Books & our regular collection.

February

5 Thurs 12:30pm Friends of the Library meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.

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

March Save the date!

12 Thurs 6pm “Irish Culture Night”. Food, Drink, Music and More. Upstairs Meeting Room.

2015 BOOK SALE DATES

- * Special Winter Fair Book Sale: Jan 30-31 9am-2pm -- Western collectibles and regular books
- * March 7 Sat 9am-2pm
- * No Book Sale Jan 3 or Feb 7

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5th Annual Chili Bowl Friday Jan 23, 2015



What: A Chili Dinner/Quiz Night Fund raiser. Teams of 8.

Why: Benefits the Lewistown Library's Summer Reading Program.

Where: Jack's Hangar, Lewistown

When: Friday, Jan 23, 2015. Dinner starts at 5:00pm, quiz starts at 6:30pm.

Cost: \$10 per person includes complete Chili Dinner and one entry fee. Pay in advance or at the door.

Preregistration: Lewistown Public Library @ 538-5212

Prizes awarded to the top three teams. Put on your thinking cap and come enjoy an evening filled with food, friends and fun!

5:00 pm at Jack's Hangar in Lewistown.
Pre-register your team at 538-5212 to assure a spot.

Sponsored by Friends of the Lewistown Public Library and Lewistown Public Library Staff.