

Friends of the Lewistown Public Library NEWSLETTER

July / August 2015



Around the Library

Read at the Park Friday Thursday July 30 - Join Us!



In conjunction with the Summer Reading Program, the Library will host a "Read at the Park" event on July 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Frank Day 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!

Malcolm Brooks Speaks to Sold Out Crowd

Malcolm Brooks spoke on Wednesday, May 20 to a sold out crowd at the Elks Club as the guest of the Annual Lewistown Public Library Author Dinner. Brooks talked of his journey to be a writer and the passion he has for the craft as well as the many authors he admires. Brooks also signed books and spoke with the dinner attendees.

The silent auction was a huge success this year, 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. \$5200 was netted from this event after expenses 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 2016.

Late Spring Book Sales Results

The Friends made \$526.65 at the May Book Sale. Thanks go out to Marie Anderson and Nancy Dunnagan for working the early shift and to Jacque Rollyson and Sandy Birkland for handling the late shift duties. We appreciate the efforts of all who helped in sorting and shelving books in preparation for the sale.

The Friends of the Library continued the trend with another successful book sale in June, bringing in \$663.25. In addition, we donated books to the Friends of the Pool (FOP) for a fundraising sale which was held in conjunction with our June sale. The FOP netted \$293: \$153 from books donated by the FOL, \$140 from books donated by Lyle & Evelyn Gorman. This was a fine example of organizations coming together to give the community a chance to support two worthwhile causes at once. Thanks go out to all those who made it all happen, from 7:30am set-up to break down at sale end. Thank you Tom & Marie Anderson, Marcia Gans, Tony & Louise Gies, Lyle & Evelyn Gorman, Mary

Thank you Friends for your membership!

The Friends of the Library sends a great big thank you to all of you who graciously donated to our cause of helping the Lewistown Public Library be the very best it can be. Some of you were extra generous in your renewal dues; we really appreciate your thoughtfulness. We also want to thank all of you who sent in membership dues. This money all goes directly to projects supporting the Library. Those of you who are so great about always answering the call to work at The Book Station deserve more thanks than we could ever possibly express.

Calendar



July

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

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

30 Thursday 6:30pm. "Read in the Park" at Frank Day Park. Free - all are welcome.

August

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

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

20 Thurs 6pm. Bohemian/Slavic Culture Night. Upstairs Meeting Room & Patio. Food, drink, music, culture, history. Free- all are welcome.

Save The Date!

Oct 4 Sun 3pm. "Growing Up in Wonderland" by Montana Repertory Theater. Upstairs Meeting Room. Free.

Oct 21 Wed 6pm. "Montana Haunting Stories" by Ellen Baulmer. Upstairs Meeting Room. Free.

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From the President

Dear Friends,

The June 6th book sale featured a combined effort by the Friends of the Lewistown Pool, represented by Lyle and Evelyn Gorman and the usual suspects of the Friends of the Library. This is one of the great things about Central Montana; you find different groups coming together for a common goal. In this case our hope was to raise money for the new pool which we believe is almost as vital as the Library for Lewistown to be a vibrant community. While working the sale it was so heartening to hear our customers say "Keep the change, its for a good cause!" The FOL donated what was left of the railroad books which were so generously given to us two years ago and all the duplicate copies of books that we had on the Book Station shelves along with books that came from the community specifically to benefit the pool. So a big thanks goes out to all who helped prepare or work this sale in any manner to help our Friends of the Lewistown Pool.



Have you noticed the big change in the Library exterior? The new upstairs window installation is complete. Viewed from the street, you can notice the change, as the old windows, with their worn frames, no longer stand out as an eyesore. These new windows are so historically accurate in detail that they look like they were original to the building. Haugen Construction did a great job with the installation of the new windows and the Friends of the Library paid them for the installation. Nice work Friends in raising the cash for that.

There's lots going on at the Lewistown Public Library this summer. The Friends have been instrumental in helping the events happen, just another aspect of our goal to help the Lewistown Public Library be the best that it can be! Remember that our next book sale falls on the Fourth of July! Be prepared to help with the sale and loading up with good summer reads!

Marie Anderson
President, Friends of the Library

Summer Reading "Picks"

Guns of August: "He [had] that marvelous incapacity to admit error that was to make him ultimately a Field Marshall". So, Barbara Tuckman describes Henry Wilson, leader of the British Expeditionary Force in France in August 1914. "The Guns of August" is a compelling evocation of human nature (in forms French, German, Belgian, Russian, and British) that happens to focus on the why and how forces of history unleashed in just one month trend down to most everything underlying international friction today. Frankly, I found those depictions of human nature so embarrassing (recognizable in self?) that I almost couldn't read further, at the same time as I parced it out just so that I would not have to finish such an incredible book. *Review by Wayne Phillips.*

Mr. Mercedes, Finders Keepers and the Suicide Prince by Stephen King. As a Stephen King fan, I am pleased to have found two of King's recent trilogy available this summer. The Library has *Mr. Mercedes* and *Finders Keepers*. *The Suicide Prince* is yet to be released. Some readers find King's work either too "spooky" or too "gruesome". The pleasant surprise with these books is that they feature retired detective Bill Hodges and the books are good old fashioned mysteries. Steven King won the Edgar Award for Mystery Writers of America with *Mr. Mercedes*. So, if you are looking for a good summer read, I would highly suggest King's latest novels. *Review by Blanche Chapman*

Empty Mansions the Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr. Huguette Clark was the daughter of the scandalous and scandalously wealthy Copper King William A Clark who acquired a fortune mining in our own state of Montana. Once the fortune was acquired the money was spent elsewhere and Clark's daughter Huguette continued this legacy. Although this book is rich in historical detail and biographical data, I was left with little understanding of the compulsions that drove this wealthy, eccentric and reclusive woman. Still I was compelled to read this to the finish because the lifestyles were so decadently different and Huguette was such a mystery. A good read if you're interested in the lifestyles of the wealthy and/or Montana history. *Review by Marie Anderson.*

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Summer Reading Program Update

The Summer Reading Program at the Library kicked off its first week on June 9, 2015. Participants were able to register and jump right in to doing the puzzles, quizzes, programming, reading and the ever popular scavenger hunt. At the time of this writing, over 200 kids have signed up and over 100 adults. Themes this year are "Every Hero has a Story" for the youth birth through 12 grade, and "Escape the Ordinary" for adults.



Youth and adults alike can participate as much as they want to, and the activities are varied to include both reading and activities. Fun story times and programming are also planned. Participants are able to sign up anytime during the summer and the program runs through Saturday, August 1, 2015. 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.

Upstairs Windows Installed at Library

You may have noticed the face lift the Library has received over the last month. Eleven double-paned windows and transoms have replaced the original windows and transoms that graced the upstairs meeting room. Exposure to the elements and time had corroded and worn the original windows down enough that they were not closing properly, showed signs of rot and were proving energy inefficient. The Library purchased the new windows through Marvin windows and they are identical in materials and look to the originals. The Friends of the Library paid for the installation of these windows which proved a lengthy and precise process completed by Haugen Construction. The original windows are being stored for the time being but will be made available to the public for purchase in a future Library fundraiser. Thanks to the Lewistown Public Library Board of Trustees and Friends of the Library for their commitment to this project.

Save the Date for Fall Programming

Two events coming in the fall are worth taking note. Save the date for the Montana Repertory Theatre and their performance of "Growing Up in Wonderland" on October 4, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. For you ghost lovers out there Ellen Baumler is returning to the Lewistown Public Library by popular demand. Baumler will once again tell us ghost stories and other Montana haunting tales during her visit October 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the evening. Both events are free to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

No Friends Meetings this Summer

No summer meetings for the Friends of the Library! The FOL decided at the May meeting that the Friends of the Library could have a "summer vacation" and try to take care of any business that might arise at the work days in the Book Station because we will still have our monthly book sales. If you think there's anything vital that needs to be addressed by the Friends this summer, give FOL president Marie Anderson a call. Otherwise, enjoy the summer and we'll see you in September when the FOL meetings resume. But keep an eye out for all the special events the Library will host this summer. There's a lot of fun to be had at the Library!

Spring New Book Sampler

NEW FICTION

The Anchoress – Robyn Cadwallader
Be Afraid – Mary Burton
The Children Return – Martin Walker
A Desperate Fortune – Susanna Kearsley
A God in Ruins – Kate Atkinson
Our Souls at Night – Kent Haruf
Seveneres – Neal Stephenson
The Inimitable Jeeves – P.G. Wodehouse
Solitude Creek – Jeffery Deaver
Jeeves in the Offing – P.G. Wodehouse
The Sound of Glass – Karen White
Little Black Lies – Sharon Bolton
Luckiest Girl Alive – Jessica Knoll
Rock with Wings – Anne Hillerman
Trauma – Michael Palmer
Finders Keepers – Stephen King
Balm – Dolen Perkins-Valdez
House of Echoes – Brendan Duffy
The Rocks – Peter Nichols
The Shore – Sara Taylor
The Water Knife – Paolo Bacigalupi
Dry Bones – Craig Johnson
And Sometimes I Wonder About You – Walter Mosley

NEW NON FICTION

Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Cherokee Chief John Ross and a Great American Land Grab by Steve Inskeep
The Sense of Style: The Thinking Person's Guide to Writing in the 21st Century by Steven Pinker
American Wife: Love, War, Faith and Renewal by Taya Kyle
The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
American Ghost: A Family's Haunted Past in the Desert Southwest by Hannah Nordhaus
A Lucky Life Interrupted: A Memoir of Hope by Tom Brokaw
Romantic Outlaws: The Extraordinary Lives of Mary Wollstonecraft and her Daughter Mary Shelley by Charlotte Gordon
Ghettoside: A True Story of Murder in America by Jill Leovy
The Complete Mushroom Hunter by Gary Lincoff
Natural Born Heroes: How a Daring Band of Misfits Mastered the Lost Secrets of Strength and Endurance by Christopher McDougall

DVD's

Beneath the Aurora (DVD)
102 Minutes that Changed America (DVD)
Doc Martin (TV show) Series 1-6
CSI (TV show) Seasons 4-8
Never Cry Wolf
Atlas Shrugged (Part 3)

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Bohemian/Slavic Culture Night - Free, Join Us!



Join us Thursday August 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Upstairs Meeting Room and Patio of the Lewistown Public Library for a FREE evening to celebrate this diverse group with a rich history in Central Montana.

Enjoy food, drink, music, culture and history of the Pan-Slavic World. We're talking pierogi and polka! Stonemasons and Sarajevo! Pivo and Prague!

Anyone interested in helping out or contributing their talents or history to this event please contact Dan Bell or KellyAnne Terry at the Library.

**6pm Thursday August 20 at
Lewistown Public Library.**