

Friends of the Lewistown Public Library NEWSLETTER

March April 2015



Around the Library

5th Annual Chili Bowl - "Gray Matters" Win Again

Once again a good time was had by all at the 5th Annual Chili Bowl, held January 23, 2015. The library raised \$2200 for its Summer Reading Program. The atmosphere at Jack's Hangar made for a festive fund raiser for more than 200 attending. A filling chili dinner made by Friends of the Library was served before the trivia competition started. First place was once again taken by reigning champions, the Gray Matters. The Chili Bowl is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Lewistown Public Library Staff.



Gray Matters: from left Noel Birkland, Sandy Birkland, Laurie Lohrer, Neil Philip, Donna Philip, Arlene Mari, Dave Mari, Fred Ihde

We Get By with a Little Help from Our Friends!

Have you paid your Friends dues for 2015? If not, why not drop your payment off at the library or our next book sale. It's only \$5.00 to keep your membership current so you can continue to receive our bi-monthly newsletter and keep abreast of FOL sponsored activities that support your library.

January Book Sales Results

The Friends made \$1419.85 from the two-day book sale January 30-31 during Winter Fair. This sale took the place of regularly scheduled 1st Saturday sales for January and February. Thanks all who worked to make this sale successful - 14 book sorters on Tuesday, with a second crew helping on Thursday, all needed to get The Book Station ready for the two day sale.

Thanks to Jim Dullenty and Floss Kettering for working the collectible table on both days. Thank you, Cathy Moser, Jacque Rollyson, Mary Frieze, & Joyce Swanz, for working the front desk on Friday, to Louise and Tony Gies for Saturday morning and Sandy Birkland & Donna Philip for Saturday afternoon.

We appreciate the patronage of so many of the Friends of the Library, as well as the community at large. Everyone who supports the book sales supports our great library!!!!

Thank you Friends for your membership!



The Friends of the Library sends a great big thank you to all of you who so graciously donated to our cause of helping the Lewistown Public Library be the very best that 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 and on our other projects really deserve more thanks than we could ever possibly express. So we say thank you, many times over.

Calendar



March

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

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

12 Thurs 6pm. "Irish Culture Night". Food, drink, music. Upstairs Meeting Room.

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

April

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

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

8-11 Wed-Sat Montana Library Association Conference.

16 Thurs 6pm. Shakespeare in the Park Library Performance. Upstairs Reading Room.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

May

20 Wed Annual Author Dinner, featuring Montana Author Malcolm Brooks. Dinner, silent auction, author presentation. Tickets on sale April 1 at Library. Reserve early!

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From the President

Dear Friends,

Here we are entering that time of the year when the excitement of winter arriving is wearing thin and we know that truly spring will still be a long time coming. Can you tell? I like many start to get a little depressed this time of the year. But one great cure from March Blahs is to get involved with some social activity. And the Friends of the Library offers a wonderful outlet when we gather to sort books, staff our monthly book sales and have our Thursday meetings. It's more than just getting down to business, we allow ourselves to have fun while we're involved in any of these activities. The Friends of the Library have truly become my friends and its great being able to do something useful while enjoying their company. For me, this is one of the great rewards of being a part of the FOL.



Through our book sales the Friends of the Library has managed to raise enough money to pay for the installation of the new windows for the Library (just waiting for nice weather). But while we were looking at the windows, the state of the window blinds in the Meeting Room became the focus of our next big project. So there's always something to work towards. This is another reward of belonging to the Friends of the Library...helping the Lewistown Public Library be the very best that it can be. I encourage all of you who have renewed your memberships to get involved with the Friends and their activities. If you haven't renewed your membership please consider doing so right away.

Until spring,

Marie Anderson
President, Friends of the Library

In the Winner's Circle – Horseracing in Early Montana

Late nineteenth century thoroughbred horseracing in Montana is the topic local writer and Lewistown Public Library Trustee Cathy Moser has been working on for the past four years. She researched, chronicled, and wrote extensively about Montana's famous thoroughbred beauties for the Montana Historical Society. Her article, "In the Winner's Circle," featured in the Winter 2015 issue of Montana, the Magazine of Western History and published by the Montana Historical Society, appeared on newsstands in mid- to late February.

"When looking at this time in Montana's history, three Montana frontiersmen had produced acclaimed thoroughbred horses that galloped to victory in prestigious races on principal eastern racetracks. For instance, silver-mining magnate Noah Armstrong (of Twin Bridges) and his colt, Spokane, won in succession the 1889 Kentucky Derby, Clark Stakes, and American Derby, or the era's equivalent to the Triple Crown. Financier Samuel Larabie (of Deer Lodge) and his colt, Ben Holladay, won three Municipal Handicaps. Copper-mining magnate Marcus Daly (of Hamilton) and Tammany captured multiple stakes races. In 1892, turf men anointed Tammany "Horse of the Year." Daly's success didn't end there. His Scottish Chieftain won the 1897 Belmont Stakes".

Be sure and check out this fascinating and well researched article at the Lewistown Public Library. Congratulations to Cathy Moser on a job well done!

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Join Us Today!

Irish Culture Night March 12 - Erin Go Bragh!

The Lewistown Public Library will host a celebration of everything Irish on March 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Whether or not you're Irish, this event will be a fun get together featuring the culture and history of the Irish and Irish American world. Music will be provided by a champion fiddler and harpist, and an array of traditional Irish food and drink will be served.



The event will be held in the Upstairs Reading Room at the Lewistown Library and is free to all! Be sure and check out our authentic Irish raffle prizes and wear your green! Cead Mile Failte (One Hundred Thousand Welcomes!).

"Shakespeare in the Parks" Performance at Library April 16.

Montana Shakes!, an educational outreach program through Shakespeare in the Parks, will be performing at the Lewistown Public Library on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Montana Shakes! creatively takes a theme or story from Shakespeare's writing and performs it for the understanding of today's audiences, especially youth in schools. The Library is proud to host this event this year, and Montana Shakes will be going to area schools to perform the play as well.



This year's play, *Star Crossed Stagecoach*, will feature scenes from *Romeo and Juliet* as two rival theatre troupes with characters Johnny Dropbottom and Samantha Sweetgrace are in town. Both are expecting to put on their versions of *Romeo and Juliet* on the same day in the same town, but beware, Johnny and Samantha may just find love! The performance at the Library is sponsored by Cheri Wicks and doors open at 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome and the event is free to the public.



Book Review: *All the Light We Cannot See*

If you are a fan of historical fiction, you are sure to appreciate the new best seller, "*All the Light We Cannot See*" by Anthony Doerr. It is a beautifully told story, so emotionally plaintive that many passages bring you to tears.

The two protagonists are children caught in the terror of WW II. One is a blind girl in occupied France; the other is a German boy who finds himself in a Hitler youth camp. "*All the Light*" is packed with everything necessary to keep your full attention. On the one hand we have a French girl, Marie-Laure, who has lost her sight and lives with her father who devises genius ways to teach her how to cope in a sighted world. Wener, the boy who unwillingly is conscripted to the Hitler Youth Movement, is a budding electronic genius interested in radios. Their ultimate meeting shows us what happens when fate, love and history collide. Anthony Doerr, winner of many literary awards, also wrote "*The Shell Collector*", a collection of short stories well worth your time.

Book review courtesy of Blanche Chapman.

Late Winter New Book Sampler

NEW FICTION

Almost Famous Women – Megan Mayhew Bergman
Blind Spot – Robert B. Parker
The Bridge – Robert B. Parker
The Daring Ladies of Lowell – Kate Alcott
Dogwood Hill – Sherryl Woods
The First Bad Man – Miranda July
First Frost – Sarah Addison Allen
The Glass Kitchen – Linda Francis Lee
The Invisible ones – Stef Penney
The Mime Order – Samantha Shannon
Miramont's Ghost – Elizabeth Hall
No Fortunate Son – Brad Taylor (we have the Pike Logan series)
Painted Horses – Malcolm Brooks (large print)
The Rosie Effect – Graeme Simsion
Saint Odd – Dean Koontz
Seagrass Pier – Colleen Coble
Son of God – Roma Downey
Under Heaven – Guy Gavriel Kay
Warriors – Ted Bell (we have the Alex Hawke series)
Watching You – Michael Robotham

NEW NON FICTION

Dublin: The Making of a Capital City by David Dickson
The Romanov Sisters: The Lost Lives of the Daughters of Nicholas and Alexandra by Helen Rappaport
Foxcatcher: The True Story of My Brother's Murder, John Dupont's Madness, and the Quest for Olympic Gold by Mark Schultz
Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande
Montana 1864: Indians, Emigrants, and Gold in the Territorial Year by Ken Egan
Eyefoods: A Plan for Healthy Eyes by Laurie Capogna
Elvis Presley: A Southern Life by Joel Williamson
The Kennedy Half-Century: The Presidency, Assassination and Lasting Legacy of John F. Kennedy by Larry Sabato
Guantanamo Diary by Mohamedou Ould Slahi
Tennessee Williams: Mad Pilgrimage of the Flesh by John Lahr

DVD's

Cowboys and Aliens
Dead Poets Society
The Heat
One Day on Earth (non-fiction DVD)
Into the Universe with Stephen Hawking (non-fiction DVD)
Prince of Persia
We're the Millers
Wyatt Earp
Wyatt Earp's Revenge

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May 20 Author Dinner to feature Malcolm Brooks

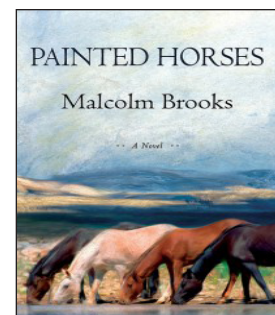
Wed, May 20, 2015 5pm Doors open & silent auction
6pm Dinner Served. **7pm** Malcolm Brooks

The 5th Annual Author Dinner Fund raiser is set for May 20 at the Elks Club. Montana author Malcolm Brooks will be our guest speaker at this gala event, which includes a no-host cocktail hour, silent auction & catered 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.

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*, among others.

The evening will feature a catered dinner, a silent auction and time to visit and listen to Malcolm Brooks. Tickets go on sale the first week of April, and will be available at the Library or from any Library Board Trustee. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Tickets on sale April 1 at the Library. Reserve early!