

Friends of the Lewistown Public Library NEWSLETTER



March/April 2016

Around the Library

New Date! Scandinavian Culture Night – Wed March 2 at 6pm

Once again the Lewistown Public Library will be hosting a Culture Night in the Upstairs Meeting Room of the Library. On March 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm, be ready to celebrate Scandinavian countries and culture. "Scandinavia" is a historical and cultural-linguistic region in Northern Europe characterized by a common ethno-cultural North Germanic heritage and mutually intelligible North Germanic languages. It comprises the three kingdoms of Denmark, Norway, and Sweden. Join us for a fun-filled free evening.

News Argus Team takes top honors at 6th Annual Chili Bowl.

The Lewistown News Argus team took first place at the Chili Bowl held January 21 at Jack's Hangar. A crowd of 170 enjoyed a chili dinner made and served by Friends of the Library prior to the Quiz Bowl. The Library raised \$2400 for the 2016 Summer Reading Program. Special thanks to Jack Morgensten, Tim Robertson and the Jack's Hangar crew; to the Friends for cooking, serving and clean up; and to the Lewistown Library staff for donating 1st place winner certificates to Harry's Place.



Right to left: Front row Deb Hill, Ron Hayes, Charlie Denison, Stephanie Prater
Back row: Terri Hayes, Jenny Gessaman, Michael Prater, Tom St. John

Electronic Newsletter Coming Soon!

At the Book Station, the Friends provide a great book shopping resource, with the side benefit of recycling books donated by our community. Now, we're offering another way to reduce paper use. This spring, you'll have the option to receive a digital version of FOL's Newsletter via email. On your membership renewal reminder, you'll have the opportunity to share your email address and indicate whether you'd prefer to receive your newsletter electronically via email. An electronic newsletter helps us stay in touch while reducing printing and postage. Either way, the important thing is to renew your membership!

Friends Meeting and Work Day Schedules

Monthly meetings will be held the last Wednesday of each month at noon in the Upstairs Meeting Room at the library. To keep up with our ever increasing book donations, we're now sorting and shelving books every Thursday from 10:00 to noon. It's our hope that with an increase in work hours and days, volunteers can find a convenient time to help out for as little or much time as desired.

Calendar



March

2 Wed 6pm
Scandinavian Night
in Upstairs Reading Room at the Library.
Refreshments, prizes. FREE.

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

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

30 Wed 12pm Friends Monthly Meeting.
Upstairs Meeting Room at Library.

Book Sorting: Each at Thursday 10am

April

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

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

27 Wed 12pm Friends of the Library
meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.

Book Sorting: Each Thursday at 10am

May *Save the date!*

18 Thurs 6pm Annual Author Dinner
featuring Montana author Peter Stark at the
Elk's Club. 5pm Social hour/Silent auction,
6pm Dinner and 7pm Author presentation.
Tickets on sale April 1 at Library 538-5212
or from Library Board Trustees. Reserve
early, limited seating.

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From the President

Dear Friends:

It has become apparent that in trying to find a perfect meeting date for the Friends of the Library, we've confused our members about the meeting time because attendance at our FOL meetings has been at an all time low. In an attempt to see attendance improve it was suggested at our January meeting that we might consider meeting quarterly instead of monthly and that we tie those meetings to something special, like a potluck meal, a wine tasting or a dessert sampler...you get the idea. Because this would be such a radical departure from our monthly meetings, Vice President Donna Philip has volunteered to conduct an online survey which will arrive very soon querying our members about changing from monthly to quarterly meetings. We would very much appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the simple survey when it arrives.



Since there were only six of us at the January meeting, some of you might have different or better ideas of how to increase attendance at our meetings and we would definitely like to hear from you. We'll continue to meet on the last Wednesday of the month at noon in the upstairs room of the Library through our May meeting before making any meeting changes.

Fortunately, although attendance at our meetings is low, we have a dedicated cadre of members who faithfully show up on workdays to help with the sorting and shelving of books and also to help out on sale days (the first Saturday of each month, a date which has not changed!) My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you who help with these tasks. Its quite a commitment because as you all remember, we sort books every Thursday from 10:00 until we have all our donated books in their proper spots. Remember we never ask our members to do more than they feel comfortable doing; there's no set requirement of hours a Friend must work in order to be a member in good standing.

We are anticipating another big project to help the Lewistown Public Library when we undertake to help repair the exterior walls of the new part of the Library building. Your membership and help in FOL projects will be crucial in accomplishing this goal. Thanks for all you do to help our beautiful and wonderful Lewistown Public Library be the best that it can be!

Marie Anderson

Marie Anderson, President, Friends of the Lewistown Library

Library Staff Profile: Kari Albertson

What's your role at the Library? My primary role involves the technical processing of library materials and shelf management. I assist the youth services activities and outreach services.

Favorite part of the job (so far)? My favorite part of my job is working with the people. The library staff is an amazing group of people and I'm excited to be part of the team. Working with the patrons and providing a wonderful service to the community is a very fulfilling part of the job.

What's your education history? I grew up and received all my education in Billings: a B.A. in Organizational Communications, followed by a M.A. in Public Relations, both from MSU Billings.



How did you happen to come to Lewistown? I came to Lewistown in the mid 90's, intending it to be a temporary move. I felt that Lewistown was a great place to raise my two children. Eighteen years later, I still call Lewistown home.

Before the Library, what was your most interesting job? My most interesting job was working at the Central Montana Youth Mentoring Program. The position allowed me to work with youth and further develop my skills in service and leadership.

What's your favorite book? Tuesdays With Morrie

What do you do in your spare time? I enjoy going to the theatre & concerts and spending time outdoors. I prefer to do these activities with my family.

What's something we don't know about you? I love hot springs!

Thanks Kari for sharing with us and welcome to the Library staff!

Friends of the Lewistown Public 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.

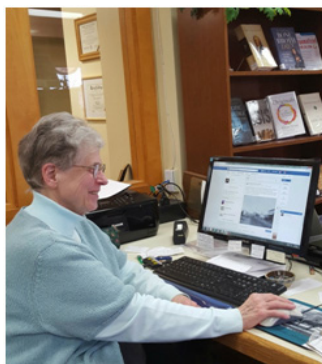
Join Us!

Historic photos on Library Facebook page go viral

The Library's own Nancy Watts had some pretty phenomenal success with her very first Facebook post. The post reached over 3700 people, and so far, has been shared 23 times.

Nancy and staff recently hosted "Offline" here at Lewistown Public Library (LPL), a technology conference for Montana librarians. The Keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Stephens, addressed "Libraries and Social Media". His message was, "Share what is unique to your library, promote it on your website, in your library, and on social media That is how you will connect to your community."

It did not take the staff and Nancy Watts long to realize that local history, because of Nancy's dedication as Preservation Officer and Local Historian, is the feather in LPL's cap.



Although Nancy was not too keen on being a Facebook member personally, she was keen on sharing her life's work. With a bit of direction she had her first post up in moments and 24 hours later she had reached over 2300 people. The post continued to gain momentum and went viral.

Nancy is dedicated to preserving and sharing local history and has made a commitment to share similar images and information several times per week. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/Lewistown-Public-Library> to see her future posts.

Reasons to Renew your Membership today!

Our apologies to all of you for getting our membership forms out so late this year. We needed new membership envelopes so that you could include information necessary to receiving the newsletter electronically if you choose to do that instead of in paper format. Please take the time to fill out these membership forms and of course...to renew your membership in the Friends. This is so crucial to the support we give to the Lewistown Public Library helping it be the very best that it can be.

How Membership & Book Sales benefit the Library:

Here's how 2015 member dues, donations & book sale proceeds were used:

- Paid to have the new historically accurate windows installed and to have the blinds for those windows refinished & restrung so they work perfectly!
- Bought new furniture for the library to replace the badly worn and stained pieces in the young adult area and by the circulation desk.
- Purchased new Library printer.
- Paid the speaker fees for our annual author dinner, a big fund raiser for the Library as well as fine entertainment for the Central Montana community.
- Replaced the old lighting system in the Book Station with new LED lights, so that you can actually see what's available!
- Volunteer Friends painted the Book Station exterior; a big improvement to Main Street.

You can be so proud of the 2015 Friends of the Library Accomplishments!

What's on the horizon in 2016:

You might be wondering what can be left for the Friends to do for the Library. We have a big project waiting for our support. The exterior walls of the Library building itself are in terrible shape and need repairing. The Friends will be assisting in this project and so we're counting on you, our loyal FOL members to renew your memberships and continue to help the Lewistown Public Library be the very best that it can be! (P.S. New members are always welcome.)

New Books & DVD's

New FICTION

Ashley Bell – Dean Koontz
The Bitter Season – Tami Hoag
Blue – Danielle Steel
Brotherhood in Death – J.D. Robb
The First Order – Jeff Abbott
Lost Rights – David Howard
My Name is Lucy Barton – Elizabeth Strout
NYPD Red 4 – James Patterson
Resistant – Michael Palmer
Salt to the Sea – Ruta Sepetys
A Son's Vow – Shelly Shepard Gray
The Swans of Fifth Avenue – Melanie Benjamin
The Theory of Death – Faye Kellerman
Undetected – Dee Henderson

New NON FICTION

And Then all Hell Broke Loose: two decades in the Middle East – Richard Engel
Dark Money: hidden history of billionaires... – Jane Mayer
Mayo Clinic: Going Gluten Free – Joseph A. Murray M.D.
The Road to Little Dribbling – Bill Bryson
Symphony for the City of the Dead: siege of Leningrad – M.T. Anderson
When Breath becomes Air – Paul Kalanithi
The Wonder Weeks: how to stimulate baby's mental development – Hetty Van de Rijt

New DVD's

Boys in the Trees: memoir – Carly Simon
Dietland – Sarai Walker
The Coffin Dancer – Jeffery Deaver
My Husband's Sweethearts – Bridget Asher
Me before You – Jojo Moyes
After You – Jojo Moyes
The Kraken Project – Douglas Preston

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.

UPCOMING BOOK SALE DATES

March 5 Sat 9am-2pm
 April 2 Sat 9am- 2pm
 May 7 Sat 9am-2pm

At the Book Station.
 All Sales benefit the Library!

Place
stamp
here



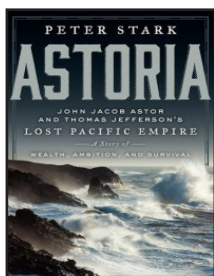
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Peter Stark to speak at 2016 Author Dinner

The Lewistown Public Library is pleased to announce Peter Stark as the guest speaker for the 2016 Annual Author Dinner. Peter Stark is an adventure and exploration writer. Born in Wisconsin, he studied English and anthropology at Dartmouth College, took a master's in journalism from the University of Wisconsin, and headed off to the remote spots of the world writing magazine articles and books. His home base is Missoula, Montana, although he and his family periodically live abroad for a year, most recently during 2010-2011 in a small town in NE Brazil.



A long-time correspondent for Outside magazine, Stark's articles and essays have also appeared in Smithsonian, The New Yorker, The New York Times Magazine, Men's Journal, and many others. His best-known book, *Last Breath: Cautionary Tales from the Limits of Human Endurance*, was translated into seven languages and named Amazon.com's No. 1 Sports/Outdoor Book of 2001. Stark's latest book, *Astoria*, recalls in his own words, "the great expedition that came after Lewis and Clark and started the first American settlement on the west coast." For more information on Peter Stark visit www.peterstarkauthor.com.



The 6th Annual Author Dinner will be Wed, May 18, 2016 at the Elk's Club. 5pm Social Hour/Silent Auction, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Author Presentation. Tickets go on sale the first week of April, available at the Library or from any Library Board Trustee. Limited seating, get your tickets early. Don't miss this presentation by a noted Montana author.

May 18 at Elk's Club. Tickets on sale April 1 at Library.

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