Around the Library

Family Summer Reading Program 2015

The Library is busy planning this year’s Family Summer Reading Program, and the librarians are putting together projects, reading lists, concerts, speakers and activities for the theme of Heroes. In the youth area, the theme is titled Every Hero has a Story and the adult theme is Escape the Ordinary. The Library hopes to bring everyday heroes, superheroes, civic protectors, military personnel, great heroes and heroines of the past, volunteers and extraordinary people, stories, music and movies to the forefront.

Both groups will maintain a reading and activity log with a calendar of events. Youth can win weekly prizes and participate in drawings for the end of the program. Adults will participate in earning tickets towards end of the program drawings, grand prizes and ultimate prizes. Story times, scavenger hunts, a Story Time in the Park, an outdoor concert, visits by heroes and heroines, and many other activities are planned. Sign up the week of June 9th for all the information. The program runs for 8 weeks and ends the 8th of August. We look forward to seeing you!

Early Spring Book Sales Results

The Friends made $801.80 at March’s book sale - wow! Many thanks go out to our huge crew of book sorters and to Thursday’s cleaning crew, Marie Anderson, Sandy Birkland, Jim Hanson & Donna Philip for getting The Book Station cleaned and organized. Thanks to Tom Anderson, for bringing over still more books from the library and Tony Gies for taking care of our treasury duties. And much appreciation to Louise and Tony Gies for the early sale shift and to Marie Anderson and Carole Wicks making second shift.

April’s Book Sale yielded $XXXX. Thanks for all book sorters that turned out to shelve for the sale and to XXXXXX and XXXXXXXXX who manned first shift and to XXXXX and XXXXX who handled second shift! Info to come Tony Gies.

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.

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 and on other projects really deserve more thanks than we could ever possibly express. So we say thank you, many times over.

Calendar

May

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

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

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

20 Wed Annual Author Dinner, featuring Montana Author Malcolm Brooks. 5pm Doors open and Silent auction 6pm Dinner, 7pm Author presentation. Call the Lewistown Library today at 538-5212 for ticket availability.

June

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

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

Week of June 9 Summer Reading Program registration begins. Call Library at 538-5212 for details and to sign up.

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

24 Wed 5:30pm. Ice Cream Social 6pm. Hunghtown Concert and Ice Cream Social FREE. Lewistown Library outside, weather permitting.

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From the President

Dear Friends,

As I’m sitting at my computer, thinking about what to say I see a flash of blue outside. A Bluebird just flew by. It reminds me of how my Grandma Marie always called them Bluebirds of happiness. Suddenly my thoughts take another direction for this letter.

I am so happy that I live in this great central Montana community where people really get out to support worthy causes. We have a dedicated following at our Book Station, shopping with us every week and helping us raise the money we need for extra projects for the Library. One of the projects we help raise money for is the Summer Reading Program sponsored by the Library for the benefit of the community. The Lewistown Swimming Pool has always donated some free swimming passes as prizes for this program. Now the pool is fundraising for a much needed new facility. The Friends have decided to return the favor by designating a special category book sale in June and sharing the proceeds with Friends of the Lewistown Swimming Pool. We have many books which are duplicates of books on our shelves. We plan to put up our tent, bring out these copies and give the proceeds of their sale to the Friends of the Lewistown Swimming Pool. Watch for our June sale as an opportunity to support the Library and the pool, both essential elements for our vibrant community. Bring a friend (or a stranger) to shop with you. If you’d like to donate a book or books specifically for the Pool Sale, the FOL will have a special bin inside the Library for those books and they will go into the “pool” tent on the day of the sale. The FOL is hoping that Central Montana will support this special sale as generously as they have other fund raising events that we sponsor.

That’s one happy Bluebird thought; another is the Library author dinner when our library director, KellyAnne Terry brings yet another nationally known author from Montana to our community. What a great opportunity for those of us who live and read here to meet the person whose words we’ve read in real time! Get your tickets to listen to Malcolm Brooks and share in this happiness.

Marie Anderson
President, Friends of the Library

Free Hungrytown Concert and Ice Cream Social
6pm, June 24 at the Library

The Lewistown Public Library will be hosting a special event in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program on Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

The folk music duo Hungrytown will be performing at the Library at 6:00 p.m. that evening. Hungrytown is the musical and married duo of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson. They have released two highly acclaimed CDs, Hungrytown (2008) and Any Forgotten Thing (2011), both of which continue to receive much airplay on folk and Americana stations worldwide. Rebecca and Ken tour full time; their adventures have taken them throughout the US, Canada, Europe and New Zealand. Their songs have been performed by many other artists, including Nashville songwriting legend David Olney and bluegrass veterans the Virginia Ramblers. The concert will be held outside weather permitting and is free to the public.

The Library will have an ice cream social at XXXX prior to the event. For more information, go to www.lewistownlibrary.org. The Hungrytown performance is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
What’s “Library Connect” & how do I use it?

Want reader advice with a personal touch? This January, the Library launched “Library Connect” on its website, which features what Librarians are reading now and themed blogs. The Librarians are very diverse in what they read, and each has a specialty/area they’d love to share. “Library Connect” lets you ask a Librarian whose reading tastes are similar to yours what to check out next.

Visit our website today at www.lewistownlibrary.org and click on the green button marked Library Connect on the right. You can see all Librarian blogs and reading lists there. A sample of Library Director Kelly Anne Terry’s blog is below.

Gaga over Gone Girl by Kelly Anne Terry. “Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn has been on the bestseller’s list for almost two years. It was made into a movie in 2014, and that movie and its performances have been nominated for many awards, including Rosemarie Pike’s portrayal of protagonist Amy Dunne as Best Actress in a Motion Picture. Dubbed a psychological thriller, Gone Girl opened a door for a new sub-genre that is all the rage with publishers and readers alike – Domestic Noir. Although it might not be entirely new – Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte and Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier were probably the first type of litery Domestic Noir. They mysteriously and atmospherically asked us questions like: Do we really know someone we are in a relationship with? How do we handle grief and pain in our families? What goes on in the minds of those closest to us – and how do we interpret their actions?...”

“If you are also one who is gripped by these stories or enjoy psychological thrillers, then Domestic Noir may be the next thing you check out at the Library. For some suggestions, please look at my new reading list.”

The Silent Wife by A.S.A. Harrison
Girl on a Train by Paula Hawkins
The Other Woman’s House by Sophie Hannah
Little Face by Sophie Hannah
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
Reconstructing Amelia by Kimberly McCreight
The Silent Sister by Diane Chamberlain
Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

Late Winter New Book Sampler

NEW FICTION

At the Water’s Edge by Sara Gruen
American Heiress by Daisy Goodwin
Breaking Creed by Alex Kava
Epitaph: a novel of the O.K. Corral by Mary Doria Russell
Cold Betrayal: an Ali Reynolds novel by J.A. Jance***
Endangered: a Joe Pickett novel by C.J. Box***
Mightier than the Sword by Jeffery Archer***
The Purchase by Linda Spalding
An Unnecessary Woman by Rabih Alameddine
The Salt Garden by Cindy Martinusen Coloma
The Stranger by Harlan Coben
The Third Target by Joel Rosenberg
Welcome to Braggsville by T. Geronimo Johnson
The Whites by Richard Price***

NEW NON FICTION

Thieves’ Hoed: The Black Hills Betrayal and Custer’s Path to Little Big Horn by T. A. Mor
The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert
The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe
The Kennedy Half-Century: The Presidency, Assassination and Lasting Legacy of John F. Kennedy by Larry Sabato
Beyond Belief: My Secret Life Inside Scientology by Jenna Miscavige Hill
Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson
Hand to Mouth: Living in Bootstrap America by Linda Tirado
My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor
Finding Your Element: How to Discover Your Talents and Passions and Transform Your Life by Ken Robinson
Courting Truth: Montana Courthouse Tales by Eric Olson

DVD’s

The Buddha: The Story of Siddhartha (DV)
Unsung Heroes: The Story of America’s Female Patriots (DV)
Arbitrage
Birdman Crossing Jordan season 1
Downton Abbey season 5
Game of Thrones season 4
The Guard

Book Review: “It’s What I Do”

The stunning images in photojournalist Lynsey Addario’s new book “It’s What I Do” are matched by a thrilling account of her career and it’s impact on her personal life. Readers follow Addario from her early efforts to break into the international photojournalism arena to her work in Mideast combat zones & African refugee camps.

The reader follows Addario and her fellow journalists into volatile settings, and listens as they weigh their personal safety against the value of staying to record street battles for the world to see. The author relates the horror of being kidnapped in both Iraq and Libya, as well as “behind the scenes” efforts by New York Times and her family to (successfully) secure her release.

As one of a few female journalists to embed with US troops in Afghanistan and to arrange meetings with high level Taliban leaders, Addario displays a mix of raw nerve, dedication and compassion. Her work for NY Times, National Geographic and Time Magazine demonstrates her unwavering commitment to document the human condition, as she travels to some of the world’s most dangerous war zones & politically unstable countries.

Addario was a winner of 2009 MacArthur Grant and was part of the New York Times team to win a 2009 Pulitzer Prize for International reporting. Pick up this exciting page-turner that takes you to the both the heart of conflict and humanitarian zones across the globe and into Addario’s personal life between overseas assignments. You won’t be disappointed.
May 20 Author Dinner to feature Malcolm Brooks

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

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.

Call the Lewistown Library today at 538-5212 for ticket availability.