Calendar

November
6 Sat 9am-2pm. Book Sale at Book Station.
11 Wed Library closed: Veteran’s Day.
12 Thurs 2pm. Library Board Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.
12 Thurs 6pm. Author/Historian Ken Robison presents “Central Montana and the American Civil War”, Upstairs Meeting Room.
25 Thurs Noon. Friends of Library meeting Upstairs Meeting Room.
26 Thurs Library closed: Thanksgiving.

December
5 Sat 9am-2pm Book Sale at Book Station.
10 Thurs 2pm. Library Board Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.
24 Thurs Library closes noon: Christmas Eve
25 Friday Library closes: Christmas Day
31 Fri Library closes noon: New Year’s Day

Fall Book Sales Results

The Friends had a whopper of a sale in September, bringing in a total of $2673.50. Of that amount, $1970.00 was for collectibles and $703.50 was for the regular shelved books. Many thanks to all who helped to make this an outstanding sales event, from those who readied The Book Station on Tuesday and the hearty souls who set up and took down the tent on Saturday to the following who worked the sale: Floss Kettering and Jim Dullenty (collectible tent), Mary Frieze and Pam Koterba (early shift), Marie and Tom Anderson and Joyce Swanz (late shift). Great work, everyone!!

For our October 3 sale, despite the cold and rain, patrons came out to support the library once again and spent $525.95 at the October book sale. Thanks go out to Joyce Swanz and Sandy Birklund for working the early shift and to Paul Huff and Marcia Gans for taking over the late shift duties. Thank you, Joyce, for coming back at 2:00 to help close up. And, of course, we appreciate the efforts of all who came on book sorting Thursdays to keep The Book Station organized and shelving up to date during the weeks leading up to the sale.

Friends Book Sorting and Meeting Dates

The Friends decided at the September meeting to make some changes to our schedule. Monthly meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon upstairs in the library. In order to keep up with our ever increasing book donations, we are now sorting and shelving books every Thursday from 9:00 to 12:00 noon. It is our hope that with an increase in work hours and days, volunteers can find a convenient time to stop by and help out for as little or much time as desired.

We realize there have been some kinks, and we are now working out a schedule to ensure that someone with a key will be there every Thursday to open the Book Station at 9:00am. As always, email reminders will be sent on a regular basis. Hope to see you there!
From the President

Dear Friends,

I’m about to depart from my usual sentiments of how wonderful the Friends of the Library are and what wonderful work we do (although its still true,) to address a sensitive issue that became glaringly obvious this summer. We’re fortunate to have a dedicated, albeit small, group of workers who volunteer to do whatever needs to be done: painting the Book Station, sorting books, working sales, making cookies for special events. They are great workers and we couldn’t do what we do without them. However this summer due to extenuating circumstances, some of the faithful Friends had issues arise and couldn’t do their usual great volunteering and we keenly felt their absence. A good example of this is the October book sale when seven of our usual volunteers had conflicts and we were short of volunteers to work the sale. Sincere thanks go out to Sandy Birkland, Joyce Swanz, Marcia Gans and Paul Huff for answering our plea for help, but Friends...we were struggling to find workers.

I’ve always stated that one of the great things about being a member of the Friends of the Library is that you only have to do what you feel you can do. And I still believe that, but what I am asking our membership at large is to take a close look at your lives and see if you couldn’t step up to help out a little more, or for the first time! Maybe sorting books isn’t your thing, but you wouldn’t mind working book sale days. Maybe you’re not a meeting type but you wouldn’t mind volunteering to make treats for library events. I’m sure you get the drift of what I’m asking you to consider and then take action on.

We’re so fortunate to live in a community where our library plays such a vital role in providing library services, activities, social events and enrichment events. Part of the reason the Lewistown Public Library can do that is because of the support it receives from the Friends of the Library. It would be a great shame to see that support erode because there weren’t enough active friends to provide the help we need to do all the things that we do.

So please take the time to reflect on whether you could become a more active participant in helping make the Lewistown Public Library be the very best that it can be.

Marie Anderson
President, Friends of the Library

Library Staff Profile: Dani Buehler

What's your role at the library? As a library assistant, I interact with our youngest patrons during storytime, work at the circulation desk, and process new books.

Favorite part of your job? My favorite part, and the most challenging is leading 3-5 yr old story time, to make it fun, creative and engaging for young patrons.

What's your education history? Bachelors in History at MSU Bozeman. I'm now pursuing masters of Information and Library Science online with University of Wisconsin.

How did you happen to come to this area? I was born and raised in Lewistown. After college, I came back and worked at Lewistown Public Library for a couple years, then to Great Falls and finally back here in 2013.

Before the Library, what was your most interesting job? I worked as a camp counselor at Flathead Lutheran Church Camp, rafting the Flathead, long summer days running wild and crazy with kids from 8-18, cold dips in the lake and star-filled nights.

What's your favorite book? I could go with the Harry Potter series, the first books that I loved. Before Harry Potter, reading to me was a challenge and took far too much time. Now, I’m just looking forward to the next great story.

What do you do in your spare time? Spare time? Last year we had our first child, Nels, so our spare time is spent chasing him around the house. For Dani time, I enjoy any outdoor activity, hiking and cross-country skiing being some of my favorites.

What's something we don't know about you? I have a Karelian Bear Dog, Gus. I don’t know how he’d do against a bear but he chases squirrels with reckless abandon.
Flight of the Nez Perce December 4

The Lewistown Public Library will host a special presentation by historian Stan Hoggatt on Friday December 4, 2015. Hoggatt has spent a lifetime researching and speaking on various aspects of the Nez Perce and their presence in Montana. In his presentation, Hoggatt will provide the audience with detailed account of the Nez Perce’s flight through Central Montana and the history before and after. Hoggatt’s presentation will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Meeting Room. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Books we’re thankful for...

**Giants in the Earth**, by Ole Rolvaag, is a book that I have gone back to re-read on more than one occasion, most recently last spring. Its meaning has changed for me since moving here to central Montana from being merely a book about the pioneer spirit of early Dakotas immigrants to giving me a sense of wonderment and appreciation for the hardships endured by early settlers and succeeding generations of Lewistown’s surrounding areas. I’m thankful that I live in this beautiful part of our country and for those who have made it so.

**Louisa** by Louise Langford
Louise Langford, from Lewistown, Montana, was a teaching missionary in Honduras for seventeen years. I learned so much about Honduras and what it’s like to live in a scary third world country. Every hard-core conservative, like me, should read how conditions are in a poor country to understand where they are coming from. No wonder they risk their lives to try to improve their chances for a better, safer life. I loved her unique style of writing.

**BoxCar Children’s Books**. I had a chance to spend some time with my great nephew, a charming first grader and he was enthusiastically telling me about reading The Boxcar Children books, which made me think that during my lifetime, the books I’ve been most thankful for were ones that turned kids into readers. So my list includes Lloyd Alexander’s The High King series, Robert Jordan’s Wheel of Time, Chris Van Allsburg’s Jumangi, Rick Riordan’s Percy Jackson, Michael Buckley’s The Sisters Grimm, Suzanne Collins’ The Hunger Games and of course J. K. Rowling’s Harry Potter books. These and any other book that caught a student non-reader’s imagination and converted him to a reader have always been the ones I’m most thankful for because as Dominic told me, “books can take me everywhere.” We all need to do that kind of traveling!

Review by Donna Philip

Review by Jacque Rollyson

Review by Marie Anderson

Early Fall New Book Sampler

NEW FICTION

*The Book of Speculation* by Erika Swyler
*Buffalo Trail* by Jeff Guinn
*In a dark dark Wood* by Ruth Ware
*Keeper’s Reach* by Carla Neggers
*A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms* by George R.R. Martin
*The last time I saw her* by Karen Robards
*Make Me* by Lee Child
*Starlight on Willow Lake* by Susan Wiggs
*Undercover* by Danielle Steel
*The Survivor* by Vince Flynn
*Wildest Dreams* by Robyn Carr

NEW NON FICTION

*Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault that Changed a Presidency* by Bill O’Reilly
*Modern Mix: Curating Personal Chic and Accessible Finds* by Eddie Ross
*The Wind in the Reeds: A Storm, A Play, and the City that Would not be Broken* by Wendell Pierce
*Relentless Strike: The Secret History of Joint Special Operations Command* by Sean Naylor
*Spring’s Edge: A Ranch Wife’s Chronicles* by Laurie Wagner Buyer
*40 Great Stained Glass Projects* by Michael Johnston
*Who Owns the Ice House? Eight Life Lessons from an Unlikely Entrepreneur* by Gary Schoeniger
*Life* by Keith Richards
*Plunder and Deceit* by Mark Levin
*Stir: My Broken Brain and the Meals that Brought Me Home* by Jessica Fechtor

DVD’s and CD’s

*One Nation: What We Can All do to Save America’s Future* by Ben Carson (CD)
*Game of Thrones – Book 1 Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin (CD)
*A Clash of Kings – Book 2 Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin (CD)
*A Storm of Swords – Book 3 Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin (CD)
*A Feast for Crows – Book 4 Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin (CD)
*A Dance with Dragons – Book 5 Song of Ice and Fire* by George R.R. Martin (CD)
*The Little Rascals* (DVD)
*Gung Ho!* (DVD)
*Glenn Campbell: I’ll Be Me* (DVD)
*5 Flights up* (DVD)
*Walt Disney* (DVD)
*Black Sails – season 1* (DVD)
Central Montana and American Civil War Presentation

Author and historian Ken Robison will present his historical research on the American Civil War and its ties to Central Montana at the Lewistown Public Library on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Upstairs Meeting Room.

Ken's presentation on Civil War Montana will focus on the Judith Basin and Lewistown telling stories of the men and women, Union and Confederates, that came during and after the Civil War, their wartime experiences as well as their lives in frontier Montana. He will discuss research resources and techniques he has used to uncover the exciting stories of Montana and the Civil war. He encourages those with Civil War related photo, diaries, letters, and memorabilia to share them and join in the conversation.

Robison is a native Montanan, lives in Great Falls and serves as a historian for both the Overholser Historical Research Center in Fort Benton and the Great Falls/Cascade County Historic Preservation Commission. He writes columns on Montana’s Civil War veterans for two newspapers as well as historical articles for regional journals and magazines.

This special presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

6pm Thursday Nov 12 at Lewistown Public Library.