Around the Library

Friends of the Library meeting dates have changed.

At our last meeting, Friends of the Library members approved a motion to change our meetings from the first Friday of the month to book-sorting Thursdays. Going forward, we’ll meet at 10am on book sorting Thursdays in the Upstairs Meeting Room at the library. Friends who wish to sort books in lieu of attending meetings are encouraged to do so.

Book sales will continue to be held on the first Saturday of the month.

July & August book sales yield “spectacular” results.

The Fourth of July fireworks were a spectacle to behold, but the Friends had some fireworks of their own on Friday! We experimented with our schedule and held our sale to coincide with the holiday festivities on Friday the 4th instead of our normal Saturday. We made $1,103.25!!! Thank you everyone who helped with sorting and working the sale and to those who came out early to help set up! It was truly a group effort!

We made $781.25 at our regular August book sale held Aug 2nd! That’s pretty darn great! Thank you Louise and Tony Gies, Carole Wicks, and Kathleen Woodward for working the sale.

A second August sale was held Saturday August 13, in conjunctions with Lewistown’s Cowboy Poetry weekend. We had a great sale, bringing in a total of $1018.00!!! A big thank you goes out to the following volunteers for helping out with the sale: Marie Anderson, Floss Kettering, Tom Wojtowick, Patty Turk, Nancy Dunnagan, Kathleen Woodward, and Gay Murphy. We also thank Tony Gies and his grandson, Bob Dunnagan, and Neil Philip for setting up the tent for the collectible books.

Summer Reading Program - A Success!

The Family Summer Reading Program at the Library concluded on August 2 with participation numbers of 390 youth and 167 adults. It was a busy summer at the Library with scavenger hunts, discussion nights, special guests and story times, and lots of reading and activities. Themes this year were “Fizz, Boom, Read” for the youth 6th grade and younger, “Spark a Reaction” for youth 7th – 12 grade, and “Literary Elements” for adults. Thanks to our many sponsors, including the Friends of the Library, who made this another successful year – the program just keeps growing!

Calendar

Sept
6 Sat 9am-2pm. Big Chokecherry Book Sale featuring rare and collectible books + our usual fine selection. At the Book Station.
11 Thurs 2pm. Library Board Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.

Oct
2 Thurs 10am Friends of the Library Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.
4 Sat 9am-2pm Book Sale at Book Station.
5 Sun 3pm Montana Repertory Theatre presents “Once Upon a Time in Ancient Greece”. FREE. Upstairs Meeting Room.
9 Thurs 2pm. Library Board Meeting, Upstairs Meeting Room.
23 Thurs 6:00pm “Ghostly Gatherings from the Treasure State” with Ellen Baumler. Sponsored by Friends of the Lewistown Public Library and Humanities Montana. FREE. Upstairs Meeting Room.

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From the President

Dear Friends,

We have had a busy summer at the Book Station. We held an extra sale for Cowboy Poetry which brought in $1017.00; thanks everyone who worked to pull it together. Because we had our special train book sale last year during Cowboy Poetry, the organizers assumed that we’d have another sale this year and we decided to take advantage of their publicity on our behalf. Besides this sale fit in with our philosophy of trying to schedule sales with Lewistown events like the Chokecherry Festival and Winter Fair to show our appreciation of and support for the Central Montana community.

We also decided to change our Friends of the Library meeting day and time. The thought was since we gather to sort books and get ready for the monthly sale the Tuesday and Thursday before the first Saturday of the month and then we still would meet on the first Friday of the month, we donated three mornings in one week to the Friends. In an attempt to shorten that commitment we are now meeting on the Thursday before our monthly sale at 10:00 and then after our meeting (an incentive for me to be brief) we can head to the Book Station to finish up our preparations for the sale. If this sounds complicated, check your emails from our Vice President because Donna is terrific about keeping our members informed about work days and meetings.

I’ve always said that one great benefit to being a FOL is that we don’t keep track of who works when; it’s strictly work when “its convenient for you” basis. In light of that philosophy, Donna and I (and our spouses) and two other members of the Friends reserved camp spots to attend a special event that coincides with Chokecherry Festival. As we’ll be gone, this is a special plea for some of you to step up to the plate and man the Book Station that day. We’ll need workers to set up our outdoor canopy, books and run the sales. We’ve been putting in long hours to make sure that everything will be ready to go on Chokecherry Festival day but some things will have to be done before the sale starts that day. So here’s counting on our membership to help out because we’ve been planning this event a long time and we’re not cancelling our plans!

And lastly we have one of the hardest working, nicest guys as a member. Although he doesn’t like to be in the spotlight, I just want to thank him for the great new book shelves in the Book Station. Stop by and check them out!

Marie Anderson
President, Friends of the Library

Chokecherry Festival Book Sale

The Book Station will be open the FIRST SATURDAY of September during the Chokecherry Festival. The sale runs 9am-2pm September 6 and features rare and collectible books, in addition to our usual great selection.

New to us this year is a collection of especially fine books about Granville Stuart. A true “treasure trove” of Montana history, these the Stuart books and other rare and collectible books will, as always, be individually priced.

The Friends of the Lewistown Library conducts the rare and collectible book event as part of our regular monthly book sale, so the usual great selection of books at the usual great prices will also be available for sale.

9am-2pm Saturday Sept 6
At the Book Station
Don’t Miss It!
Fall New Book Sampler

New Fiction:
- Act of War – Brad Thor
- Apple Orchard – Susan Wiggs
- The Beekeeper’s Ball – Susan Wiggs
- Big Little Lies – Liane Moriarty
- The Book of Life – Deborah E. Harkness
- The Complete short novels – Anton Chekhov
- Cop Town – Karin Slaughter
- Fourth of July Creek – Smith Henderson
- The Girls of August – Anne Rivers Siddons
- The Home Place – Carrie La Seur
- A Perfect Life – Danielle Steel
- Severed Souls – Terry Goodkind
- Wayfaring Stranger – James Lee Burke

New Non Fiction:
- Becoming – Betty Whiting
- The Butte Irish: Class and Ethnicity in an American Mining Town, 1875-1925 – David Emmons
- The Killing of Major Dennis Mahon: A Mystery of Old Ireland – Peter Duffy
- Pete Rose: An American Dilemma – Costya Kennedy
- The Years and the Wind and the Rain: a Biography of Dorothy M. Johnson – Steve Smith
- Paint Mojo: a Mixed-Media Workshop – Tracy Verdugo
- A Year in the World – Frances Mayes
- The Queen’s Bed: An Intimate History of Elizabeth’s Court – Anna Whitelock
- Welcome to Sperry Chalet: Glacier National Park – Beth Dunagan
- The Teammates: A Portrait of Friendship (CD) – David Halberstam

New DVD’s:
- Blazing saddles
- Divergent
- Eyes Wide Shut
- Hidden in Silence
- Planet of the Apes
- Robinson Crusoe
- Secret Files of the Inquisition (non-fiction)
- 10,000 BC
- Transporter 2

Montana Repertory Theatre coming to Lewistown Library Sunday Oct 5

At 3pm, Sunday, October 4 at the Lewistown Public Library, the Montana Repertory Theatre presents Once Upon A Time in Ancient Greece: Stheno’s Descent into the Underworld, a comedy by Laramie Dean.

Stheno, one of three sisters turned into hideous Gorgons by Athena for catching the eye of Poseidon, is not going to take her sister Medusa’s murder lying down! As the oldest of the three Gorgon sisters, she’s decided it’s up to her to confront Athena, bring back the head of her sister Medusa, and right the wrong that has been thrust upon her family. While on her quest, she will seek the support of Heracles, look into the heart of Orpheus, and scrutinize Poseidon with regard to his role in her sister’s fatal attraction. Her descent eventually lands her some face time with Hades, Lord of the Underworld.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. A question and answer session with the actors and director will follow the show.

Refreshments will be provided and the play is free to the public. The Montana Repertory Theatre's performance at the Library is sponsored by the Friends of the Lewistown Public Library.

Kathleen Woodward - Featured Volunteer

Brief Bio: I hail from Lewistown. Born, raised and launched from here. I went 12 years to St. Leo’s school (I was then known as Kathleen McKenna). Then at University in Missoula, as luck would have it, I met Lee. We were married during my second year as he was on his way to the Army. We lived in Germany for several years and then went back to school in Missoula. I’ve now come full circle. We live in a condo at Fountain Terrace where I was born 80 years ago.

Why do you volunteer with FOL? I’ve been drawn to the beautiful Carnegie Free Library (our Library will always be that to me). I worked there while in high school. Later we’d take our children to check out books (we had no TV in Maiden).

What’s your favorite book? I love the Library and the Court House across the street, where I spent time every day with my father who worked there. I’ve always felt To Kill a Mockingbird was special, as it was so like the way I grew up.

What are your favorite tasks as a Friend? I especially enjoy the book sales and never fail to be amazed at the volume of books that come in and go out and the money that is made, sometimes 10 cents at a time! The book sales are truly a social event in Lewistown every month and I see many people I haven’t seen for some time and for me who loves to talk it is the perfect place to be. Thank you Friends for being a Friend.

What might we not know about you? When we were younger, Lee and I frequently hiked Glacier Park’s Highline Loop Trail. On one memorable hike, we were warned a bear was on the trail. A lightening storm blew in, with strikes below us. I thought I’d rather be struck lightening than mauled by a bear. Fortunately, neither happened.

Favorite pasttimes? Reading, volunteering, eating out.

Thanks Kathleen for sharing with us!
How We Miss Them: Ghostly Gatherings
From the Treasure State with Ellen Baumler

History and the supernatural are the canvas for this program that intertwines the past with the present. Historian, storyteller, and award-winning author Ellen Baumler weaves a ghostly web in a thought-provoking journey to Montana's most spirited places. Basing her true stories on firsthand accounts, personal interviews, and historical records, her well-researched tales have scared and delighted audiences of all ages.

Haunted places include hotels, houses, cemeteries, mines, and historic landscapes across Montana. With a ghostly twist on history, Baumler captures Montana's cultural heritage and brings the state's supernatural past to life. Ellen Baumler earned her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in English, classics, and history. She has been the Montana Historical Society's interpretive historian since 1992 and is the author of numerous books and dozens of articles on diverse topics.

This program offers a spooky sampling of tales that enrich the local landscape and beautifully embellish the heritage that is important to all places.

Sponsored by: The Friends of the Lewistown Public Library and Humanities Montana

6pm Thursday, Oct 23, FREE, at Lewistown Public Library's Upstairs Meeting Room