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\$100,000 for Learning Lab! Support the Foundation with a year-end gift.

Big Sky Chorus Holiday Concert

An annual holiday treat at your Library is enjoying the glorious a cappella sounds of the Big Sky Chorus as they share the traditional songs of the season! Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

11am, Saturday, December 8, 1st Floor.

January's One Book Billings

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Running with the Bulls: My Life with the Hemingways by Valerie Hemingway

Valerie Hemingway started as personal secretary to Ernest Hemingway, and became a confidante as she traveled with the writer and his wife Mary through Spain, France and Cuba. After his death, she married his son Gregory. This book details her extraordinary experience as a witness to the lives of this literary family. Sign-up begins December 10. Call 657-8258 or stop by to reserve your spot in a discussion, January 7–10.

Celebrating

From the smallest beginnings come the greatest legends.

As the opening day for the new movie,

The Hobbit: An Unexpected

Journey, approaches, Tolkien enthusiasts are getting excited! We've got some treats in store for you Hobbit fans.

DISCUSSION: THE HOBBIT, A LITTLE BACKSTORY

Superfans can geek out here! A discussion of *The Hobbit* and its place in Tolkien's timelines, along with the entire Lord of the **Rings** series. Presented by librarian and Tolkien fan, Lynne Puckett.

5pm, Wednesday, December 5, 3rd Floor.

DISCUSSION:

BOOK SOME TIME WITH THE HOBBIT

We'll have a free-form discussion. Read your favorite excerpt from the book and talk about why you think it's the best part!

2-4pm, Saturday, December 8, 1st Floor.

Parmly Billings Library NEWSLETTER—No. 60, December 2012

Library Foundation Receives Major Grant for New Library

On November 9, the Parmly Billings Library Foundation, in collaboration with School District 2, received word that they were one of twelve libraries and museums selected for a Learning Lab grant. This \$100,000 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is to help design a 21st Century Learning Lab in our new Library. We were selected out of a pool of 105 applicants from 33 states and one territory.

The goal of the new Learning Lab is to help young people move beyond consuming content to making and creating it —and, through those experiences, grow and realize new academic skills that also lead to future career opportunities and civic engagement.

"I am excited that we are going to be able to work in partnership with local businesses plus specialists in Billings School District 2 to design and create not only a Learning Lab, but also an ongoing program that will engage at-risk teens in learning 21st Century skills for communicating, learning, creating and participating in civic life," said Library Director

Bill Cochran

This Learning Lab will be the first in Montana and is an exciting project for our community. We are very proud to be working with our partners to provide a space that has the potential to have immediate positive impact in Billings and Montana now—and well into the future.



The last month of the year is here! 2012 was indeed a busy one for the Foundation. Continuing to raise supplemental funds for the Library was both challenging and rewarding. The evidence of these efforts is the daily progress with the construction of the new Library building and the continued success in raising additional funds for its further enhancements.

The Foundation thanks you for what YOU have given to support the life of the Library. Your continued financial support and your personal interest, time and commitment to support Foundationsponsored events have all added that extra spark of life to our community. And speaking of "extra sparks," the

Foundation was recently awarded a grant by the Institute of Museums and Library Services for a digital media lab for teens. Leslie Modrow, Development Director, continues submitting grant proposals for additional funds for enhancements in the area of technology that will benefit all age groups.

We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give. ~Sir Winston Churchill

A thought provoking quote. Thank you for what YOU have given—your gifts are priceless! Be sure to check this month's calendar of events—these are just some of the gifts the Library offers for your enrichment and enjoyment. Happy Holidays!

The last First Wednesday Sale of 2012 is **December 5**, **11am-1pm**, on the 3rd Floor of the Library. Local Billings

author, Ed Kemmick, is graciously donating his time during this sale, and will be selling copies of his book, The Big Sky, By and By, and autographing it for our shoppers! He is donating a portion of his proceeds to the Friends of Library! Thanks, Ed!

Also at the sale, there will be several tables set up with holiday-specific books including children's, adult fiction, crafts,

cooking, etc. for your shopping

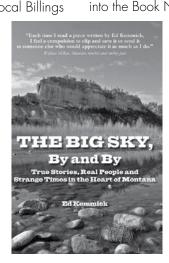
convenience. Following the sale, any remaining holiday items will be moved into the Book Nook on the 1st Floor of

> the Library for sale throughout December.

As our year draws to a close we extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our **volunteers**.

It has been a year full of bustle and change, and our volunteers have remained dedicated and hardworking throughout it all. We have many exciting changes coming

in 2013, and are looking forward to what the New Year brings!



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In December your Parmly Billings Library!

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WONDERFUL 2013!	NO Carina's Stories 5pm Library Show Channel 7	Story Time Tales 10:30-11m Tech Tuesday Class 4pm Cards in Publisher 7:30pm PBL Writers' Grp.	Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11 am 11am-1pm BOOK SALE with Ed Kemmick 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 Tech Class 4pm Intro to Computers 4pm NaNoWriMo Wrap-Up Party 5pm Program "The Hobbit" Backstory	Story Time Tales	Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am 4-5pm Kids' Craft Make a Snowman	Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am 11am Concert Celebration of Holiday Music Big Sky Chorus 2pm Program Some Time with "The Hobbit"
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BEST OF THE SEASONS	NO Carina's Stories 5pm Library Show Channel 7	Story Time Tales 10:30-11am Tech Tuesday Class 4pm Last Minute Holidays 7pm PBL Writers' Group	Tales & Tots Stories 10:30-11 am 3pm Library Show Channel 7	Story Time Tales 10:30-11am starting@10:00am Disaster Movies! THE END IS NEAR 7pm Indep. Spirits Film "Black Swan"	Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am starting@10:30am Disaster Movies! DOOMSDAY	Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am starting@10:00am Disaster Movies! POSTAPOCALYPSE NOW
2330	NO Carina's Stories 5pm Library Show Channel 7 4-5pm Kids' Break Make & Take Craft	25 Christmas Day & New Year's Day Library CLOSED	26 Tales & Tots Movie Time 10:30-11 am 3pm Library Show Channel 7 4-5pm Kids' Break Make & Take Craft	Story Time Movies 10:30—11am Books & Babies 3:15—4pm 1pm Knitting Circle 3rd Floor 7 4—5pm Kids' Break Make & Take Craft	Books & Babies 10:15-11am Movies @ the Library 10:30-11am 7 4-5pm Kids' Break Make & Take Craft	29 Saturday Story Time 11-11:30am

It's the End of the World As We Know li...

Sunday

Whether you believe the stories about the Mayan calendar predicting the end of the world on December 21 or not, why not enjoy it? We're showing three days of movies about worldshattering disasters. Stop in for one or all of them. Please remember, some films have mature themes and content.

Monday

Tuesday

Movies are shown on the 3rd Floor. Bring snacks and a friend!

• Thursday, December 20: THE END IS NEAR

10:00am: Dr. Strangelove (1964, PG)

11:45am: The Andromeda Strain (1971, PG-13)

1:15pm: On the Beach (1959, PG) 3:30 pm: The Core (2003, PG-13)

Friday, December 21: DOOMSDAY

10:30am: 2012 (2009, PG-13)

1:15pm: Day After Tomorrow (2004, PG-13)

3:15pm: Outbreak (1995, R)

Saturday, December 22: POST-APOCALYPSE NOW

10:00am: Terminator Salvation (2009, PG-13) Noon: I Am Legend (2007, PG-13) 2:00pm: The Book of Eli (2010, R)

Kids' Holiday Crafts Children ages 3-12 and up are invited come and enjoy

Holiday Crafts. We'll provide the materials; children under 8 must be accompained by a parent.

These two sessions of crafts are on Fridays, 4-5pm, on the 3rd Floor. **Registration is required**; please call Children's Services at 657-8256 to sign-up.

- Make a Snowman~December 7
- Make a Snow Globe~December 9

Make & Take Crafts during Christmas Break!

Looking for something to occupy the kids during school break? Stop by the Library for a Make & Take Craft! First come; first served. No registration necessary.

Come by 4-5pm, Dec. 24, 26, 27, 28, & 31, to the Story Time Corner on the 1st Floor.

TECH TUESDAYS: THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE ONLINE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our ongoing Tech Tuesday series helps you with all your holiday plans. Join us as we show how your computer can help you get ready. Pre-register by calling 657-8258. All classes are on Tuesdays, 4–5pm, in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

Thursday

• December 4: Holiday Cards using Publisher

Wednesday

- December 11: Ideas for Tech Gifts
- December 18: Last Minute Holiday: E-cards & Shopping

WRAP-UP CELEBRATION: NaNoWriMo

November was National Novel Writing Month. Now that our writers have worked long and hard on their novels all month, we are having a party to celebrate the end of the journey. Pizza and pop will be provided. Space is limited so please call 657-8258 or email and reserve your spot today!

Come at 4pm, Wednesday, December 5, Large Study, 2nd Floor.

FILM SERIES: INDEPENDENT SPIRITS

Join us for these two films in December. The free Thursday movies start at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Floor. Bring snacks and a friend!

- December 6: A Serious Man (2009, R)
- December 20: *Black Swan* (2010, R)

Just for TEENS!

FOR TEENS: TEEN CRAFT! For more information and to pre-register, call 657–8258.

Join us 4–5pm, Thursday, December 6, on the 3rd Floor.

GROUP: TEEN BOOK BUZZ

This month's title is *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. A limited number of free copies are available. Register by calling 657-8258.

We're meeting 4-5pm, Thursday, December 13, Teen Pit.

Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!

Download December's schedule on our website.

www.billings.lib.mt.us

Library Hours

Saturday

Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm Friday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday 1pm-5pm

Helpful Information

Phone numbers ~

Friday

Hours: 657-8259 Bookmobile: 657-3091 Reference: 657-8258 Senior/Homebound: 657-8255 TDD/TTY: 657-3079 Children's: 657-8256 Foundation: 237-6149 Friends of the Library: 237–6170

Webpage ~www.billings.lib.mt.us

Email ~ refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

Story Time Programs ~

Story Time with Carina! Cancelled during December

Story Time Tales

Tuesdays, 10:30-11am (3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Tales & Tots Story Time Wednesdays, 10:30-11am (2-3 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Story Time Tales Thursdays, 10:30-11am (3-6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Books & Babies Lap-Sit Thursdays, 3:15-4pm Fridays, 10:15-11am

(babies & parent/caregiver) Saturday Story Time Saturdays, 11-11:30am

Video Programs ~

Movies @ the Library Fridays, 10:30-11am