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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Della Dube

"I admire men who take the next step, not those who theorize about the two-hundredth step." - Teddy Roosevelt

Author Gordon Sullivan used the above quote in ***Saving Homewaters: The Story of Montana's Streams and Rivers*** in reference to the activism involved in hiring Warden William F. Scott as the first paid employee of the Montana Fish and Game Commission. This act marked the beginning of saving and replenishing Montana's wild spaces and rivers. In 1905, the warden's salary was paid with the revenue from the first combined hunting and fishing licenses. An important path toward environmental conservation was established.

Well, as I was reading this book I couldn't help but see an analogy (I tend to see them everywhere) between the hiring of the warden and the hiring of a conference planner. Thanks to Bruce Newell, Honore Bray, and the agreement of the membership at conference in taking this next step, we are moving along in the process of hiring a conference planner. By doing so, we are enabling the creation of new working paths in our great and growing association. Requests for Information were sent to conference planners in June and several responses were received. We'll soon be evaluating these responses and deciding how to proceed. We will be able to take this "next step" with a relatively minimal increase in our conference registration fees and vendor fees. As we research and theorize and thoughtfully make our way, taking these "next steps" is oh so important.

"Create New Paths" is therefore an appropriate theme for the 2009 conference in Kalispell April 22 - 25. There are limitless ways to create new paths in the Montana library world: severely weed and rearrange your physical collection, join MSC, join

MyMontanaLibrary2go, put a list of new YA novels on your new MySpace site, etc. Better yet, create a new path by sending in a conference proposal to Kim Crowley by September 11!

As the leaders in MLA head to our yearly retreat, rest assured that we will have the best interests of the membership at heart. This year we will be meeting at Boulder Hot Springs August 4, 5 & 6. When I was elected to the board of MLA as PLD Chair two years ago, I couldn't believe that I was actually expected to sit in meetings for 12+ hours over two days at the retreat. Now I understand; it is that important to Montana libraries.

If you have concerns about the conference planner, future conferences, the up-and-coming website, 2009 legislation, etc. feel free to contact me or another member of the board you feel comfortable with (see below). We have a wonderful team of leaders this year and I'm looking forward to working with each and every one.

When thinking of the full depth and breadth of this association, all 600+ members, the presidency seems mind boggling. I am only brought back to a manageable place when I think of each impor-

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tant individual; the faces of Liz, Bonnie, Mary Lou, etc. soothe and comfort me and enable the task at hand.

As I'm sitting in the pink chair with hassock in my living room, my 15 year old son walks by and says, "what, you're writing your next best novel?", and I reply, "maybe."

Here's to hiking, biking, swimming, relaxing, and writing while sitting in pink chairs - whatever it takes to enjoy the rest of your summer.

Thanks for listenin', Della

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## This Year's MLA Leadership

Voting members on the MLA Board of Directors for the coming year are:

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## MLA Discussion List: WIRED-MT

**WIRED-MT-L** is a listserv sponsored by the Montana Library Association and hosted by **OCLC-Western**. The list is open to everyone interested in Montana libraries and library issues, including MLA members and non-members. Additional information and guidelines for use may be found at [www.mtlib.org](http://www.mtlib.org).

To subscribe to **WIRED-MT-L**,

1. Send a message to:

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# Association and Membership News

## ALA Councillor Report

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I'd like to thank the Montana Library Association and the Missoula Public Library for sponsoring my attendance at ALA 2008. I represent the Montana Library Association as the Montana Chapter Councillor to ALA. My job is to represent MLA at ALA Conferences and represent ALA to MLA.

This year's annual ALA Conference was held in Anaheim CA, just 2 (long) blocks from Disneyland. The weather was beautiful. 22,047 librarians and exhibitors attended ALA this year.

Highlights included:

Attending the Newbery/Caldecott Banquet. Many in attendance, including the organizers, said it might have been the best N/C Banquet ever. People were so dressed up I thought I was at the Academy Awards. Caldecott medal winner Brian Selznick gave a fantastic acceptance speech. He drew the first part of it in the *Hugo Cabret* style. The wordless vignette ended with an illustration

of Randolph Caldecott himself swooping young Brian up and riding off on his horse (just like the illustration on the Caldecott Medal!) Brian gave special thanks to Pam Munoz Ryan (My sister-in-law's sister!) and Remy Charlip. Remy happens to be one of my favorite childhood authors as well and I was pleased to meet him in 2001 at ALA in San Francisco. Remy was in the audience this night also. Brian also told a hilarious story of recommending the book *Green Eggs and Ham* to a Jewish Grandmother. She asked, "Is there a book like this without the ham?" Laura Amy Schlitz, winner of the Newbery Medal for *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!* gave a phenomenal acceptance speech. She managed to tie together topics as diverse as "deranged junk drawers" and mole removal. She was very funny.

Being greeted by indigenous peoples from New Zealand, Hawaii and Oklahoma. (Tim Tingle)

Attending the Presidents Program and listening to actor and Indigenous Language Institute Board Member Wes Studi MC a program on Native Languages. The program featured a discussion of efforts to support Native and English language literacy for

indigenous children. Dr. Loriene Roy, past ALA President, has held a long-standing commitment to developing and promoting library services and cultural heritage initiatives with and for indigenous populations. Several elders discussed their role in teaching the native languages. Those languages will disappear if the elders don't teach them to the children now. Not only are they passing on the languages, but also cultural values and traditions. The elders are very valued in the tribes, and I find that very heartening. Just about the time I think I'm too old to learn or teach anything else, I get inspired by a program like this. Some of the elders were in their 90's and still going strong!!

I even enjoyed the 5 days of Council meetings, forums and chapter relations meetings.

I was elected to a committee position-the Planning and Budget Assembly (PBA). Exciting, huh! Oh, what have I agreed to??

Spending time before the conference with my daughter and 2 friends who live in Southern CA. And attending Disneyland!! And going to the beach!!!

Attending the American Indian Youth Literature Awards Ceremony. See accompanying article.



Karen and Sherman Alexie!

## 2008 American Indian Youth Literature Awards

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) awarded its 2008 American Indian Youth Literature Award to three noted works. The award recognizes excellence in books by and about American Indians. What are the chances of 3 calendar models from Montana attending this event? But there we were: Suzanne Reymer, Mary Anne Hansen and me. We sat together and had a great time. Carlene Engstrom was also there as she sits on the Award Committee.

Picture Book: ***Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom*** by Tim Tingle.

Middle School Award Winner: ***Counting Coup: Becoming A Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond*** by Montana's own Joseph Medicine Crow.

Young Adult Award Winner: ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*** by Sherman Alexie.

# Association and Membership News, cont...

## PNLA News

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PNLA was born in June, 1909, at a three day conference held on the University of Washington Campus in Seattle.

### 2008 PNLA Conference – Post Falls, ID.

Libraries Go Wild! Beyond the Expected! Date: August 6-8, 2008. Place: Post Falls, Templin's Resort. Come and share your adventurous spirit as we sharpen our sticks, send our smoke signals, climb mountains, blaze trails, and yes-even sample bear stew! [www.pnla.org/events/conference08/index.htm](http://www.pnla.org/events/conference08/index.htm)

### 2009 PNLA Conference – Missoula, MT.

Plan now to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of PNLA, August

5 – 7, 2009 at the remodeled Holiday Inn - Parkside. Contact Mary Lou Mires

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### PNLA Newly Elected Officers First Vice President/President Elect

Samantha Hines (Mansfield Library- University of Montana)

### Second Vice President/Membership

Jason Openo (Edmonton Public Library – Whitemud Crossing Branch)

### Secretary

Brent Roberts (Montana State

University – Billings)

### 2008 PNLA Leads Institute

The Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Leadership Institute is designed to provide opportunities for emerging library leaders in the Pacific Northwest to cultivate their leadership skills and potential.

PNLA Leads 2008 will take place October 26-31 at the Schweitzer Mountain Resort in Sandpoint, Idaho. Congratulations to the four Montana Library staff members selected to attend: Tim Bernardis – Little Big Horn College, Mary Guthmiller – MSU – Bozeman, Darlene Hert – MSU – Billings, Mary Lou Mires – Salish Kootenai College.

## Froid Library Gets Facelift

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A crowd of well-wishers crammed Froid Public Library for the June 19 Open House to celebrate the recent renovations and watch as Tom and Corinne Nyquist, and daughter Dr. Lynn Nyquist Bergstraesser, cut the ribbon on a handsome new Montana Collection shelf. Their Nyquist Foundation, which has supported Froid's Montana Collection acquisitions for several years, funded this special shelf which also divides the library space forming a Montana Reading Room. Guests also toured the new computer area and restored bathroom. Contributions by friends and neighbors combined with grants by several organizations to give the library its brand new look.

Set in the high plains of north-eastern Montana, Froid Public Library has been a vital part of Froid's agricultural and ranching community since 1936. Among the renovations to the storefront library are: installation of the 8 x 7' Montana Shelf (courtesy of the Nyquist Foundation,) purchase of a three-station oak computer table (courtesy of First Community Bank of Froid and the Maude M. Schuetze Foundation,) remodeling of the bathroom and repainting of interior walls (labor and materials - Friends of Froid Library President Shari Crain; sink - Friends of Froid Library members Barbara and Gordon Abar,) and the addition of a sturdy lodgepole pine chair purchased by the Friends of the Library from the Red Hanger store in Plentywood, MT, which last week closed its doors. The chair now sits in the Montana reading area, inviting visitors to grab a

Montana book and "set a spell."

The Montana wall shelf, which divides the library, was created from beetle-killed pine. The beautiful swirling dark patterns in the wood are a result of the deadly bark beetle infestation in trees that were salvaged from Jordan, Montana. The use of this native wood was suggested by shelf designer and builder Terry Haire of Call Us Construction of Froid. The shelf holds the Montana Collection of books, magazines, videos and DVDs, and displays artwork by artists Carmen Lockman (pottery) and Doug Portra (sculpture.)

Froid Public Library, a branch of Roosevelt County Library, offers books, periodicals, audiotapes, CDs, DVDs, and internet and computer access to Froid and surrounding environs. Library hours are Tues. 9am–3pm, and Weds. and Thurs. 11am–5pm.

## Bruce's Corner

### How Bike Friendly is Your Library

By

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With libraries being increasingly valued as places to meet others, and just to hang out) – with gasoline at over \$4/gallon – and with the incidence of obesity having roughly doubled since the 1970s, it is a shame that libraries don't do more to encourage patrons and employees to arrive on their trusty velocipedes.

A quick Google search for "bicycles" AND "libraries" found, to my horror, dozens of links to libraries' policies aimed at eliminating inappropriate bike park-age, and (here's the sad part) relatively few thoughtful discussions of how to be a more welcoming place for cyclists. (With the interesting exception of a study of Pennsylvania libraries:

[www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~mbolin/thompson.htm](http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/~mbolin/thompson.htm)

How bike-friendly is your library? Can bicyclists:

- 1) Safely wheel themselves up to your library, negotiating automobile, railroad, and dirigible traffic (and other miscellaneous hazards)?
- 2) Secure their bikes on bike-friendly bike racks?
- 3) Park their bikes out of rain, snow, and away from over-enthusiastic pigeons?

4) Better yet (especially for bike tourists), lock-away bikes, panniers and all in a secure bike locker, garage, or shed adjacent to your library.

5) Bring backpacks and panniers into the library with them?

6) Conveniently refill their water bottles?

7) Obtain hassle-free access to the Internet in order to check their email, check tomorrow's weather, pay bills, book hotel rooms, or order carryout chiropractic services?

8) Find current books and maps about bicycle repair, cycle travel, and local bicycle routes. (See a few suggestions, following)

9) Get a librarian's insiders advice about where to find the creamiest ice cream cone, the most delicious pizza, bike-friendly hotels or campsites, and locally brewed malted beverages?

10) Take paperbacks from a 'freebie' rack, to read and 'return' to the next library on their route; or, as allowed by several Montana libraries, get a temporary visitors card, check books out, and return them via the next public library down the line (or mail them back)?

11) Borrow bike-safety and bike repair tutorials, either from books or DVDs?

12) Finally-Does your library offer showers and lockers for employees?

My wife, Sue, and I ran into a group of Trans-America cyclists in Jackson, in the Big Hole. This group was traveling as part of a tour orga-

nized by the Missoula-based organization called Adventure Cycling. It was fun sitting in hot water, a cold beverage in-hand, peddling (vicariously) across America through these cyclists' stories. Several cycle tourists mentioned the hospitality offered to them by libraries. In particular, the Twin Bridges Library was singled out with praise for its free Wi-Fi and Internet, and for a neighborly offering clear cold water to thirsty cyclists.

Adventure Cycling offers many resources to Montana libraries wishing to become more bicycle-friendly. I spoke with Adventure Cycling's Ginny Sullivan, who reminded me that bicycle tourists from around the world traverse Montana over at least four great mapped routes: (1) The Great Divide Mountain Bike Route (Roosville to Red Rocks Lakes), the (2) TransAmerica route (Lolo to West Yellowstone), the (3) Northern Tier (Troy to Culbertson), and (4) the Lewis & Clark Trail (Sidney to Lolo).

Adventure Cycling publishes and sells maps for each of these routes, and offers books for three of the four long distance tours. Additionally, they offer their bimonthly magazine, *Adventure Cyclist*, to libraries at half-price (\$17).

[www.adventurecycling.org](http://www.adventurecycling.org)

So, how bike friendly is your library? There's never been a better time to make your library a more welcoming place for bicyclists – long distance tourists, your local patrons, and your healthy bicycle-loving employees.



### Calling All Golfing Librarians

By

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If you are thinking about golfing in just one library sponsored golf tournament this season, please consider the Reading the Greens Tournament sponsored by the Friends of the Hearst Free Library in Anaconda. Oh wait! That's right, it's the only library sponsored golf tournament in Montana! You have no choice. Call, or email John Finn with questions and details. Registration is now open and sponsorship opportunities are still available.

# State Library News



All of the following articles relating to programs and services of the Montana State Library are by:

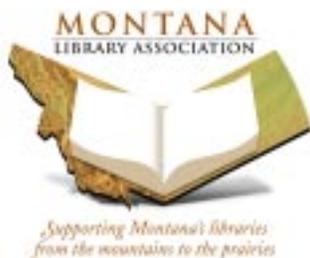
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## Trustee Blitz in September

Jim Connor, from the Trustee College Consulting Team in Nebraska, will be back in Montana visiting library boards in eastern Montana during the week of September 23-27. If you are interested in having Jim meet with your board and share his message – “**Stand Up and Be a Leader**” – just let us know. Scheduling for the week is currently in progress. The Blitz is funded by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.



Jim Connor with trustees from Fort Benton, Great Falls, Lewistown and Stanford at the Chouteau County Library in May



## Fall Workshop 2008

The Fall Workshop schedule is finalized and registration is open. The event will be September 19-20 at Livingston's Best Western Yellowstone Inn and Conference Center. It's a great lineup of workshops and, as always, a special opportunity to meet with and learn from fellow librarians and trustees. Workshop topics for Friday include a special session for new public library directors, helping patrons use medical resources, MARC cataloging basics, creating a motivating environment, using Robert's Rules of Order for meetings, fundraising for libraries, and the resources and tools of the Montana Memory Project. On Saturday, topics include how to keep kids safe on the Internet, how babies learn, helping kids become readers, library leadership strategies, E-content in Montana, implementing the **Big6Super3** (tm) curriculum in school libraries, using E-Rate to help with library finances, and best practices for library boards. There will also be tours of the Livingston-Park County Library and a special presentation on living a more creative life.

This year there are two **Fall Workshop Special Offers**:

**Free night of lodging:** To help your library offset high gas prices, Montana State Library will pay for your room at the Yellowstone Inn on Friday night (September 19). You need to make your own reservations: 800-770-1874 and be sure to mention Montana State Library Group rate. The cost of your room for Friday will be billed directly to MSL. If you stay at the Inn additional nights, or have phone calls, room service, or other charges, these are your responsibility. The Yellowstone Inn is offering state rates — \$70.00 plus tax (single or double) – to all FW participants. A block of rooms has been set aside until September 1st so be sure to make your reservations by that date.

**For new directors:** For public library directors who have been in the position less than two years, Montana State Library extends a special invitation to the Fall Workshop. Your travel expenses – mileage, motel and meals – will be paid by MSL. You need to attend both days of the workshop and the special session for new directors on Friday morning. Please make your own room reservations at the Yellowstone Inn. Other expenses will be reimbursed following the workshop.

Registration details and form are available at: [msl.mt.gov/fallworkshops](http://msl.mt.gov/fallworkshops). You can register online or by mail. As always for the FW, there is no registration fee and lunch is provided.

## Get a Librarian

Don't forget that the PEEL Library Stipends are now available. Montana public, public school (K-12), and tribal libraries can apply for a \$35,000 grant to bring a new professional librarian on staff for two years. The stipends are designed to demonstrate to users and funders how much more can be offered to the community with increased staff at the library. Four stipends are available. Recipients of the stipend must match the stipend and make every effort to continue the position following the grant period. For application details, go to: [msl.mt.gov/greatcareer/stipend.htm](http://msl.mt.gov/greatcareer/stipend.htm) Deadline for applying is December 31, 2008. Stipend awards will be made by March 2009. The PEEL project is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

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# State Library News... Continued

## Spanish Language Outreach Grants Awarded

Spanish Language Outreach (SLO) grants totaling \$4,200 have been awarded to public libraries in Belgrade, Billings, Bozeman, Dillon, Helena, Kalispell, Missoula, and Stevensville. The libraries will use the grants, ranging from \$250 to \$785, for activities, programming, and materials for Spanish speakers in their communities. Also, the "Spanish Language Outreach in Montana Libraries" blog is up and running – a great place where librarians can share their ideas and resources for SLO activities. So post all of your SLO programming and special events on the blog, or visit the blog to get started serving this special population. There will also be updates and special features posted by Montana's SLO trainers, Molly Kliss and Kathy Robins.  
[mtslo.blogspot.com](http://mtslo.blogspot.com)

## Gates PAC-HUG Project Wrapping Up

The Gates Foundation's Public Access Computing Hardware Upgrade Grant Project (2006-2008) is in its final months. There are still 28 public libraries (including branches) with grant funds to use by the December 31, 2008 deadline. If you have PAC-HUG funds left, please spend it now for appropriate project expenses. If you are uncertain of the status of your library's grant, or have questions about the project, please contact Sue at above contact information.

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## New Materials at MSL

The State Library has been purchasing new titles for the professional development collection. Notices of new materials are posted on Wired-MT or, if you subscribe to RSS feeds, you can receive weekly updates about recent additions. For more information or to subscribe visit:  
[msl.mt.gov/PubRSS/RSSNewPubs.asp](http://msl.mt.gov/PubRSS/RSSNewPubs.asp)

## Summer Reading Program 2009

Most of the summer reading programs are wrapping up for this year – bugs and metamorphosis! Next year features music and the arts with the themes "**Be Creative @ Your Library**" (for children) and "**Express Yourself @ Your Library**" (for teens). Again in 2009, Montana State Library will purchase manuals for all public libraries that host summer reading programs. Each manual includes both the children and teen themes and two CDs with graphics and other tools for libraries. We've requested that the manuals and incentive order forms arrive in time to be distributed at the Fall Workshop in September.

## MLA Wishes to Congratulate Our Recent Graduates!

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Congratulations to all of our recent graduates in the Montana Library community!

**Laurel Egan** a Medical Librarian at the St. James Healthcare Medical Library in Butte completed her MLIS in August 2008 at the University of Alabama.

**Nancy Hatfield** a Library Assistant II at the Bozeman Public Library and PEEL scholar completed her MLIS in August 2008 at the University of Washington iSchool.

**Darlene Hert** an Acquisitions and Access Technician at the Montana State University Billings Library and Sheila Cates Scholarship recipient completed her MLS in December 2007 at the Texas Woman's University.

**Teressa Keenan** a Cartographic Materials Cataloging Technician at the University of Missoula Mansfield Library completed her MLIS in March 2008 at the University of Washington iSchool.

**David Ketchum** an Interlibrary Loan Technician at the University of Missoula Mansfield Library completed his MLIS in July 2008 at the University of Southern Mississippi.

**Christine Locke** a teacher and librarian at the Big Sandy High School is completing a Library Endorsement to her teaching degree this summer. She is completing her practicum under the site supervision of Bonnie Williamson.

Are you a recent graduate or do you have a co-worker or friend in the Montana Library community who is? Please email Catherine McMullen at [cmcmullen@bozeman.net](mailto:cmcmullen@bozeman.net) with announcements of graduations, endorsements, or other academic achievements. Please include name, library, position, school, date, degree, and any other information. The announcement will make the next issue of the Focus.

# Public Library News

## Speaker's Bureau Guest at Havre-Hill County Library

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Humanities Montana has many opportunities for programs through their Speaker Bureau grants. The speaker's bureau grants are a simple one page grant. The Havre-Hill County Library invited David Grimland from the list speaker bureau. David Grimland is a retired U.S. Foreign Service officer who lives in Columbus, Montana. He has several program titles and we had him give two lectures while in Havre. The afternoon and favorite program was "Jihadists: Crazy or Committed?" The evening program was "Islam and the West." As most Americans struggle to understand a conflict that prior to 9/11 did not really matter to anyone and recently both programs drew big crowds of citizens wanting to learn more. David Grimland's presentations like most Humanities Montana programs gives the audience great opportunities for discussion. Humanities Montana was recently named a Friend to Montana Libraries. Go to [humanitiesmontana.org](http://humanitiesmontana.org) and download grant applications and shop speakers bureau programs and other opportunities to enhance the programming at your library.



*Great Falls Public Library Director Jim Heckel kissing Daisy the Pig, a featured guest at the Kids' Summer Reading Program.*

## Montana Raptor Conservation Center Brings Birds to the Belgrade Community Library

By  
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Even raptors "Catch the Reading Bug" at the Belgrade Community Library! A Great Horned Owl and a Red Tailed Hawk, ambassadors from the Montana Raptor Conservation Center, visited the Summer Reading Program at the Belgrade Community Library. These birds have had injuries that prevent them from being released back into the wild and they are now

used for educational programs. Children and adults alike sat in rapt attention as the volunteers and their ambassadors told about raptors how we could protect them. Becky Kean and Shaun Phoenix, from the Montana Raptor Conservation Center are pictured with the Red Tailed Hawk.

## Summer Reading Programs Buzzing: and Jim Kisses a Pig!

By  
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The Great Falls Public Library's first ever Adult Summer Reading Program, **Book Buzz**, is enjoying an enthusiastic response from patrons. By the end of the fourth week participation for the week hit the 250 mark and it just keeps growing, averaging near 200 per week. This year's program is a straightforward plan: patrons 18 or over can submit an entry for each book read between June 9 and August 15. We have weekly drawings for smaller prizes and a grand prize drawing on August 15 for an iPod and a year's worth of free library parking. We've built a strong promotional campaign around **Book Buzz**, working with all the local media, especially the radio stations and Great Falls Tribune. This includes bi-monthly radio interviews on all radio stations, a weekly newspaper column, which announces the weekly winner, TV interviews, and lots of word-of-mouth. We're especially happy about the response, considering the street in front of the library has been under construction for three months and counting, making access to the library less than direct. A little detour can't hamper the spirit of reading.

# More Public Library News

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A crowd of approximately 50 residents streamed through the doors of Missoula Public Library's newly remodeled Young Adult room on Saturday, June 28, when we unveiled the work that was more than three months in the making. And we've been hearing raves ever since!

The Young Adult room remodel, adding walls to make an actual room, offers teens their own library space while increasing the number of book shelves available for that collection and the number of computers. Now teen-oriented library programs like our new Readers Club and our ongoing Young Adult Advisory Council will be able to meet in the teen area. Plus, teens will have more room to spread

out with projects, meet friends, and find a welcoming place to relax and read.

With the opening of our exciting new Young Adult room, the first phase of our redesign project is complete, including the Gnome entryway to the Children's Department, Entertainment Central housing all AV materials, and "book store style" displays for new and seasonal materials. Can you hear us cheering?

But wait, there's more. Next we continue our major redesign project giving the Reference Department a new look, including the addition of comfortable seating and lighting provided by the Library Foundation, plus



*Entertainment Central houses audio and video collections for all departments – conveniently located in the center of the main floor.*

catalog lookup stations scattered throughout the stacks and a Readers' Advisory corner. Then it's on to the checkout area and book-drops, introducing self-checkout and self-serve holds pickup. And all the while we'll stay open for regular business.

Follow our progress in our blog at [www.missoulapubliclibrary.org](http://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org) – but be careful, you may get jealous!

## Bozeman Public Library to Hold First Ever, Children's Festival of the Book

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On Saturday, August 23, 2008, the Bozeman Public Library will present its first annual Children's Festival of the Book from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Library in downtown Bozeman. Inspired by the Montana Festival of the Book, the Children's Festival of the Book intends to take the next step in its effort to serve area families by capitalizing on the Library's enormously popular children's program. The goal of the Festival is to celebrate children's literature, inspire children of all ages, and instill a life-long love of reading.

This one-day event will feature author readings, panel discussions and children's activities. Joining the festival as the key-note speaker will be celebrated children's book illustrator Paul O. Zelinsky. Mr. Zelinsky was awarded the Caldecott Medal for his book *Rapunzel* in 1998 and

is the illustrator of three Caldecott Honor books, including *Hansel and Gretel* in 1985, *Rumpelstiltskin* in 1987, and *Swamp Angel* by Anne Isaacs in 1995. Among other subjects, Mr. Zelinsky will address changing technologies in publishing and children's illustration. His talks are liberally peppered with self-deprecating humor and full of beautiful slides and original artwork.

Two panel discussions, *Where'd You Get That Idea?: Backstory and Children's Literature* and *So You Want to Write a Kid's Book: Everything You Wanted to Know About the World of Children's Publishing* will feature children's book authors and illustrators from throughout region. In addition, families will enjoy author readings in the Children's Room by Ben Mikaelson, Nora Martin and Edward Hemingway among others. Kid's activities will include a puppet show and lunch on the lawn to the music of Bozeman's own youth jazz ensemble, Blue Shoes. Area bookstores will be joining in the festivities with special

happenings of their own throughout the day. Local restaurants will be offering family lunch specials.

The Bozeman Public Library has contemplated organizing the Children's Festival of the Book for several years. With the new Library building complete and strong backing by the Bozeman Public Library Foundation, it is prepared to showcase a true book festival geared specifically for children and lovers of children's literature.

All activities are free and open to the public. For a complete schedule, please see the library website at [www.bozemanlibrary.org](http://www.bozemanlibrary.org) or call 406/582-2404. The Bozeman Public Library Children's Festival of the Book is made possible through the generous support of the Bozeman Public Library Foundation and is funded in part by a grant from Humanities Montana, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information, please contact Paula Beswick, Bozeman Public Library Foundation at 582-2426.

*Public Library News, Continued...*

**Business (Reading) is Booming**

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There are book clubs, and then there are book clubs! The Belgrade Community Library has added a new one, the Business Book Club. Meeting monthly, the group reads and discusses books with a business emphasis. August's selection is Lee Iacocca's book, ***Where Have All the Leaders Gone?*** Future selections include ***How to Market, Advertise, and Promote Your Business or Service in Your Own Backyard***, by local author, Tom C. Egelhoff, and ***Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done***, by Larry Bossidy and Ram Charan. The latest book club has attracted a new after-work audience to the library.

**Butte-Silver Bow PL Wishes to Scream: 3 Cheers for Their Director**

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The staff and Board of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library would like to congratulate their Director, Lee Phillips, on her recent graduation accomplishment. PEEL scholar Lee Phillips received her Master's of Library & Information Science degree from the University of Washington iSchool. Lee attended a ceremony in Seattle this June.



*Lee on Graduation day. Congratulations Lee!*



# Catch the Reading Bug!

Summer reading programs are finished, or are wrapping up all over Montana. Please see the next two pages for a few Summer recaps.



*Summer Reading - The Last Day at Hearst Free Library*

# Summer Reading Fun

## Summer Program in Froid Had a Lot of Sting

Kids in Froid, MT, went buggo over the summer reading program "Catch the Reading Bug," which met Wednesdays at Froid Public Library in June and early July. A



"bug of the week" was featured in each Story Hour, bug facts session, games and crafts, and even snacks (bug juice and dirt cakes). Among the amazing "bug stars" were beetles, caterpillars, ladybugs, spiders, and honeybees. Pre-schoolers through grade schoolers jammed the library to compete in reading contests, play bug games, and try their hand at special bug creations. At one session teacher and poet Kodi Harris read bug poems and instructed the young readers in the art of poetry writing. Each child wrote a bug poem and learned that snapping your fingers is the cool way to applaud a poem read aloud.

Although 23 children enrolled as readers, close to 40 showed up over the five-week span of the program. The winners for reading the most books were: First Place: Samantha Holte, Second Place: Aquinnah Conat, Third Place: Morgan Holte. Points were earned by reading books with bonus points awarded for bug books. At the final party prizes were given to all the youngsters and the top readers received gift certificates to Books on Broadway bookstore in Williston, ND. The GIA of Froid (Gals in Action) generously contributed \$200 for materials and prizes for the program.

August

## Fun Buggy Hats in Cascade

The children of Cascade were all a buzz during the month of July as they scurried over to Wedsworth Memorial Library each Tuesday to "Catch the Reading Bug".

Each week many antics were enjoyed. Tall tales were spun, jokes and riddles shared, insect's lives investigated, and crafts carefully assembled. Our Bug Hat (with insects hanging from the brim) was passed around and worn by a child correctly answering questions or sharing their knowledge. The segments of our Bookworm (one for each child) became very colorful as they were decorated with stickers for every book checked out and read.



We had a library bug hunt (plastic replicas, not the real thing), made a ladybug shaped journal to record bugs spotted around home, attached many ants to an ant hill, added a lifelike beetle (with moveable wings) to a "Don't Bug Me, I'm Reading" door hanger, busily put together a honeycomb with bees, colored and assembled finger puppet flowers and bees, made a spider hat, wrapped ourselves in a large sheet to experience what it might feel like to be in a cocoon, and created our own fluttery butterfly..

Our librarian, Jackie Strandell got into the spirit of the month by having lots of new bug books for the children to enjoy and she even wore her own spider hat!

Yes, a creepy crawly good time was had by all!

Montana Library Focus

## MPL Goes Buggy

The reading bug is definitely catchy in Missoula. It seems like every year participants in our program and activities increase, and this year is no different. At last count mid-July, we had given out more than 2,300 reading folders to "kids" of all ages to tally their time spent reading and earn coupons from our generous local businesses. MPL calls it our Family Reading Program so everybody can take part, and they are!

On top of reading like crazy, our children's department has been buzzing with activity. We've hosted weekly events including Raptors of the Rockies, Dragon Tales sock puppets, author Sneed Collard, Science Woman's wacky experiments, Parsons' Ponies, and naturalist Byron Weber. Starting with the first activity, which "sold out" several hours before the program's start, we've had record turnout. We'll wrap up the summer with an end-of-summer-reading party including a choral reading, Tootsie Pop spiders, and lots of fun activities.

Whew! We'll need a break from summer vacation when we're done, but our staff is having a great creepy, crawly time this summer!



*The Summer Reading Science Guy - Jim Semmelroth*

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# Summer Reading Fun

What in the Heck Was Going on at Bozeman Public Library This Summer?



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