Message from the President

Montana Library Community:

As the weather turns colder and the smoke clears from the sky (any…. time…. now), I’m about to flip my calendar page to October. October is always a busy month for MLA and I’d like to share with you some of the upcoming MLA activities.

The first official conference planning meeting for the annual MLA conference will take place in Missoula on October 6th during the Festival of the Book. Of course conference co-planners Barbara Theroux (Fact and Fiction & Friends of the Missoula Public Libraries) and Honore Bray (Director, Missoula Public Libraries) are already hard at work.

I’d like to thank all of you who have submitted your program proposals – thanks to you, we’ll enjoy a strong line-up of program offerings this year!

I’m pleased to announce that Dr. Mary Bushing will be the keynote speaker for our annual conference. She is a state treasure, having worked in all types of libraries and having consulted and taught all over the U.S. and beyond. She is a dynamic speaker – you won’t want to miss her. Following the October 6th meeting, I’ll be able to announce a couple of other intriguing conference speakers and I’ll do that over Facebook and Wired-MT because I’ll be too excited to wait until the next edition of FOCUS! I’m barely keeping it in right now.

October also brings with it the annual ASLD / PLD retreat at Chico. The retreat co-planners Pam Henley (Bozeman Public Library) and Lauren McMullen (State Library) have posted to the MLA website the schedule of diverse programming, designed to appeal to and benefit public librarians and academic librarians alike. Also, it’s clearly going to be spooky. Please visit the MLA website and register for the retreat.

We will wrap up the month with the Fall MLA Board meeting at the Livingston Public Library. When the strategic plan was updated in July, names and due dates were attached to each action item, so board members will be able to specifically report on their progress on action items. In addition to regular association business, discussions will also include improving MLA’s budgeting system and which agendas MLA will advance as we embark on the upcoming legislative session.

Please keep in mind that we all read the FOCUS for news, but also to get ideas for innovative things to try at our own libraries. What are you doing? Share your stories – submit to FOCUS!

Anne Kish
President
Montana Library Association
New Teen Services Librarian…
New (and Old Favorites Too!) Fall Programs at Lewis & Clark Library
By Patricia C. Spencer, Public Information Officer and Volunteer Coordinator
Lewis and Clark Library

Zombie Fest has become a program favorite among the young adults who attend Teen Programs at the Lewis & Clark Library, but many worried that the annual ghoulish event wouldn't be held since the position of Teen Services Librarian had not yet been filled…that is until Heather Dickerson arrived last week filling the vacancy and filling up October's calendar with Teen events including Zombie Fest!

Dickerson comes to the Library from Pittsburgh where she served as a Teen Library Assistant in an urban branch library. “I focused primarily on programs in my previous position and I hope to introduce some cool new programs here,” explained Dickerson. From the looks of October's calendar Dickerson is off to a great start with a slate of programs focused on Teen Read Week October 14-20th.

From rural, western New York, Dickerson loves the outdoors and working with young people. She previously worked at an outdoor education company and has been a preschool teacher, but working with teens is her passion, “I’m excited to get to know the teens of this community and working on providing a solid young adult collection and program here at the Library.” Dickerson holds a BA in Art Education from Buffalo State College and a MLIS in Children and Youth Services from the University of Pittsburgh. You can reach Dickerson at hdickerson@lclibrary.org or 447-1690 ext 132 and don't forget to “like” the LCL Teen page on Facebook.

New Faces at Helena College Library
By Della Dubbe, Director
Helena College Library

Helena College of Technology is now Helena College University of Montana, or just plain Helena College. I am therefore the new Director of Library Services at the Helena College Library. Elizabeth Karr is our new reference librarian. New name and new staff mean lots of changes and lots of learning going on. Tremendous thanks to Mary Ann George, our Library Assistant, for taking on the task of training us both. She has been amazingly helpful and has done a wonderful job. I started two weeks before the beginning of the fall semester and Elizabeth started the same day as the students! Elizabeth is a research wizard and Mary Ann knows all the ins and outs of campus life, so I am set. Below is a short bio from Elizabeth. Take time to say hello when you see her out and about at various library events.

Greetings friends! My name is Elizabeth Karr and I am the new librarian at Helena College. I moved to Montana from San José, California, where I earned my MLIS from San José State University this past May (2012). Previously, I worked at the San José Public Library for a few years as a Page and Clerk and also at the nonprofit, Bill Wilson Center, as a Residential Counselor and a Youth Intervention Worker, facilitating life skills classes and community engagement activities with at-risk youth. From 2007-2009, I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines (in Baguio City), teaching literacy and life skills to youth and training other Peace Corps volunteers, staff, and community members on various professional development topics (i.e. anything under the sun from staff learning about project management to parents learning about working with their special needs children). I’m 29 years old, love to read, write, hike, and karaoke and I dream of someday having a potbellied pig as my sidekick.
Friends of MSU Library Welcome Hugh Ambrose to Fall Dinner Fundraiser

By Angela Tate
Friends of the MSU Library, MSU - Bozeman

The Friends of MSU Library will host their 19th annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction, presented by Toyota of Bozeman, on Thursday, October 25 at the Best Western GranTree Inn in Bozeman. The Friends are thrilled to announce that the keynote speaker will be New York Times bestselling author and acclaimed historian Hugh Ambrose of Helena. The title of Ambrose’s talk is “Behind the Scenes of the Making of the HBO Miniseries The Pacific.”

Ambrose served as the historical consultant for the HBO miniseries The Pacific, which was produced by Steven Spielberg, Tom Hanks, and Gary Goetzman and won eight Emmys in 2010. The Pacific is a companion to the HBO miniseries Band of Brothers, which was produced by Ambrose's father, the late historian Stephen E. Ambrose. In addition to his work with HBO, Ambrose also wrote the book The Pacific, which spent 17 weeks on the New York Times Best Sellers List, peaking at number three.

The Friends of MSU Library have an exciting variety of auction items lined up for this year's event including dinner for eight with MSU President Waded Cruzado, two tickets to the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia, two all-inclusive tickets to the Alumni Sky Suite at Bobcat Stadium for the Nov. 10th MSU v. Portland State football game, and an Al Talbot one-piece bamboo fly rod with reel and fly fishing day trip for two.

This is the primary fundraiser for the Friends of MSU Library. Proceeds of this fundraiser enhance the collections and services of the MSU Library through collection and facilities endowments. We'd love for you to join us for this wonderful event. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 994-3119 or email angela.tate@montana.edu. To learn more about the Friends of MSU Library, visit www.friendsofmsulibrary.com.

Summer Reading Program at Madison Valley Public Library - Ennis

By Kathy Knack
Madison Valley Public Library

The Summer Reading Program “Dream Big...Read” was a great success at Madison Valley Public Library. Over the course of the program, which ran June 15 - Aug. 24, there were 490 participants who read 798 books! The younger kids each got a bag of prizes, which included gift certificates for ice cream cones donated by local Ennis restaurant, Sugar High. Grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12 entered 3 separate drawings for Kindle Touch e-Readers, bundles of books and other prizes.

The Friends of the Library donated funds to purchase all the prizes! The Friends of the Library also hosted the fabulous final party on Aug. 24. The kids enjoyed receiving their prizes, tossing water balloons, and then had a delicious picnic lunch of hot dogs, chips and watermelon. Congratulations to the kids who read all summer long!
Honoring Montana’s Own
At the ALA Membership meeting and at the final ALA Council Meeting at ALA Annual members and council stood silently to honor people important to the library world. This year, ALA honored a former Montana Councilor: Jane Howell. Her name was read alongside such dignitaries as Ray Bradbury and Abbe Charles-Michel ‘lepee, the inventor of language for the deaf in sign and finger spelling (the Manual Alphabet and Language of Conventional Signs). It was truly an honor to represent Montana and offer a memorial tribute honoring Jane Howell. Lauren McMullen seconded the tribute and stood with me as we honored Jane. The memorial resolution in full is being mailed to Jane’s husband and children.

E-books Update
President Molly Raphael shared reports on her meetings with publishers regarding e-books. Also speaking on e-book publishing was the report from the Working Group on Digital Content and Libraries. This group of librarians met in April focusing on business models and licensing agreements. They are now working on tutorial materials to share with the library community on the myriad issues surrounding ebooks. For information on ALA’s business model for public libraries and e-books please visit the site. ALA’s next focus regarding ebooks will be on a business model for school libraries on providing e-books for patrons.

ALA Presidential Changeover
As President Molly Raphael steps down from her post as president, Maureen Sullivan will take over as President and Barbara Stripling will become President-Elect. Both have been active and involved in the e-book discussions and will continue the communication with publishers begun by Molly Raphael.

Banned Books Week
This year ALA’s plan to celebrate Banned Books Weeks includes hopes to have every state participate in a Virtual Readout. The idea is to record an author reading from his/her favorite banned book and a brief commentary about the work. Readings are videotaped and submitted to the ALA collection on youtube. A collection is already in place and available for use in celebration of Banned Books Week.

At the ALA annual conference in Anaheim I learned about the Merritt Fund which supplies money to support librarians who have suffered a loss of income through their defense of intellectual freedom or through personal discrimination. I had never heard of this before and neither had many other councilors. If you or any one you know is in need of such a fund please go to the website for more information. This site also holds information on how to donate to the fund.

School Library Resolution
At ALA Council we passed a resolution speaking directly about the importance of certified school librarians in every public school. ALA will use this piece as a lobbying tool during their Legislative Days. You will be hearing about this resolution and its potential impact again. The full resolution is available at the ALA Website.

Book Awards
Most of the book awards presented at ALA Annual are widely publicized in ALA publications. A new award, however, does not receive as much attention but is of significance for Montana libraries. There is hardly a library in the state that does not serve Native Americans. With that in mind, please note this year’s winners of the American Indian Youth Literature Awards.

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**Picture Book Award Winner** – *The Christmas Coat: Memories of my Sioux childhood* by Virginiia Driving Hawk Sneve and illustrated by Ellen Beier

From the Inside Flap: “Each day on the long walk to school Virginia’s outgrown winter coat lets the frigid South Dakota prairie winds bite her bare wrists... Luckily, Christmas brings unexpected joy for those with generous spirits in this heartfelt story based on an event from the author’s childhood.”

**Middle School Award Winners** – *Free Throw* and *Triple Threat* by Jacqueline Guest

*Free Throw*: Lots of on-court action and a light approach to a contemporary situation will make this an endearing novel for young readers. Matthew Eagletail was happy with life until his mother remarried. Now he must get used to a new school, a new father, five pesky new sisters, and a dog named Precious. (Reader Store review)

*Triple Threat*: When Matt’s online friend, Free Throw, finally comes to Bragg Creek for a visit, the first thing they do is get a team together for the summer basketball league. Unfortunately, Matt’s archenemy has had the same idea...

(Amazon)

**Young Adult Award Winner** – *Pipestone: My Life in an Indian Boarding School* by Adam Fortunate Eagle

Best known as a leader of the Indian takeover of Alcatraz Island in 1969, Adam Fortunate Eagle now offers an unforgettable memoir of his years as a young student at Pipestone Indian Boarding School in Minnesota. In this rare firsthand account, Fortunate Eagle lives up to his reputation as a “contrary warrior” by disproving the popular view of Indian boarding schools as bleak and prisonlike.

Libraries looking for good fiction which accurately portrays Native American life would do well to order these.

**Update from PNLA Representative**

By Della Dubbe, Director
Helena College Library

Several Montana librarians went “Into the Wild” for the PNLA Conference in Anchorage in August. Weather, food, and sessions were great! I thoroughly enjoyed participating in “Reading the Region,” an annual session favorite researched, compiled and organized by Jan Zauha. My book recommendations from that event are *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick deWitt, a gritty and entertaining read, and *Goodbye Wifes and Daughters* by Susan Kushner, the story of the Smith Coal Mine disaster in Bearcreek. I talked to several vendors and will be sharing the vendor list and suggestions with the MLA board at our meeting after the ASLD/PLD Retreat.

It was great to meet and work with the members of the PNLA Board, a fun and productive group. Check out the officers and the updated reports. Mary DeWalt reported that the PNLA Leadership Institute received a $70,000 three year grant. PNLA Leads 2013 is a great opportunity for leadership and management skills training to assist in guiding libraries through an ever changing landscape of services. Applications will be available early spring 2013.

The PNLA Conference will be in Boise at the Riverside Inn August 13 – 16, 2013. The conference is scheduled for Montana in 2014. It would be nice to have the conference in one of the locations that are no longer large enough for our annual MLA conference. PNLA attendance is between 100 and 200. Helena is centrally located for most and would be a good choice. Let me know if you have any input on location. The PNLA board suggested that it be in a city with an airport as many attendees fly in. We will be discussing this at the MLA Board meeting at Chico and I will report on findings at the November 16-18 PNLA board meeting at Dumas Bay Centre.

Perhaps most importantly, we need Montana nominations for PNLA vice president for 2013. The VP would serve as PNLA President and conference co-chair for the Montana PNLA conference in 2014. This is a great group to work with, please consider running for VP.
Readers to the Rescue Raises $2,000 for Samaritan House
By April Szuch, Public Services Librarian
Flathead County Library System

On September 25, the Flathead County Library System presented Samaritan House with a $2,000 donation from Readers to the Rescue, part of the Summer Reading Program and sponsored by the Friends of the Flathead County Library. This year the 1,600 children and teens participating in the Summer Reading Program read more than 28,000 hours.

Thanks to the participation of local children and teens and the support of the Friends, each year Readers to the Rescue allows Summer Reading Program participants to convert extra hours of reading into money for a local charity. Park Side Federal Credit Union sponsored the Summer Reading Program for the fifth year in a row.

To go along with this year's nighttime-themed Summer Reading Program – “Dream Big” and “Own the Night” – the library selected Samaritan House as the Readers to the Rescue charity. Samaritan House is a homeless shelter and transitional living program in Kalispell.

OFFLINE 2013
By Lee Miller, Director
Butte-Silver Bow County Library

The Montana Library Association is proud to offer the Offline Technology Conference in Butte Montana this year. The event is planned for the first and second of February 2013 in the Thornton Building in uptown Butte. The Thornton Building is home to Siafu Corporation, LLC which manages Montana’s super-computing center in conjunction with private industries. The conference will feature Marshall Breeding as its keynote speaker and presentations by some of Montana’s movers and technology shakers. The conference starts on Friday at noon with lunch sessions and an afternoon break. The day will end with a catered meet and greet happy hour (wine and beer). Dinner will include dining coupons for Butte’s fine dining establishments. Saturday will begin at 8 o’clock with a breakfast bar, followed by sessions until 1 pm. A boxed lunch will be provided so that those who need to travel can and those who want to stay, can eat and visit. Registration opens in November. For more information contact Lee or Laci in Butte at 723-3361 x 6201 or lmiller@buttepubliclibrary.info

Marshall Breeding is an independent consultant, speaker, and author. He is the creator and editor of Library Technology Guides and the lib-web-cats online directory of libraries on the Web. His monthly column Systems Librarian appears in Computers in Libraries; he is the Editor for Smart Libraries Newsletter published by the American Library Association, and has authored the annual Automation Marketplace feature published by Library Journal since 2002. He has authored nine issues of ALA’s Library Technology Reports, and has written many other articles and book chapters. Marshall has edited or authored seven books, including Cloud Computing for Libraries published by in 2012 by Neal-Schuman, now part of ALA TechSource. He regularly teaches workshops and gives presentations at library conferences on a wide range of topics.

He is a regular presenter at library conferences including Computers in Libraries and Internet Librarian conferences, has been a LITA Top Technology Trends panelist at ALA conferences has been an invited speaker for many library conferences and workshops throughout the United States and internationally.
New PSA from Butte
By Lee Miller, Director
Butte-Silver Bow County Library

Please take a look at our new [musical PSA]. Regan deVictoria is BSBPL adult services librarian and has many talents that are evident in this video. Produced by the Montana Movie Factory located in Butte. For more information contact Regan @ 723-3361-x6302

Risk-takers Convene in Telluride
By Donci Bardash, Project Director BTOP
Montana State Library

Have you been hearing your peers talk about “thinking sideways” and “role-storming” – or have you been surprised by a flash mob recently? Have you been asked to identify your library’s “meatloaves?” Are you wondering what’s in the water these days?

Earlier this month, ten Montana librarians attended the Risk and Reward (R-squared) Conference in Telluride, Colorado. The vision of the conference says it all: Faced with diminishing budgets, new technologies and changing customer needs, the traditional library faces extinction. We must adapt and innovate to transform from a quiet storehouse of books to a dynamic center of free engagement with knowledge.

The conference was designed to inspire creative, out-of-the-box thinking in four experiences (tracks): culture, customer curiosity, abundant community, and creative spaces. Some attendees confronted fears by holding snakes; others went to the streets of Telluride to interview the public about the role of libraries in their lives. Tamara Kleinberg, a creative-thinker and consultant so respected in her field that she is hired by Disney (yes, Disney) to inspire their employees, convinced us all to jump off our chairs.

The days were long, motivating, and exhausting (in a good way)!...

So what’s next? The attendees of the conference were so inspired that we'd like to bring a little bit of R-squared to Montana this spring. And for those of you who cannot wait quite that long, check out one of the many social media outlets documenting our experiences:

Twitter: #rsq12 or @rsquaredconf
Blog: www.rsquaredconference.org/blog
Facebook: R-Squared Conference

Or, read one of the many books we received:
Kleinberg, Tamara. *Think Sideways: A Game-changing Playbook for Disruptive Thinking*
Linkner, Josh. *Disciplined Dreaming: A Proven System to Drive Breakthrough Creativity*
McKnight, John. *Building Communities from the Inside Out: A Path Toward Identifying and Mobilizing a Community's Assets*
McKnight, John. *The Careless Society: Community and its Counterfeits*
McKnight, John. *The Abundant Community: Awakening the Power of Families and Neighborhoods*
Simon, Nina. *The Participatory Museum*
Bozeman Public Library was delighted to hear that Kate Holloway, Library Aide/Assistant won a Cates Scholarship to be used to pursue an online library science degree through the University of North Texas and hopes to specialize in youth librarianship. Thanks to all who support the efforts of the Sheila Cates Scholarship Committee by contributing to the Cates Silent Auction and scholarship event at conference every year. Kate was also awarded the Marilyn Huestis—Mel Wojcik Memorial Scholarship for $1,000 through the Montana Public Employee Association as a “continuing student.” She has been working at the Bozeman Public Library full-time since 2009. Congratulations, Kate!

Humanities Heroes are people who have contributed significantly to the humanities by presenting engaging programs, hosting many humanities events, composing important books and articles about humanities topics, donating funds to sustain humanities work, and more. On Thursday, September 6, Humanities Montana honored Humanities Heroes at the Bozeman Public Library, including our own Paula Beswick. She has been the foundation director of the Bozeman Public Library for the past five years, and has made the library the arts and cultural center for the Bozeman community. Paula has been involved with artist receptions, the Gallatin Art Crossing sculptures, and the Bozeman Sculpture Park, and is currently president of the Bozeman Professional Women’s group. She also is actively involved in One Book–One Bozeman, the “Jazz with Kelly Roberti” series and the monthly “Exploring the Arts” programs featuring local musicians and artists. Under her leadership, the foundation has been able to provide the additional funding necessary to host unique and important events, such as the annual Children’s Festival of the Book, where the top children’s authors and illustrators come to Bozeman to share their talents with kids and their families.

This year’s fifth annual Children’s Festival of the Book will be held on Saturday, November 3 and features Caldecott-winning illustrator Paul Zelinsky (back for a second time), Jeanne DuPrau, author of the popular City of Ember series, and Eddie Hemingway, author and illustrator of Bad Apple: A Tale of Friendship. The day-long event is free and open to everyone. Adults, kids, families, caregivers, educators, and librarians will all find something of interest! The Festival is sponsored by the Bozeman Public Library Foundation with support from Humanities Montana, Montana Parent Magazine, The Country Bookshelf, Society of Children’s Books Writers and Illustrators, Insty Prints-Bozeman, Magpie Guest House, Montana Ale Works, and the Bozeman Daily Chronicle. For any questions about the Festival, please contact Jeannie Gracie-Etgen in the Library Foundation office at 582-2425 or programs@bozemanlibraryfoundation.org.
News from the Montana State Library
By Sue Jackson
Montana State Library

Montana Certification Program for Library Directors, Staff & Trustees
If you're interested in the certification program, the details and forms are on the Montana State Library (MSL) website. With the master class list and the online tracking form, it's easy to participate.

Something for the Montana Memory Project?
There are some exciting new collections currently being prepared for the Montana Memory Project website. The Polson area newspaper from 1910 (eventually through 1923), the MSU-Billings yearbooks from 1928-1972, and the Kalispell area city directories from 1901-1923 will be added to MMP in the next few months. If you have something special in your library that you'd like to make available to more than a local audience, consider the Montana Memory Project (MMP). If you'd like to learn more, contact the Montana State Library (Sue Jackson sujackson@mt.gov or Katie Beall kbeall@mt.gov).

SWIM Graduates
It is with great pleasure that Montana State Library announces the graduation of 63 SWIM scholarship students: 48 with MLS degrees from the University of North Texas and 15 with School Library Media Endorsements from UM, MSU, and Black Hills State University. An additional ten students will be graduating from the UNT program during the last year of the SWIM project.

On August 18th, UNT hosted a graduation ceremony for SWIM MLS students on the MSU-Billings campus. It was a great event for the students and their families to celebrate the hard work and sacrifices they made during the past two years. The ceremony was complete with full regalia (check out the photo of the Montana grads who attended) and congratulatory messages from IMLS, dean of the UNT library program, and representatives of the four participating SWIM state libraries (South Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana).

The SWIM project has made $783,812 available for student support in the form of tuition, assistance attending UNT-required face-to-face institutes, and assistance attending state, regional and national library conferences. For our state, 21 Montanans have successfully completed coursework to become professional librarians: 14 with MLS degrees and 7 with SLME credentials. Three more will graduate with Master's degrees by the end of the SWIM project.

Master of Library Science degrees awarded to Matt Beckstrom (Helena), Linda Blomquist (Dillon), Nancy Clark (Billings), Mitch Grady (Anaconda), Karolyn Grimm (Bozeman), Pam Harrington (Missoula), Cheryl Hoover (Billings), Dana Kopp (Missoula), Lisa Lykins (Kalispell), Alana Mueller-Brunckhorst (Wilsall), Jessie Pate (Wyoming scholarship recipient now working in Libby), Ann Rebarchik (Frenchtown), Barbara Riebe (Billings), Nancy Venable (Havre), Jennifer Wilke (Billings).

School Library Media Endorsement credentials awarded to Nancy Coultais (Roundup), Jennifer Crisman (Great Falls), Debbie Denowh (Sidney), Joelfre Grant (Ronan), Kris Keller (Kalispell), Nancy Lunday (Helena), Michelle O’Rourke (Great Falls).

Soon to be UNT Master of Library Science graduates: Anna Geary (Great Falls), Reena McCarthy (Missoula), Megan Glidden (Kalispell).

(Photo at Left) Montana SWIM graduates attending ceremony
Back row: Nancy Venable, Barbara Riebe, Dana Kopp, Pam Harrington, Sue Jackson (State Library), Alana Mueller-Brunckhorst, Cheryl Hoover, Nancy Clark, Jennie Stapp (State Librarian) Front row: Ann Rebarchik, Matt Beckstrom, Jessie Pate, Linda Blomquist, Lisa Lykins
Sheila Cates Scholarship Winners
By Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Chair
Cates Scholarship Committee

The MLA Sheila Cates Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners of this year’s Cates Scholarships.

Katherine Holloway, Library Aide/Assistant at Bozeman Public Library; and Melody Condron, Montana Shared Catalog Library Systems Technician at the Montana State Library. Both Katherine and Melody will each receive a $3,000 scholarship to be used towards expenses as they pursue their graduate library science degrees.

Congratulations to these two excellent candidates and thanks to all who support the efforts of the Sheila Cates Scholarship Committee by contributing to the Cates Silent Auction and scholarship event at conference every year.

iLibrary Event Envisions Library Tech Future
By Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Director
Parmly Billings Library

Nearly fifty community members in the Billings area gathered on a sunny September Saturday to speculate about future library technology. As Parmly Billings Library moves closer to a new facility, community involvement in the technology planning for the facility was solicited at the iLibrary gathering. People were asked to provide input for technology planning based on their own needs and own knowledge of the possibilities, but also looking at issues affecting the community as well.

National library technology gurus Michael Porter and David Lee King informed and inspired the gathering with examples of technology in place in libraries around the country. This was followed with break-out brainstorming groups and presentation of the ideas generated, with the larger group selecting the ideas that most inspired them. A panel of local technology experts brought home-town expertise on board. Josh Blotkamp from First Interstate Bank explained the inner workings of mobile technologies and near field communications; Desiree Caskey from Billings School District 2 focused on the integration of technology into K-12 educational curricula including BYOD – Bring Your Own Device to school; Tim Urbaniak from City College at MSU-Billings demonstrated the practical use of 3-D printing for mapping and archival purposes; and David Schaer from Computers Unlimited championed the evolution of online education and cloud computing.

Montana State Library Technology Consultant Suzanne Reymer helped explain library culture and perspective to attendees. She stressed the importance of robust wifi, access for those with disabilities and providing patrons with a means to write and self-publish. Instant polls and survey questions presented to attendees throughout came back via web-based or text message replies with results posted in real-time, making the process both lively and interactive.

The synergy of people from different industries and walks of life all enthusiastically talking about what libraries could create using technology was a gratifying outcome. Parmly Billings Library will be using the results of the iLibrary visions to develop the technology plan for the new Library, slated to open in Fall 2013. The iLibrary event was sponsored by the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Parmly Billings Library.
Update on Parmly Billings Library Construction  
By Dee Ann Redman, Assistant Director  
Parmly Billings Library

The construction of the new Parmly Billings Library facility is off and running. Project contractors have poured footings and started on foundation walls. They anticipate structural steel framing rising up to outline the new building during October, allowing them to close in the building before winter sets in.

The library has mounted a webcam on the roof of its existing building, allowing all those interested in watching the progress of the new library a bird’s-eye view of the construction progress. Watch the building grow at the [website].

Current estimates call for the building’s completion in October 2013, with demolition of the current building to take place as soon as the Library has moved over to the new one. Stay tuned for plans for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to follow!

Whitefish Community Library Receives a Generous Gift from Summer Resident  
By Alison Pomerantz, Secretary  
Whitefish Community Library

For long-time summer resident Harriet Glanville, Whitefish was always a special place. As a way to give back to the community that meant so much to the educator and avid golfer, Glanville generously left the Whitefish Community Library with a bequest of $198,000 upon her death on January 1, 2012.

“This is once again a testimony to the generosity of this community,” said WCL Director Joey Kositzky. “There are so many people that we are grateful for, not only for monetary support, but for volunteerism and in-kind donations. Harriet is another example of how their generosity benefits an entire community, especially those who use the library.”

Glanville’s life was played like that of a consummate competitor—making the most of the round she was dealt and being gracious to remember those who cheered her on when the game was done. Just as golf legend Bobby Jones once said, “Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots - but you have to play the ball where it lies.”

Born on August 23, 1927 in Mason City, Iowa, Glanville moved to Long Beach, California in 1938 after briefly living in Canada near her grandparents. She graduated from Long Beach Poly High, received her undergraduate degree from UCLA and went on to earn her teaching certification from Long Beach State. Glanville became a physical education instructor at Paramount Junior High School and played golf competitively during the summers or in her free time. In addition to the Whitefish Community Library, all three of her educational institutions benefitted from charitable contributions from her estate, specifically earmarked for the women’s golf programs.

“I think it’s a wholesome ambition for a girl to become a good golfer,” Glanville was quoted as saying in the Independent Press Telegram on June 21, 1964. “I was always interested in golf. My mother got me started… she would even shag balls for me when I practiced.”

Described as a “trim blond” with a three handicap who aspired to be the National Women’s Amateur Champion, Glanville was the player to beat in the 1960s and 1970s in Long Beach Regional women’s golf circles. She attributed much of her success to her mother’s hounding to get out to the course and practice.
After retiring from teaching, Glanville decided to spend her summers in Whitefish, to enjoy golf in the courses of Northwest Montana and be closer to her cousin Tom Glanville and his wife Peggy, also avid golfers. Harriet Glanville never married or had children and lived with her mother until her mother passed away in 1987. Besides influencing her golf career, Glanville’s mother also enjoyed reading and was likely one of the inspiring forces behind Glanville’s bequest. The Whitefish Community Library’s staff helped to provide large-print editions and other special materials to Glanville’s mother when her eyesight began to fail—a kindness that was never forgotten.

“Harriet was both an educator and a brilliant golfer, and thus a believer in excellence. It absolutely tickles me to think of her quietly reserving this bequest for the library—she definitely hit a philanthropic ‘hole-in-one’ for our community by doing so,” said Anne Shaw Moran, Vice Chair of the WCL Board of Trustees. “I am glad that the Whitefish Community Library will be able to honor Harriet’s memory by employing the very generous resources she has provided to help support and enhance the outstanding library that our community enjoys, and we thank her.”

Hey Montana Libraries, What Do YOU Need?
The slogan of the Montana Library Association is “Supporting Montana’s libraries from the mountains to the prairies.”
It’s a nifty phrase, but what does it mean in action? As the outreach branch of the MLA governing structure, the MLA PR & Marketing Committee wants to know what WE can do to support YOU. What can we put together that would be most useful to you in meeting your particular library’s missions and goals? Do you need press releases, brochures, or signs, extolling the importance of libraries? Do you need advice on what avenues you might be pursuing be doing to get the word out about your library? Do you need talking points for decision-makers? You tell us.

Members of the PR and Marketing Committee are anxious to hear from you and ready to help.
Please contact Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, MLA PR & Marketing Committee Chair, at lisameckjack@gmail.com with your ideas and needs and we will do our best to support you.

We can’t wait to hear from you!