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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Della Dube

National Library Legislative Day is a great day for librarians, especially for those librarians who are privileged to attend this event in Washington DC. Darlene Staffeldt, Marsha Hinch and I were the lucky delegates this year. It was exciting to be a part of an event that combined the awe-inspiring grandeur of DC with a fervor for libraries and the importance of what we do as librarians. We missed Lois Fitzpatrick, our Government Affairs Committee Chair, but we were lucky to have Darlene Staffeldt showing Marsha and I the ropes. We had a pre-conference on Sunday and a briefing on Monday that were helpful to us during our visits to the hill on Tuesday. It was a treat to finally visit the Washington office of the American Library Association. They gave us instruction on what to say and do during our

meetings, the least important of which was "don't chew gum", the most important of which was "say the numbers", "we need \$300 million for LSTA and \$100 million for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program for FY 2010."

Darlene set up a schedule for us to meet with Max Baucus, John Tester and Denny Rehberg. My 16-year-old, Max, joined us for the meetings. We met with legislative assistants at all three offices and Tester met with us in person as well. Baucus was in a committee meeting and Rehberg chose to greet and meet with the independent bankers rather than us. When we were waiting in his office, the staffer asked if we were the independent bankers. I told Darlene and Marsha later that we should have said yes and then disclosed our error after being admitted to his office :). Tester and Baucus both signed the "Dear Colleague" letter for LSTA funds.

It was an experience that I recommend to anyone who gets the chance and a very good reason to be president of MLA during a legislative year even if it is a bit busier. It is a grand feeling to think that your visits to legislators can make a difference to U.S. libraries. In addition, when visiting with librarians from across the United States, I

was very excited to see and chat with a fellow librarian from Charleston, South Carolina. Rayburn and I worked together at a large branch of the Charleston County Library system while getting our library degrees from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He emailed my old boss so we could say hello.

We can safely say that the MLA Conference in Kalispell was a success. Thanks aren't enough for those who actively participated in this highly orchestrated event. Lynn Kelly and Kim Crowley and all past conference co-chairs deserve a bow whenever we see them. T & T Conference Planning did a great job, but there is so much to learn regarding our conference that it was advantageous to have them working closely with the co-chairs this year. We are in the process of negotiations to hire them again next year and will try to make that happen. MLA's finance committee and executive committee will be crunching numbers in the next couple of weeks and we will see what we can do.

After five years as editor of Focus, John Finn has decided to pass the baton on to someone new. We are looking for someone who would like to use his/her creative skills in serving as editor of the Focus Newsletter. Thanks to John, the Focus is more attractive and informative than ever before. If anyone has talent in this area, or would like to know more about what is involved, contact John.

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President's Message cont...

Change is the only constant and we have another change to report in our Focus newsletter. Bruce Newell will no longer be writing Bruce's Corner for us. We will certainly miss his valuable insight into the future of libraries and hope he will still share an occasional article when inspired to do so. Bruce has other canoes to paddle, bikes to ride and roles to play, but once a librarian, always a librarian. That being said, we thankfully and hopefully have not heard the last from him in Focus.

Lastly, this is my farewell article as president. Serving as president of MLA has been a perspective changing and enriching experience that I highly recommend. Eva English will be your capable and innovative president in 2009-2010.

My last words as president for Focus, "MLA needs you!"

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MLA Seeks New Editor for *Focus*

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I have greatly enjoyed editing the MLA Newsletter since August of 2004. But it is now time to step down. I want to thank everybody for their help, guidance and compliments over the past five years. It's a good gig, and for me it has been a fun way to contribute to MLA.

The Association is now looking for a newsletter editor! Do you have untapped design skills? Have you been an editor before? Do you have ideas for changing the MLA Newsletter? Do you foresee an RSS newsfeed rather than a print publication? Do you want to reach more readers than just the Association? Then you may be the right person for the job. If you have questions about the newsletter, please contact me and I will be happy to fill you in.

You may recall that I did a survey of **Focus** readers two years ago. Those survey results would be valuable for anyone deciding whether they wanted to edit **Focus** or not. If you want to see a copy of those results, please let me know.

There are many people that have made **Focus** a great newsletter. First of all, of course, are the many contributors. There are many regular contributors, and I would like to thank them for their consistency. But it's the frequent surprise contributors that make the job fun.

I would also like to thank Ruth Lindabury, a Great Falls friend, for teaching me how to use the Adobe Pagemaker software, and also for her help designing the new front page of **Focus**. Ruth's guidance in the early days of editing **Focus** was invaluable for me. I want to thank Jim Heckel, Kathy Mora, and the staff of Great Falls Public Library for allowing me to work on the newsletter during my time at GFPL. In that same way, I would like to thank my current staff and Board of Trustees at Hearst Free Library for allowing me to lock myself in the office for a few hours every two months to assemble the newsletter. I would finally like to thank all the people that answered me honestly when I asked "How does this look?"

It's time for someone new to step up to the plate. If you think you would be interested, please let me or incoming MLA President Eva English, know about your interest.

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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.

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Bruce's Corner

Finding My Focus, Retiring My Column

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I am writing this, my final **Focus** column, from Dublin Ohio and from the last OCLC Members Council meeting. This coming year Members Council is morphing into three Regional Councils and a Global Council. In 2010 there will be regional meetings (where all OCLC members will be welcome) in the Americas, Europe-Africa, and Asia-Pacific. From these regional meetings will come engaged local discussion of regional issues, as well as good global advice for OCLC. Each region will elect representatives to a new Global Council (which replaces Members Council). Additionally OCLC, by welcoming archives, museums, and historical societies, has moved from a library-only enclave to a truly inclusive global cooperative. I am delighted; diversity and cooperation are powerful tides that

float all boats.

OCLC is rolling out a flock of online services that in many ways mimic the intent and effect (and hopefully, the successes) of our Montana Shared Catalog Partner libraries. Library users will be made happy by these new services' convenience and usefulness. Librarians, worldwide, will be buoyed by their relative low cost, relevance, and these services' sustainability. This new mix of OCLC services will help libraries, around the world, offer the world to their users — which is, coincidentally, what our users want and expect.

I have been lucky to be part of the Montana library community. During my time I have seen:

- The process of finding a book change from leafing through the National Union Catalog to accessing WorldCat-mobile on my iPod;
- Teletype round-robin interlibrary loan processes, exercised by mediievally-robed mumbling Masters of Librarianship, become a simple user-initiated hold request from a shared catalog; and
- Beehive terminals and later

towers of LaserCat CD-ROMs replaced by wired libraries, librarians, and library users.

I have seen Montana librarians:

- Hospitably extend a Big-Sky good-neighbor policy to other Montana librarians and library users;
- Transcend their daily grind and transform their libraries, through vision, hope, and no little sweat into world-class institutions; and finally
- Show considerable courage by trying new projects, even if they occasionally fail, to remake their institutions into relevant, vibrant twenty-first century libraries.

Thank you for reading this column over the last couple of years. I hope you found it helpful and interesting. It's time for someone else to pick up this pen. I have not altered my high opinion of Montana libraries and librarians. Montana librarians are admired, worldwide, for their successes working together toward better and friendlier library services. Be proud of what you have done, are doing, and will do in the future. I have been, am, and will always be delighted and honored to be your colleague.

Congratulations To All Our Graduates In The Montana Library World!

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Are you a recent graduate or do you have a co-worker or friend in the Montana Library community who is? Please email me 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 Focus.

David Dunbar, Student Supervisor in the Circulation Department at MSU – Bozeman, Renne Library received his BS in Sociology with a History minor. He has served on the ASMSU Staff Senate and was selected for one of only five Employee Recognition awards this year.

Stef Johnson, Reference/Systems Librarian at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Library was awarded a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Washington Information School in March of this year. She is a 2006 PEEL scholarship recipient and the Wired listserve manager.

Jennifer Kruger, Reference/Young Adult Services Librarian at the Parmly Billings Library graduated with a Masters of Science degree in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University in May 2009. Jennifer is an avid runner and recently placed 4th in her age group in the Montana Women's Run 5-mile race.

Kathy Robins, Reference Librarian at Parmly Billings Library will graduate with a Masters degree in Library and Information

Science from the University of Washington Information School in June 2009. Kathy is a 2006 PEEL Scholarship recipient and 2006 Cates Scholarship recipient.

MSU – Bozeman, Renne Library Circulation Department would like to recognize the following 2009 Student Assistant graduates:

Shaun Baber, BA in Liberal Studies
Elizabeth Christiansen, BA in English

Debbie Sierra, BA in Liberal Studies

Catherine Petriccione, BA Modern Language & Literature

Laurel Buxbaum, BS Business
Adrianna Aafedt, BS Health & Human Development

Merike Highline, BA English Education

Ashia Wehbe, BS Cell Biology & Neuroscience

Lois Fitzpatrick Retires From Corrette Library At Carroll College

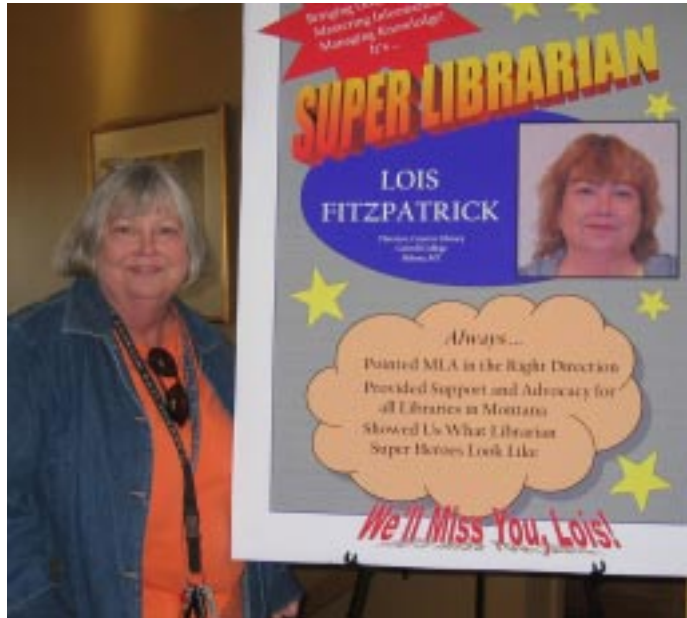
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Some of the members of the Montana library community may not be aware that Lois Fitzpatrick, Director of the Corrette Library at Carroll College in Helena, and long-time advocate for Montana libraries, is retiring. Lois will be moving to Seaside, Oregon over the summer but she will still be using her e-mail address at Carroll should you wish to contact her **Lfitzpat@carroll.edu** Lois was honored at a small gathering of librarians in Helena last evening. To view pictures of the event, go to: **loisretirement.blogspot.com**

As befitting her years as chair of the MLA Government Affairs, by-laws guru, and association parliamentarian, Lois was presented last night with her very own resolution (many thanks to Beth Boyson for her assistance in drafting the resolution):



*Darlene Staffeldt Presenting
Lois With Resolution*



Lois: Super Librarian

WHEREAS, Lois Fitzpatrick, Director of the Carroll College Library, Chair of the Montana Library Association's Government Affairs Committee, long-time member of the MLA Cates Committee, and the Association's parliamentarian retired on May 20, 2009, after completing outstanding service to the entire state of Montana; and

WHEREAS, Lois has served since 1976 as a member of the Montana Library Association, a Carroll professor, and director of the college's Corrette Library and has earned the admiration and respect of her friends and colleagues for her dedication, collegiality, enthusiasm, professionalism, sense of humor and hard work; and

WHEREAS, the title of professor emeritus was conferred on Lois by Carroll College; and

WHEREAS, Lois is the best librarian 'tour' director of the Washington D.C. area; and

WHEREAS, the hallways of the Montana Capitol will be a much lonelier place during legislative sessions without Lois there;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Montana Library Association that because of her tireless advocacy on behalf of Montana's libraries that Lois Fitzpatrick be nominated for lifetime membership in the Montana Library Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board takes great pleasure in recognizing the significant professional achievements of Lois Fitzpatrick, and expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable, immeasurable, and enthusiastic contributions she has made to the Montana Library Association and to the state of Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent minutes of the Board and that copies be sent to Lois Fitzpatrick to share with her family; to Montana State Librarian Darlene Staffeldt, Carroll President Tom Trebon, Montana Library Association President Della Dubbe; and shared with the MLA membership via Wired-MT.

Lois will be greatly missed and her advocacy for Montana libraries will have many positive effects for years to come. Thank you, Lois, for all your great work on behalf of MLA and libraries throughout the state!

Great Falls Public Library Director Bids Adieu

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If you haven't heard, Great Falls Public Library Director Jim Heckel, in his 21st year in the post, plans to retire this summer. His last day on the job is July 31.

When asked what he considered his biggest achievement as library director he responded, "Creating a library central to the citizens of the community, getting together a staff capable of achieving that, and providing the necessary tools for that goal." Jim's career at Great Falls Public Library reflects these ideals.

According to his retirement letter, when he arrived, the library was in financial trouble, was closed two days a week, was not computerized and sponsored no local programming. What 21 years and an inspired director can do! The Great Falls Public Library is now considered a model of computerized access, is open seven days a week (excepting the summer months), has one of the most active series of library programs for the community in the state, and a now successful foundation.

Heckel believes that the profession of librarianship is so much more than providing books and information from a building. He reflected, "It is supporting the underlying process that is essential to democracy." Even though this inspiration was not the motivation for him to become a librarian, it became central to his career as his

awareness of issues of censorship and what that meant grew. He realized this was deeper than someone objecting to a book they found offensive, but struck at the heart of our democracy, constitutional issues. This awareness



Jim At The Tiny Town Library

blossomed with Heckel working with the ACLU and serving on the Montana State ACLU board for four years. It also led him to develop in-depth understanding of constitutional issues, specifically the first and fourth amendments, which deal with access to information and privacy issues respectively. To this day, he is sought out to speak on these topics.

Jim was prompted to become a librarian by his first job in a library. At the time he was a high school teacher, which gave him opportunity to hold summer employment. The Eugene Field Branch of the Denver Public Library provided the right setting coupled with the right supervisor to give him the understanding he could be more, the encouragement on how to pursue that and the direction to follow. He

got his degree through night and summer school.

What followed was a forty year career in libraries, including the Boulder Public Library and Loveland Public Library in Colorado, the San Francisco Public Library, the Lewis and Clark Public Library in Helena and the Great Falls Public Library. During that career he has worn all the hats a librarian can wear with the exception of children's librarian.

Along with his work as director of the Great Falls Public Library, Jim has served on numerous boards within the community and state including Humanities Montana, KGPR Public Radio, Montana Wilderness Association, and president of Montana Library Association.

Although dedicated to his vocation, Jim has always considered work to not be everything in life, but rather an interesting

place to spend part of the day. He is an avid film buff and reader, gourmet cook, an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys biking, hiking and backcountry skiing, and a world traveler.

In fact, in October Jim will be traveling to Nepal where he and his wife, Pam, will be teaching English in a Tibetan monastery, after which they will trek to the Annapurna Sanctuary. He plans to increase his volunteering to teach English in foreign countries on a more regular basis and is in the process of recertification.

His progressive thinking took him and the Great Falls Public Library to new and exciting places. May that continue in this next phase of his life. It was always an adventure with Jim at the helm. He will be gone, but not forgotten.

State Library News



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

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Certification Program Update in Progress

MSL staff and members of the Certification Update Focus Group presented a session in Kalispell during the MLA conference to share details about the update recommendations, answer questions, and collect feedback from the audience. The input from this and other sessions, as well as from the more than 200 responses to the update survey, will be used by the Focus Group to finalize recommendations for the State Library Commission's consideration. Thanks to everyone who took the time to share ideas and comments about certification and continuing education. For details about the update recommendations, visit the MSL website: www.msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Training/certification/default.asp

Montana Legislator READ Poster Update

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Collection Management Honor Roll

Each year the Montana State Library Commission honors libraries dedicated to sharing resources with the Collection Management Honor Roll. The 2008 Honor Roll was formally announced at MLA. This year, 77 libraries received certificate awards: 12 academic, 51 public, 10 school, and 4 special libraries. A list of all the honorees is posted at: www.msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/For_All_Librarians/Collection_Management/CMHR2008.doc

Congratulations to all the libraries!

Robert San Souci Visits Montana Libraries

Robert San Souci, a well-known children's author, made 15 presentations at Kalispell-area schools the week before the MLA conference. He talked to audiences up to 100+ students about developing story ideas, writing and editing books, and getting his work published. A special thanks to Sandy Streit at Edgerton Elementary School for her help with scheduling and local arrangements. School librarians and administrators transported Mr. San Souci from school to school and provided him lunch each day so he could eat on the road between programs. From all accounts – we heard from superintendents, principals, librarians, students, and the author – it was a very successful tour.

If you ordered a Montana legislator/state official READ poster and haven't received it yet, they should be arriving shortly. Any questions, please contact Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, MLA PR & Marketing Committee Chair. Thank you!

2009 Fall Workshop - Great Falls

The 2009 Fall Workshop will be in Great Falls at the Holiday Inn. Here's the tentative schedule (subject to a bit of change): **Friday (September 11)** will feature sessions on the importance of early literacy, databases vs. the Internet, communications & resolving conflicts, fun with statistics, hosting book clubs & using book kits, what new WorldCat tools (Local & Navigator) bring to libraries, and digital scanning skills for everyone. **Saturday (September 12)** will feature sessions on Big6 and school curriculum, troubled economic times and libraries, essential understandings regarding MT Indians, time management tips for busy librarians, serving library customers to the max, the how and why of library policies, science fiction in the library, and databases vs. the Internet. Please mark the dates on your calendar. Registration will begin in August. As always, there is no registration fee and lunch is provided each day.

Montana Library Events Calendar

To see what's coming up for libraries and librarians or to post an upcoming event your library is hosting, check out the Montana Library Event Calendar at msl.mt.gov/calendar



MSC Spring Meeting Held In Bozeman

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Kyle Banerjee of Orbis/Cascade

Nearly 100 MSC member librarians, staff and visitors attended the semi-annual membership meeting hosted by the Bozeman Public Library on May 8th. The MSC has been holding semi-annual gatherings for several years but this one included OCLC information that could be of interest to all Montana libraries.

The usual MSC business details were dealt with during the morning including membership approval to fund and hire an additional MSC staff person. The morning session included the announcement of nine Montana libraries that have been approved to join the MSC over the coming year: Ashland School, Bridger Public, Glasgow City-County, Joliet Public, Lincoln County High School, Manhattan Community, Parmly Billings, Red Lodge Public and Stone Child College. Several staff members from the new libraries were in attendance and introduced to the membership. When these libraries are added, the MSC will have 99 member libraries (including branches), with over 1,000,000 titles and nearly 3,000,000 items in the catalog database. We are

excited about adding Montana libraries from the extreme southeast to northwest corner of the state, a mix of large/small public and school libraries and a Tribal library. SirsiDynix CEO Gary Rautenstrauch, joined our meeting and after saying a few words, answered numerous questions ranging from company health/viability to technical issues with the Symphony integrated library system currently in use by the MSC.

The afternoon portion of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by Kyle Banerjee, Digital Services Program Manager for the Orbis-Cascade consortium (Washington/Oregon academic libraries) about their consortium and implementation of WorldCat Local and WorldCat Navigator. Kyle's presentation was very enjoyable, informative and timely considering the recent announcements from OCLC concerning WorldCat Local. Representatives from OCLC were on hand to add to the presentation and, along with Kyle, answer many questions concerning Orbis-Cascade, WorldCat Local and WorldCat Navigator. If interested, Kyle's presentation can be downloaded (in powerpoint format) from: msl.mt.gov/For_Librarians/Montana_Shared_Catalog/Meetings/Meeting_Information/Spring2009/Orbis-Cascade%20at%20MSC%20Meeting.ppt

North Valley Public Library Hosts Accoridan Duo Plus One

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Looking for some First Friday fun? Come and enjoy "the old and the new" in accordion music! Judy and Tom Dempsey (Accordion Duo) of Stevensville have been playing accordions off and on for years. Last year Judy began working with a very enthusiastic student, Sage Heath from Lolo. Sage has big plans to compete in the 36th Annual Kimberley International Old Time Accordion Championships, July 6th in Kimberley, British Columbia. Please join us to give an enthusiastic send-off to Sage! Come to the North Valley Public Library, June 5th from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. The North Valley Public Library is located at 208 Main Street, Stevensville.

Headwaters Celebrates 25

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On Friday May 15th, the Headwaters Library Association celebrated its 25th Anniversary in tasteful library-association style. Coincidentally, 25 librarians showed up for the festivities. Headwaters is an organization promoting communication between school, special, public and academic libraries in Gallatin, Park and Madison County.

OPI Library Media Curriculum Specialist Colet Bartow was the featured speaker. Colet discussed 'Where we are going' and recalled a Headwaters meeting some 15 years earlier which featured Using the Internet, then emerging in libraries, and a severe blizzard, bearing down on Manhattan Public Library at the time.

Elections of officers were held. Gail MacMillan of Bozeman Public Library was elected vice-chair for 2009-2010. She will succeed Ilene Casey as chair. A meeting in August is tentatively scheduled, possibly in Madison County. You can contact Ilene Casey, Headwater chair at jicasey@thyeglobal.net

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and much more!



A 100th birthday calls for a BIG party, and what better place to celebrate a Centennial Anniversary than beautiful Missoula, Montana!

Missoula definitely qualifies as a great vacation destination point, and the opportunity to celebrate with old and new friends in such a spot is too much to miss!

See you in Missoula August 5-7, 2009 for a grand conference and a super Centennial Celebration.



Kathy Watson, PNLA President



For more information, go to <http://www.pnla.org/events/conference09/index1.html> or contact Samantha Hines at samantha.hines@umontana.edu or Mary Lou Mires at mary_mires@skc.edu

MLA 2009 Conference Awards and Honors Recipients

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Three individuals and two organizations that have made significant contributions to Montana libraries in 2008-2009 were honored at the Montana Library Association annual conference in Kalispell.



Vaun and Honore Bray

Each was nominated by a librarian. Each nomination was supported by two letters of recommendation. A committee of seven librarians reviewed the nominations and made awards to the people named below. While all librarians, their employees and friends of the libraries contribute significantly to the education of Montana's populace, these individuals have made contributions well above the norm.

The Sheila Cates Award for Librarian of the Year is conferred upon a librarian in recognition of outstanding leadership and accomplishment in library service. Vaun Stevens of the Missoula Public Library is recognized for her outstanding work with librarians in her library and across the state of Montana. In her letter of nomination Marjorie

annual conference in Kalispell. Each was nominated by a librarian. Each nomination was supported by two letters

Doyle said "Vaun exemplifies the spirit of Sheila Cates in excellence of service to the patrons of the Missoula Public Library as well as the greater library community throughout Montana and beyond."

The Pat Williams Intellectual Freedom Award recognizes significant contributions during the past year to the enhancement of First Amendment rights. Judy Hart, Director and the Board of Trustees of the Lewis & Clark Library in Helena, MT helped their community learn and grow in their understanding of the complex issues associated with intellectual free-

dom when they faced a book challenge at the Lewis & Clark Library.



The Book Babes!



Lisa Mecklenburg Jackson

The Media Award is conferred to honor a production for broadcast or work for publication which best underscores the value of libraries to community and society. Lisa Mecklenburg Jackson, Chair of the MLA Marketing and Public Relations Committee was recognized for her work in promoting Montana Libraries with the production of

Montana's Book Babes: Librarians Under the Big Sky 2008 Calendar.

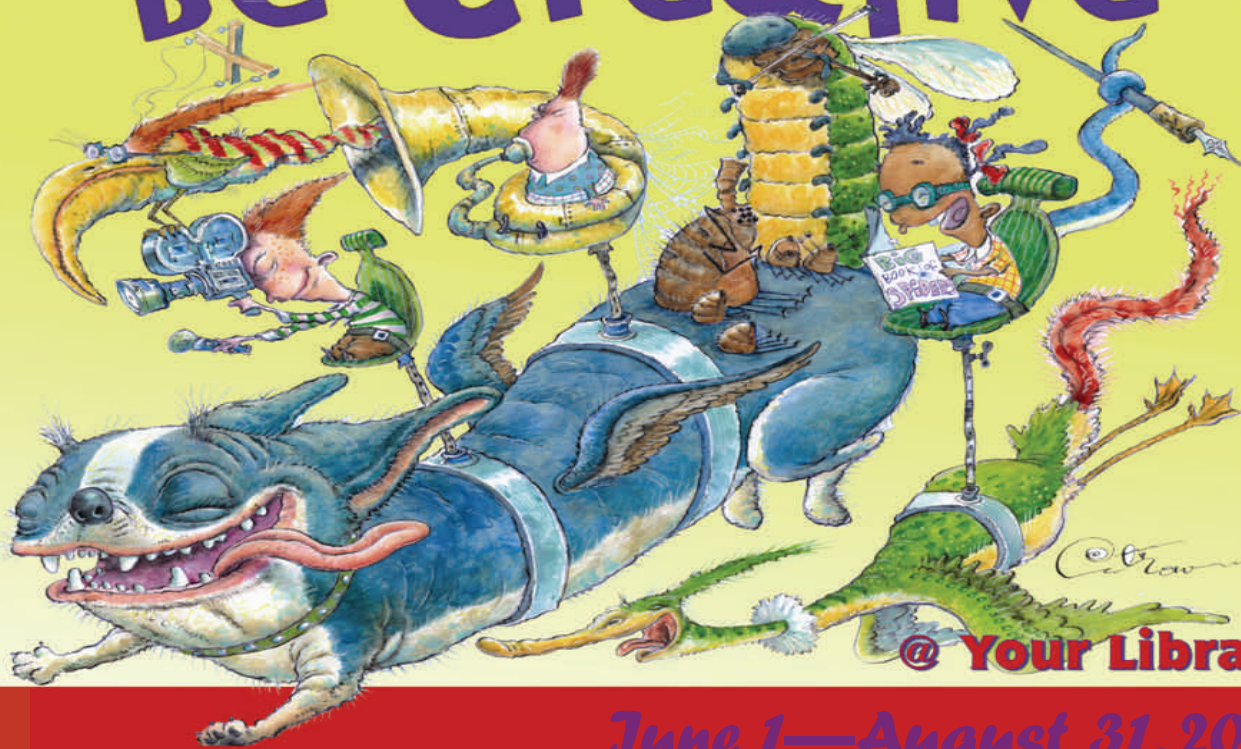
Also recognized were the Book Babes Calendar models: Ms. January Peggy Cordell, Ms. February Bridgett Johnson, Ms. March Beth Boyson, Mr. April Jim Kammerer, Mr. May Jim Heckel, Ms. June Karen Gonzales, Ms. July Lisa Mecklenburg Jackson, Ms. August Lyn McKinney, Ms. September Mary Anne Hansen, Ms. October Suzanne Reymer, Ms. November Pam

Henley and Ms. December Julie Hainline.



Intellectual Freedom Award Winners - Lewis and Clark Library

Be Creative



June 1—August 31, 2009

TUESDAY TALES

1st—5th gr.

10:30—11:30 AM

Large Meeting Room

- June 16 Puppet Show by
Dragons Are Too Seldom
- June 23 Storytelling
by Bill Chambers
- June 30 Paint Ceramics
by Painted Pot
- July 7 Magic Show
by The Incredible Mr. E
- July 14 Doc Wild Stories
by Denny Olson
- July 21 Meet Moritz, A Bernese
Mountain Dog & Author,
Barry Schieber
- July 28 Party & Prizes

STORYTIME

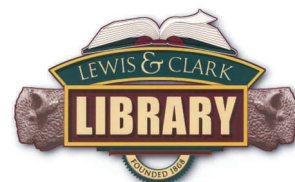
June—July Wed. & Thu.

on the StorySteps

10:30—11 AM & 1:30—2 PM

Four to Score

June—August For all ages
Read or listen to 4 Books
Score sheets & Prizes @ Info



Public Library News

Missoula Public Library Has A New, State of the Art, DVD Dispenser

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Patrons picking out a feature film or TV show on DVD at Missoula Public Library can now check it out at our new DiscXpress vault. We decided to purchase the vault, which can hold up to 2,500 discs, as a way to securely store our DVDs while still allowing patrons the convenience of self-checkout.



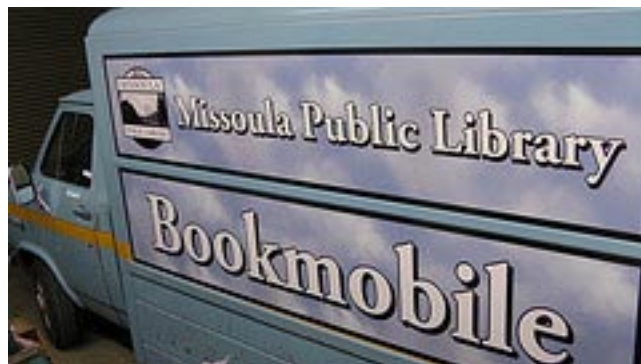
DiscXpress Machine

A patron can browse our shelves like always and select the movie he would like to see. He then takes the empty case to the DiscXpress machine located in Entertainment Central, scans his library card and then scans the movie case. DiscXpress will check out the movie to his library account and then dispense the disc.

Rumor has it the gnomes from our famous children's gnome house are hard at work inside the machine, but we opened the back and found no evidence of gnome activity.

To Market, To Market!

Missoulians can now enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables for sale at our Saturday markets, while visiting the library in the open air. Missoula Public Library's bookmobile got a mini-makeover and is back on the roads. One Saturday a month, we'll load our carts with books, CDs, and cassettes on all sorts of market-related topics like gardening, cooking, crafts, and more for all ages and drive them out to the market that is one of the city's most popular summer events. We'll be giving out library cards, and some freebies, too.



The bookmobile will return to the River Market through September. But the market isn't our only stop. We plan to wheel out our goodies for a field-trip in June at 'Out to Lunch' – another popular weekday event with vendors and bands. Plus, we're finalizing plans to spend a day at the Western Montana Fair when it hits Missoula in August.

Yup, we're out-and-about in Missoula. Who knows where we may show up next!

Summer Interns At Belgrade

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Through AmeriCorps Learn and Serve program at Montana State University, two Elementary Education students will complete internships at the Belgrade Library this summer. They will each serve 300 hours at the library, earning a \$1000 educational award through AmeriCorps, and academic credit for an internship through MSU. Jason Greenwald who is working toward an endorsement in technol-

ogy will focus mostly on technology programs for teens, but will also provide computer classes for adults. Angela Bergantine, who plans to be a school librarian, will help with the Summer Reading Program, Books & Babies, and Story Time.



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More Public Library News

GFPL Celebrates, And Renames Plaza

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The Great Falls Public Library is hosting the grand reopening of the Great Falls Public Library Plaza and its rededication as the Alma Jacobs Memorial Plaza on Saturday, June 20, 11:00 AM. Everyone is invited to attend.

The recently renovated Library Plaza was designed by the architectural firm of L'Heureux Page Warner and includes a stone arch/water feature constructed by Bozeman artist Zak Zakovi. He transformed 20 tons of prime stone from a quarry near Ryegate into this twelve-foot archway/water feature. It replaces an old fountain that no longer functioned and corrected various safety and maintenance issues associated with the former design. The entire project from planning to completion took over two years. Primary funding for this project was provided by a CTEP (Community Transportation Enhancement Program) grant, the Walter J. Elliot and Lucille Clark Trust, and the Great Falls Public Library Foundation.

Through all of her work, Alma Jacobs was a respected community leader who inspired racial awareness and integration. As the Great Falls Public Library Director from 1954 – 1973, the Lewistown native was not only instrumental in the construction of the current library in 1967, but also the first black person to hold that position in the state. In 1957, Jacobs was the first black person to be elected as president of the Pacific Northwest Library Association. She also served as the Montana State Librarian from 1973 – 1981. In 1972, Jacobs co-founded Humanities Montana. Alma Jacobs worked tirelessly for her community. This rededication is an opportunity to celebrate and honor her.

Included in the festivities will be the activation of the water feature, a brief ceremony with an appearance by the mayor, refreshments and music.

Our Community Reads

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In addition to the afternoon Summer Reading Program activities, the Belgrade Community Library has invited community members to read at Thursday evening programs for families. Community leaders will read a story, share why reading is important to them, and show where they work. A policeman will read, and then show families the police car. Likewise, a banker will give a tour of the vault, a fireman

will show the fire truck, and a judge will put on judicial robes and give a tour of the courtroom. The editor and reporter from the Belgrade News will read and give a tour of the pressroom. Even dogs are invited to participate! Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) are registered therapy animals who volunteer with their owner/handlers as a team, going to schools, libraries and many other settings as reading companions for children. When the dogs visit the library, the owner/handler will read, and the dogs will be reading buddies for young readers.

GFPL Book Buzz

The Great Falls Public Library is gearing up for the second season of their Adult Summer Reading Program, **Book Buzz**, which is available to any Great Falls Public Library patron (you must be a card holder) 19 years or older, will run from June 8 – August 14.

Participation is simple. Patrons may read as many books as they wish or are able to per week. A reader may submit one entry form per book read. Entry forms will be available at the library. Prize winners will be drawn weekly and on August 15 we will have a grand prize drawing from all of the entries from throughout the summer. We will be doing five of these drawings live on the radio, rotating between Q106, SAM @ 107.3 and KIK-FM, 104.9

We will once again feature staff mini-book reviews at the ends of the stacks. New this year will be a bulletin board featuring patron book reviews. We are also trying out a new, novel idea. We will be circulating a blank book that patrons may check out to write their own stories and read the writings of other patrons. We also hope to incorporate some brown bag lunch programs that tie into **Book Buzz** a bit later in the summer.

The library is also sponsoring a streamlined **Book Buzz** for staff. At the end of the program, in August, we will have one drawing from staff entries. The winner will be awarded four hours of comp. time.

Through **Book Buzz** we hope to turn more people on to the idea that reading is fun, and increase reading for pleasure in our community. The dog days of summer are perfect to take a little time out to enjoy the imagination and the pleasure reading can bring.

Grand prizes will again be free library parking for one year and a Sansa Fuse that is compatible with Montana Overdrive. Thanks to the Friends of the Library for sponsorship.

Association News

MPLA Report

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The following people were the winners in the drawing for a year's membership in MPLA:

Sarah Daviau, Adult Services Librarian, and Melody Condron, Collection Management Librarian, both from Lincoln County Public Libraries in Libby;

Joanne Erdall, Library Director, Thompson-Hickman County Library in Virginia City;

Cathy Brandvold, Director, Valier Public Library;

Della Dubbe Director, Glacier County Library, Cut Bank;

Ann Rebarchik, Frenchtown High School Library;

William Talbott, Director, Sheridan Public Library;

Jodi Smiley, Director, Boulder Community Library;

Linette Ivanovitch, YA Librarian, Missoula Public Library;

Kari Eliason, Library Director, Manhattan Community & School Library.

Also, Suzanne Reymer was awarded the Montana Board Choice Award at the MPLA/KLA conference in Wichita. This award is given by MPLA board members to identify future library leaders with potential to benefit libraries and MPLA.



Congratulations to all! Be sure to visit the MPLA website www.mpla.us to find out about grants and continuing education opportunities such as the Leadership Institute. Join MPLA 2.0 as well, to keep up with current discussions and news. You can order your MPLA shirts too!

As reported at the conference in Kalispell, the Leadership Institute is still being planned for 2010, but may be scheduled as a "pre-conference" event the weekend before the Oklahoma City conference (April 19 – 21). This would still allow for the intensive workshop atmosphere, but be more convenient; attendees could then also attend the conference without making an additional trip. Remember, MLA has funding available for this – check the MLA website www.mtlib.org/?q=node/100 for guidelines

Friends of the Hearst Free Library Announces Date for 4th Annual Reading the Greens Golf Scramble

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The date for the Fourth Annual "Reading the Greens" Golf Scramble has been set for Saturday September 12. The tournament will be held at the beautiful Anaconda Country Club. This tournament will feature all of the fun and thrills of previous year's tournaments. And again, the Reader's Cup will be awarded to a team with the lowest score, that features at least one librarian. (***Dave Ratz, Gerry Daumiller, and Sibyl Govan's team from the Montana State Library has to be getting tired of toting that thing around!***). The UM Griz are playing in California that day so there is no valid football excuse this year. Registration forms are available upon request. Please tell all of the golfing librarians that you know to email John Finn for further details.

