

# News, Views, & To-dos @ Missoula Public Library

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Friday 10am-6pm  
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## Our Senior Volunteer of the Year

MPL honored Deanna Huseth as our 2008 Senior Volunteer. She was among 29 other Senior Volunteers recognized at Missoula Aging Services Reception, held at The Springs, on November 5, 2008.

Deanna was accompanied by Honore Bray, Library Director, and Christine Jorgensen, Volunteer Coordinator.

Deanna started shelving books in 1996. Later, she began working with the Reference Department, and was trained to enter data into the library's computer system for our

Missoulian Index. She faithfully works ten to twenty hours per month inputting data into this important reference data base.

Deanna also volunteers for the Radio Reading Service, the Missoula Food Bank, and The Bargain Corner Thrift Store. However, Deanna said: "A library has been my second home. I love libraries, and grew up visiting them and reading." Her special hobby is reading.

MPL expresses our appreciation and thanks to Deanna for twelve years of dedicated volunteer service.

## Library to light up the night

Cheer for your favorite librarians as we march in this year's Parade of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 6. The entire day is filled with winter activities and events all around downtown, including an 11 am storytime at the library. But when the sky goes dark, the streets will light up with the annual parade up Higgins Street to the X's. This year, the library is in on the festivities as we put together a very special entry. No, we won't tell you what it's going to be – you'll have to come to the parade. See you there, and at the library!



## Graphic Lit is Here!

MPL has added a new collection to your library and it's made up of books in a graphic format. These will include Fiction, Biographies and Non-Fiction books written for adults.

As many of you may know already, the Young Adult section has housed almost all the graphic novels on our catalog. This has put those who read from

that particular section one step ahead of many of our patrons.

Graphic Lit will contain a eclectic range of what has been created by such authors/artists as Art Spiegelman (who won the Pulitzer Prize for *Maus*, his masterpiece of the holocaust) to Alan Moore's political and social commentaries: *V for Vendetta* and *Promethea*; from

Marjane Satrapi's autobiographical

*Persepolis* to Kubert's searing *Fox from Sarajevo*.

So please sample, or dive, into another format containing books about history, ideas, commentary and, yes, even pure enjoyment.

We think you may end up visiting this collection more than you might think at first.

## Library joins World Community

It's not often a library computer sits unused. But when it does, that time is being put to good use.

We recently joined the World Community Grid, a cooperative project dedicating computer "down time" to running computations for research into projects like discovering cancer treatments, fighting AIDS, and determining a formula to help impoverished countries grow rice.

The secure program joins thousands of individual computers to equal a supercomputer, cutting research time from decades to months. Whenever a computer is not in active use, it is assigned a portion of the supercomputer's computations.

For more on the World Community Grid, visit [www.worldcommunitygrid.org](http://www.worldcommunitygrid.org) or ask at the library.

## MPL Book Discussions

"Every restaurant is a theater," writes *Gourmet* editor in chief Ruth Reichl in *Garlic and Sapphires*, a memoir chronicling her experience as restaurant critic for *The New York Times*.

Since restaurants began rolling out the red carpet whenever she walked in the door, Reichl took to donning disguises and assuming new personalities in order to accurately capture a restaurant's experience – an experience quite different from that of the critic's. Join in a discussion of *Garlic and Sapphires* on Tuesday, December 9 at 7 pm or Thursday December 11 at 10 am.

Books are available at the Check-Out Desk.

## World Wide Cinema

*The Trap* will be shown at World Wide Cinema on Friday, December 12 at 7 pm.

In Post-Milosevic Belgrade, Mladen and Marija's son develops a serious heart condition which needs an expensive operation abroad. Nearly at their wits end to find the money, a man contacts Mladen and offers to pay the whole amount; in exchange, Mladen must kill the man's business rival. If he accepts the offer he saves his boy's life but loses his soul; if he refuses, he will grieve as a righteous man until the end of his life. *The Trap* is set.

World-Wide Cinema is intended for mature audiences, due to adult themes, language and sexual content. Doors open at 6:45 on the lower level of the Library.

## Cheap Date Night

The December 20 Cheap Date Night movie will be *The Dark Knight*, the second highest-grossing movie of all time in North America.

As Batman (Christian Bale) sets out to destroy organized crime in the city of Gotham for good, he soon finds himself prey to a rising criminal mastermind known as the Joker (Heath Ledger), who thrusts Gotham into anarchy and forces Batman closer to crossing the fine line between hero and vigilante.

*The Dark Knight* is 153 minutes long and is rated PG-13. Parking lot doors will open at 6:45 pm. The popcorn is free.

## First Night @ the Library

Round out 2008 with a visit to the library Dec. 31 to see the Dragon's Tales Puppet Theater as part of Missoula's First Night festivities. Puppet shows will take place at 3 pm and 5 pm. For details and more information on First Night, call the Missoula Cultural Council at 532-3240.

## Afternoon Matinees

On December 10 we'll put you in the mood for a good old fashioned Christmas with the best version of Dickens' *Christmas Carol* ever filmed. This 1951 film stars Alastair Sim in the title role of the miser who learns about the spirit of the season in time to save Tiny Tim and reunite with family. On December 24 we'll have a swashbuckling good time with Burt Lancaster in *The Flame and The Arrow* from 1950. Lancaster, as the Robin Hood-like Dardo, fights against the tyranny of the evil Count Ulrich who has stolen his wife and his son. This action packed adventure will be just the thing for a little respite before Christmas for all the family. The films begin at 2 pm in the large meeting room. We'll save a seat for you.

## 3rd Thursday Book Group

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See is an engrossing novel set in remote 19th-century China detailing the deeply affecting story of lifelong, intimate friends (laotong, or "old sames") Lily and Snow Flower.

Join the group on Thursday December 20 at 7 pm in the Board Room.

For more information, call Clara at 251-5921.

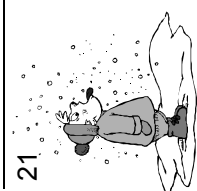
## Cookies and a Craft

After meeting Moritz (see last page), stay and decorate a cookie and make a fun dog ornament.

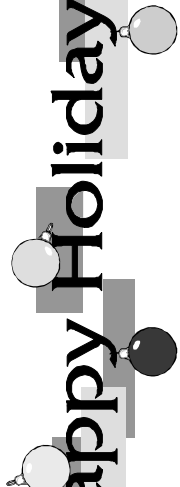
Keep up-to-date with events and programs through our online Events Calendar and find out what's on the way in our staff Blog. Just visit our homepage at [www.missoulapubliclibrary.org](http://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org).

# December 2008



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 YA Café - all week long</p>	<p>8 6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Story-time</p>	<p>9 10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm 2nd Tuesday Book Group</p>	<p>10 2 pm Afternoon Matinee: <i>Christmas Carol</i> 4 pm YAAC 7 pm Page Turners</p>	<p>11 9:30 Friends of MPL Board Mtg 10 am 2nd Thursday Book Group</p>	<p>12 10:30 am Tiny Tales &amp; Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers 7 pm World Wide</p>	<p>13 11 am Family Storytime 3 pm Teen Book Club</p>
<p>14 6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Story-time</p>	<p>15 6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Story-time 7 pm Family Game Night</p>	<p>16 10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm Family Game Night</p>	<p>17 6 pm Library Board Meeting</p>	<p>18 10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm Socrates Café 7 pm 3rd Thursday</p>	<p>19 10:30 am Tiny Tales &amp; Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers Group 7 pm Cheap Date</p>	<p>20 11 am Family Storytime 2 pm Cookies and Moritz</p>
<p>21 </p>	<p>22 6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Story-time</p>	<p>23 10:30 am Tiny Tales</p>	<p>24 2 pm Afternoon Matinee: <i>The Flame and the Arrow</i></p>	<p>25 <b>Library Closed Christmas Day</b></p>	<p>26 10:30 am Tiny Tales &amp; Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers Group</p>	<p>27 11 am Family Storytime</p>
<p>28 6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Story-time</p>	<p>29 6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Story-time</p>	<p>30 10:30 am Tiny Tales</p>	<p>31 3 pm Dragon's Tales Puppet Theater 5 pm Dragon's Tales</p>			

# Happy Holidays



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## Kid's Corner

### Saturday with Moritz

We are hosting an extra special program on Saturday December 20 at 2pm in the large meeting room. Bernese Mountain dog Moritz will be in the library to share his new book *Moments of Wonder: Life with Moritz*.

Moritz has a natural, unassuming yet powerful gift for healing. As Barry and Moritz traveled the world, Moritz's kindness and compassion affected many people. Together they visited hospitals, libraries and schools, bookstores, charity fundraisers, camps, museums and fairs. Life changed for Barry. Time changed. Unexpected moments began to arise, chance interactions filled with wonder. *Moments of Wonder: Life with Moritz* is a small collection of these stories.

Author Barry Schieber will read a story or two and Moritz will be available for hugs and pawtagraphs. The book, *Moments of Wonder*, will be available for sale.

### Holiday Storytimes

Storytimes the week of December 15 will feature Holiday stories and a special surprise visitor. Storytime is held Monday at 7 pm, Friday at 10:30 am and Saturday at 11 am.

### December Themes

December 1, 5, & 6 Festival of Lights  
December 8, 14 & 15 Blanket Stories  
December 15, 19 & 20 Holidays  
December 22, 26 & 27 Snowmen  
December 29, Jan 2 & 3 Happy New Year

**Page Turners** book club for ages 10-13 will meet Wednesday December 10 at 7 pm to talk about *The White Darkness* by Geraldine

McCaughrean, winner of the 2008 Michael L. Printz Award.

### YA Events for Ages 13-18

Fridays, 4 pm – Writers Group

Friday, December 5, 3:30 – Game On! Play video games on the big screen.

December 7-13 YA Café – Stop by the YA room to do a craft anytime this week!

Wednesday, December 10, 4 pm – YAAC (Young Adult Advisory Council). New members welcome!

Saturday, December 13, 3 p.m. – Join us for the first monthly meeting of our new teen book club! For ages 14+. Help us pick out our first title.

Looking for our annual Eve of the Eve of New Year's Eve party? This year we're planning a New Year's Ball with a live band for Friday, Jan. 2.