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Banned Books Week-Treasure your Freedom to Read

Each year during the last week of September, the American Library Association celebrates "Banned Books Week". First observed in 1982, BBW honors our precious democratic freedom to read whatever we want.

September 29–October 6, 2007 will be the 26th anniversary of this event. BBW is a celebration of our freedom to read, seek, hold, receive, and disseminate ideas, even if they are unorthodox or unpopular.

Help spread the word! Encourage your friends and colleagues to celebrate their freedom to read. It's one of our

most important democratic freedoms.

Read a banned book. You could read any of the *Harry Potter* books, *Little House on the Prairie*, *Grapes of Wrath* or hundreds of others. Chances are, you've already read a banned book!

As Ray Bradbury, the author of *Fahrenheit 451*, said, "You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

BBW Program

To celebrate Banned Books Week, Children's Librarian Karen Gonzales will present a program on

Banned Books on Monday October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the small meeting room of the library.

Freedom Fighter Gonzales will discuss materials that have been challenged or banned across the country including recent attempts in Montana.

Special emphasis will be on materials that are perhaps racially or socially offensive.

Is that censorship or selection? Can we remove every offensive book from our library collections? Should we? Examples will be shown and discussed.



2nd Tuesday Book Discussion

John Steinbeck's classic novel *The Grapes of Wrath* chronicles the American flight from the great dust bowl of the 1930s, but what happened to the people who stayed behind? This month, MPL's book discussions will feature Timothy Egan's *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*.

Discussions will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Kiran Desai's novel *The Inheritance of Loss*, is the November selection.

3rd Thursday Book Discussion

William Faulkner's *Absalom, Absalom* will be discussed Thursday, October 18 at 7 p.m. in the Small Meeting Room. It is the story of Thomas Sutpen, the enigmatic stranger who came to Jefferson township in the early 1830s. With a French architect and a band of wild Haitians, he wrung a fabulous plantation out of the muddy bottoms of the north Mississippi wilderness.

For more information, call Clara Erickson at 251-5921.

Cheap Date Night

The winner of our online movie poll is: *The People Under the Stairs*. It garnered 56 of the 235 votes cast.

The People Under the Stairs, written and directed by Wes Craven, stars Brandon Adams and Ving Rhames. An African-American teen (Adams), breaks into the home of the wealthy landlords who evicted his family from a ghetto tenement. A fortune in gold coins is rumored to exist inside, but he discovers that the mansion is a chamber of horrors presided over by a pair of incestuous, serial killer siblings.

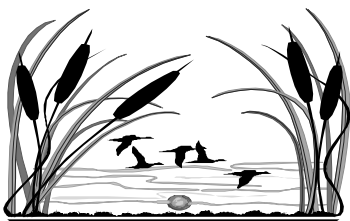
Join us Friday, October 19 at 7p.m. Parking lot doors open at 6:45p.m. and will be checked regularly until 7:15. Popcorn will be served. Don't forget to bring your pop.

Afternoon Matinee

The October Matinee movies begin with Spencer Tracy's Oscar-winning performance in *Captains Courageous* on the 10th at 2:00 p.m. Based on the novel by Kipling, this film portrays a coming of age experience when young Harvey ends up overboard and is saved by the crew of a fishing boat. See the movie, read the book.

Our October 24th film is the swashbuckler, *The Crimson Pirate*, in which Burt Lancaster plays a pirate with a taste for intrigue and acrobatics. See why they say, "Tis my modest opinion that no man can fly pirate colors who's not willing to sell his friend, his sweetheart, or his mother."

We'll save you a seat.



Wide World Cinema

"*Fraulein*" will premier at World Wide Cinema on Friday, October 12 at the Missoula Public Library, 7:00 p.m., in the Large Meeting Room.

"*Fraulein*" is the story of a friendship among three women from Yugoslavia.

Reza, who left more than 30 years ago, owns a cafeteria in Zurich, and maintains an orderly, joyless existence.

Mila, a waitress, is a good-humored Croatian woman who emigrated decades ago and dreams of returning to Croatia.

Both of them receive a jolt when Ana, a young, itinerant woman who fled Sarajevo, breezes into the cafeteria looking for work.

The film, written and directed by Andrea Staka, is in Swiss-German, German, Bosnian, Croatian, and Serbian with English subtitles.

The short film, "*Happiness*", directed by Sophie Barthes, follows the main feature.

This film series is intended for the mature audience due to adult themes, language and sexual content.



Global Warming Documentary & Panel Discussion

What are the effects of global warming on Montana's climate? What is the science behind climate change? What will the future bring to our state? What can Montanans do?

Five Planets: Montanans at the Crossroads of Global Warming is a locally produced documentary in which experts and leaders from around the state explore these questions from the perspective of transportation, construction, agriculture, forestry, government, wilderness and local solutions.

The hour-long **Five Planets** documentary will be screened at Missoula Public Library on Saturday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Music

Join us on October 14 at 2 p.m. to listen to Larry Hirshberg on acoustic guitar. Sunday Music @ the Library is sponsored by the Friends of MPL.

Know Montana Lecture Series

October 3, 2007

Through a Glass Brightly: Vignettes of Butte History through Stained Glass

Stained glass in Butte's churches and synagogue reflects the ethnic and industrial history of the town, connected to stories of influenza, mining and earthquakes. The presentation, by Irene Scheidecker and Richard Gibson, is based on a booklet published by Butte Citizens for Preservation and Revitalization.

October 10, 2007

Mary Gleim, Murderous Madam of Front Street

Mary Gleim ruled the "Bad Lands" of Missoula's Front Street, from the late 1880's through the early 1900's. She amassed real estate, money, and a dubious reputation that lasts even today. Kim Kaufman, portraying Mary Gleim, tells the story filled with myths, rumors and lies.

Both programs begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Large Meeting Room.

Please join us learn more about Missoula's past.

October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Banned Books Week Sept 29-Oct 6	1 6:30 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Storytime 7 pm Banned Books Program**	2 10:30 am Tiny Tales	3 7 pm Know Montana**	4 10:30 am Tiny Tales	5 9:30 am Storytime Workshop 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime	6 11 am Family Storytime
7	8 Library Closed Columbus Day	9 10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm 2nd Tuesday Book Group**	10 2 pm Afternoon Matinee: <i>Captains</i> <i>Courageous</i> ** 7 pm Know Montana**	11 9:30 Friends Board Mtg 10 am 2nd Thursday Book Group** 10:30 am Tiny Tales	12 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 7 pm World Wide Cinema: <i>Fraulein</i> **	13 11 am Family Storytime 2 pm <i>Five Planets: Montanans at the Crossroads of Global Warming</i> **
14	15 2 pm Sunday Music @ the Library**	16 10:30 am Tiny Tales	17 6 pm Library Board Mtg	18 10:30 am Tiny Tales 12-6 Vintage Movie Marathon** 7 pm 3rd Thursday Book Group**	19 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 7 pm Cheap Date Night: <i>The People Under the Stairs</i> **	20 11 am Family Storytime 2 pm Comedy Improv Workshop for Teens**
21	22 6:30 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Storytime	23 10:30 am Tiny Tales	24 2 pm Afternoon Matinee: <i>Crimson</i> <i>Pirate</i> **	25 10:30 am Tiny Tales	26 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 6 pm Teens Only After Hours Movie**	27 11 am Family Storytime

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Kid's Corner Plus

Once Upon A Storytime Storytime Workshop

Children's Librarian Karen Gonzales will present a program on story reading to children for adults on Friday morning October 5th.

The program will be held from 9:30-11:15 a.m. in the small meeting room of the Missoula Public Library and then move upstairs to observe a storytime at 10:30 a.m.

Participants will learn to prepare and perform wonderful storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. Karen will demonstrate how to use poetry, songs, fingerplays, and story reading to introduce children to the joys of reading.

She will discuss reasons for reading to children and how it prepares them to read. Upon completion of this class, participants will be certified to perform volunteer storytimes at the

library. Meet at the Front Street entrance of the library before 9:30 a.m. to attend this program.

Pre-registration preferred. If anyone attending this program needs assistance, please call in advance.

For more information and to pre-register, call the Children's Department at 721-2665.

Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week is October 14-20 and this year's theme is *LOL @ your library* "laugh out loud" for those of you not in the know.

The Young Adult Department is hosting a vintage comedy movie marathon from Noon-6 p.m. on the 18th when everyone is looking for something to do because school is out for the teachers' convention. There will be everything from Buster Keaton to Monty Python.

On Saturday the 20th, Timmy LaRue, a recent grad of the UM drama and dance department, joins us for a comedy improv workshop from 2-3 for all you wannabe comics. He has his own production company, has toured with Mt Rep and has 5+ years of comedy improv experience. Call us at 721-2665 to reserve a seat. This fun event will certainly fill up fast, so don't delay! Limited to those 13-18 years of age.

As always, the last Friday of the month, October 26th, is reserved for After Hours Teen Movie Night. You won't believe what movie we've come up with for this month! Join us at 6:00 for a bite to eat and/or 7:00 for the movie.

Contact Marje or Linette for more information.

