

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

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Missoula Reads—Montana 1948

Missoula Reads is a community-wide event that will bring people together to celebrate the joys of reading and the common threads that unite our diverse and vibrant community.

Modeled on successful programs in over 100 cities throughout the United States, *Missoula Reads* will include a number of events in February and March, 2004, including readings and discussions, special exhibits, author visits, lectures and events for families.

Missoula Reads began with a "Nominate Your Favorite Book" campaign last July, when over 1000 people named a book they wished to have considered.

A careful screening and selection process has identified not only the book which will be the focus of *Missoula Reads*, but also three companion children's books, to encourage families to read together.

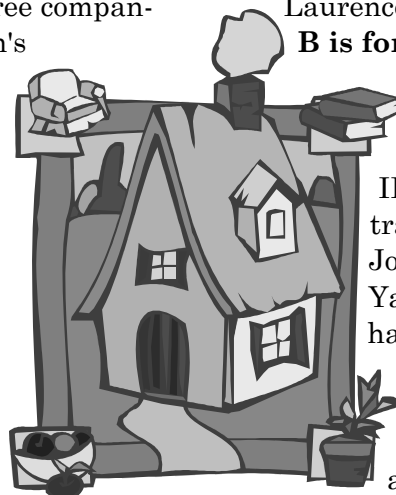
The chosen book is the award-winning **Montana 1948**, by Larry

Watson. It is a tale about growing up in a small Montana town, but it is also a book about the meaning of place, courage, the loss of innocence and the varieties of love.

The three children's books - **Smoky the Cow Horse** by Will James, **When the Circus Came to Town** by Laurence Yep, and **B is for Big Sky Country** by Sneed B. Collard III and illustrated by Joanna Yardley - have been selected to appeal to children of all ages.

Look for more information in January as the Missoula Reads steering committee develops programs and events.

For more information contact Bette Ammon, MPL Director, at 721-2665.



Internet and Email Classes in January

On Wednesday, January 7, we will be offering a **Basic Internet** class and on Wednesday, January 14, we will be offering a **Basic Email** class. Both classes start at 9 a.m. and you must pre-register at the Information Desk. Because the classes start before the Library opens, please meet at the south (Front St.) entrance by 9 a.m. to be admitted for the class.

2003 John Pierce Science Books by Karen Gonzales, Children's Librarian

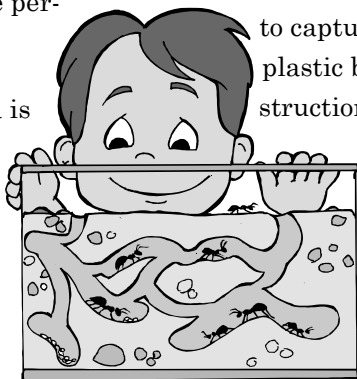
During the past 12 years he has donated more than 130 books to the library. His goal is to interest young people in science. These 2003 John Pierce science books are perfect for them.

Dramatic Displays by Tim

Knight. A grown king cobra is about 13 feet long. It creates a dramatic display by lifting the front third of its body off the ground, making it as tall as a man. This book reveals other ways that animals and plants communicate with each other. Some displays are used to attract a mate and some to scare off enemies.

Fantastic Feeders by Tim Knight.

All plants and animals need food to survive. Some have very unique ways of finding, capturing and eating their food. Snakes have jaws that open very wide so they can swallow eggs bigger than their heads. Plants make their own food using the process of photosynthesis. Some plants eat insects. A venus flytrap closes its leaves on an insect



in less than a third of a second.

I Face the Wind by Vicki Cobb. This is a science experiment book for preschoolers. It teaches children how

to capture wind in a large plastic bag. It gives instructions for weighing air.

Other simple experiments are described in this book.

Life and Times of the Ant by

Charles Micucci.

Ants are so fascinating. Ounce for ounce, they are one of the strongest animals on earth. They are often compared to humans because they live in social communities and work together.

Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11

Astronaut Michael Collins by Bea Schyffert. You probably think of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin when you think of Apollo 11. This book tells us about the third astronaut on that flight-the one who ma-

neuvered the capsule while the other two were on the surface of the moon.

New Dinos: The Latest Finds! The Coolest Dinosaur Discoveries! by

Shelley Tanaka. What could be cooler than a new dinosaur book?

In 2001 a new dinosaur was discovered in Madagascar and named the *Masiakasaurus knopfleri*. It was named after guitarist Mark Knopfler! Workers had listened to his music while they dug.

Sea Turtles: Ocean Nomads by

Mary Cerullo. Where do sea turtles live? How big are they? How long do they live? The answers vary and scientists are still discovering the answers to some of these questions. Beautiful, up-close photographs of the creatures enhance this book.

Tree of Life: A book depicting the life of Charles Darwin, naturalist, geologist and thinker by Peter Sis.

A perfect example of a children's book that adults will enjoy just as much as the child.

Carpeting, Montana Room & Aviation Display

2004 will see some more changes @ Missoula Public Library.

Plans are in the works to replace the carpeting on the lower level hall and meeting rooms. This should happen in the next couple of months. So your opportunity to enjoy the lovely orange carpeting is coming to an end.

We will also be expanding the Montana Room this winter. We will be moving the wall out to the edge of the first window in the reading area by the current magazines. While the construction is taking place, access to the Montana Room will be limited. The Reference staff will get items from the room for you.

The special exhibit in the library's downstairs display area commemorating the 100th anniversary of powered flight will remain through the end of January. We invite all of you who did not get a chance to view this exhibit during the Holidays to come in this month--its well worth a trip to the library.

January 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Library Closed New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Basic Internet Class 9:00 a.m.	8 Friends Board Mtg—9:30am Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	9 Storytime 10:30 a.m.	10
	Storytime 7 p.m.					
11	12	13	14 Basic Email Class 9:00 a.m.	15 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	16 Storytime 10:30 a.m.	17
	Storytime 7 p.m.			Book Discussion 7 pm		
18	19 Library Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 Library Board of Trustees Mtg 6:30 p.m.	21 MPL Foundation Bd Mtg Noon	22 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	23 Storytime 10:30 a.m.	24
25	26 Storytime 7 p.m.	27	28	29 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	30 Storytime 10:30 a.m.	31

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New Year's Reading Resolutions

1. I will reread a book I loved as a child.
2. I will finally read that classic from high school that I've been avoiding.
3. I will find a book of poetry and read some aloud.
4. I will spend an hour in aimless browsing at a library.
5. I will read a book written in the year I was born.
6. I will create a journal and keep notes about the books and magazines I read.
7. I will assemble a list of my favorite people and send them my ideas about books (favorites, recent reads, and the like).
8. I will read a book to a child.
9. I will gather a few friends and read a play out loud.
10. I will read a book on the history of my town.
11. I will read a book written from a political point of view totally opposite my own.
12. I will read a book about a place I've never been.
13. I will reread a book that I just didn't "get" when I was eighteen.
14. I will read a book written by a non-American.
15. I will ask a librarian to show me some print and online resources for readers.



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