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Missoula Reads - March Programs @ Your Library

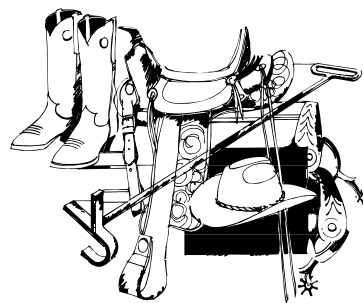
As part of *Missoula Reads*, the Children's Department will be hosting four programs during the month of March.

All of the programs will be held in the Large Meeting Room. Check the times in the descriptions of the programs.

Saturday, March 6th at 2 p.m., Sneed B. Collard III, will discuss his book "*B is for Big Sky Country*." Children will have the opportunity to write their own poetry with the assistance and advice of the author. The event is free and open to children ages 6 to 15.

Saturday, March 13th at 2 p.m., artist Joanna Yardley will lead an art program for school age children. She will work with participants on an art project based on her work for the *Missoula Reads* book selection, "*B*

is for Big Sky Country," written by Sneed Collard III and illustrated by Yardley. The program is free and open to children ages 6 to 18. Materials will be provided.



Wednesday, March 17th at 7 p.m., the Library will be hosting a discussion of Will James' "*Smoky the Cow Horse*." All ages of readers are welcome to attend. Irish Pizza and Shamrock Soda will be served. Please call 721-2665 to sign-up.

Saturday, March 20th at 2 p.m., Peggy Goodsell, a

member of the National Saddle Horse Association and director of the Charlie Russell Riders, will give a demonstration of both O-Mok-See and mounted drill team activities. O-Mok-See provides all ages of horses and riders opportunities to show off skills and have fun with such events as traditional barrel racing, western jumping, and the extreme team sport of "devil's cowhide." The Charlie Russell Riders are one of the premiere mounted drill teams in Montana, and perform at such venues as the Western Montana Fair. Goodsell will discuss the activities of both of the groups and will show video clips of various events. Also attending will be Alyssa Doering of Missoula, National Senior O-Mok-See Princess.

Construction Zones Ahead!

With the coming of March, Missoula Public Library will be embarking on two more remodeling projects. As you read this newsletter, work will have begun on the men's bathroom on the main floor. Our generous donor of last year's remodeling for the women's room is again providing funds for the project. Beginning on March 22, we will start the expansion of the Montana Room. Access to materials from the Montana Room will be through the Reference Desk staff. We do apologize for any inconvenience that the remodeling projects will cause you.

The Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature

Most likely you have heard of the Caldecott and Newbery Medals. Each year the Newbery Medal is awarded for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year. The Caldecott Medal is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished picture book. The Newbery Medal was established 1922, the Caldecott Medal in 1937.

You might not have heard of the Michael L. Printz Award, first awarded in 2002. The Michael L. Printz Award is an award, established by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.

"Young Adult" is defined by YALSA as readers ages twelve to eighteen; naturally, all titles are not appropriate for all readers in that wide age range. The award is named for Mike Printz, a longtime school librarian and member of YALSA.

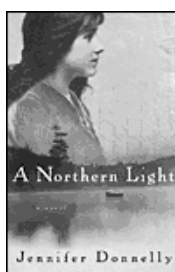
And the winners for 2003 are...



The First Part Last by Angela Johnson. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2003.

Johnson's novel is an extraordinary work

in which the realities of fatherhood come slowly but surely to 16 year-old Bobby, after the birth of his daughter, Feather. Told in alternating chapters, Johnson's story reveals the love Bobby and his girlfriend Nia shared then, as well as the growing affection Bobby feels now for his daughter.



A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly. San Diego: Harcourt, Inc., 2003.

Set in 1906 against the backdrop of the murder that inspired Theodore Dreiser's "An American Tragedy," this coming-of-age novel effortlessly weaves romance, history, and a murder mystery into something moving, real, and wholly original.



Keesha's House by Helen Frost. New York: Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003. In this extraordinary debut novel for young adults, Frost

stretches the boundaries of traditional poetic forms as she weaves together the stories of seven teenagers who courageously struggle to

hold their lives together and overcome their difficulties.



Fat Kid Rules the World by K.L. Going. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2003.

In this outstanding, funny, and edgy debut, Going tells an engaging story of two unlikely friends who meet when a high-school dropout talks a boy out of suicide--and who ultimately save each other.



The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things by Carolyn Mackler. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2003.

"Chubby" New York City teenager

Virginia Shreves is having a hard time: not only is her best friend, Shannon, spending the school year out west, but Virginia's being pressured about her weight by her family--especially her formerly fat mother, a prominent adolescent psychologist. She is sure she's the weakest link in her high-powered family until her handsome, athletic, star-student brother shockingly falls from grace.

Bark Beetles! Who Cares?

Bark beetles, naturally occurring agents of tree mortality in forest environments, are now at unusually high population levels in western Montana.

While at endemic levels, bark beetle activities are decidedly beneficial, but during 'outbreaks' these same activities may compete undesirably

for scarce natural resources.


What should you know about the way bark beetles affect your environment, and how can you lessen the chances of experiencing some of their undesirable activities?

Come to the Library on Tuesday, March 16th at 7 pm to learn about these tiny tree killers.

A forest entomologist from the US Forest Service will talk about bark beetles followed by an open discussion. Also on hand will be a tree disease expert to answer your questions.

Various publications will be available for you to take home for further reading.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| |  Storytime 7 pm | Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. | Basic Internet Class 9 a.m.* | Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. | Storytime 10:30 a.m. | Sneed B. Collard III— 2 p.m.* |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Music @ The Library - 2 pm Sponsored by the Friends of Missoula Public Library | Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. | Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. | "Smoky the Cowhorse" book discussion 7 pm* | Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. Library Board Mtg—6: 30 pm Book Discussion Group 7 pm | Storytime 10:30 a.m. | Peggy Goodsell - 2 pm* |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | Storytime 7 pm | Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. | MPL Foundation Bd Mtg—Noon | Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. | Storytime 10:30 a.m. | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| | Storytime 7 pm | Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m. | | | | |



* Read more
about this in
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Protect Yourself on the Internet

Have you ever wondered what you can do to protect yourself while you are surfing, or maybe buying something on the Internet?

Have you heard about identity theft and phishing but don't know what to do to protect yourself?

If you can answer yes to these questions, come to the Missoula Public Library on Wednesday, March 10 at 9 a.m.

We will have a short training about the things you should be on the look out for and what you can do to protect yourself while surfing the Internet. The program will last about one hour

and the presenter will be able to answer some specific questions you may have about some of the things that you've seen.

The class will provide hints and tips to help folk avoid getting ripped off through identity theft, cookies, pop-up windows, or spyware.

Meet at the lower level public door, facing the parking lot, at 9:00 a.m. The program will be in the Large Meeting room. The rest of the Library will be unavailable until 10 a.m.

Don't worry if you are a little late, we'll keep checking the door.

Registration is required but there is no charge. You can register by

calling 721-2665 or by stopping by the Information Desk at the Library.

Basic Internet Class

A class on Basic Internet will be held on March 3rd at 9 a.m. We will show you how to use a basic browser.

You must pre-register for the class by either calling the Library at 721-2665 or stopping by the Information Desk.

Participants will meet at the lower level entrance (by the parking lot) at 9 for admittance to the Library. We will check again about 9:05 for latecomers.

Class size is limited to 10.
