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Welcome Our New Library Director

Missoula Public Library is pleased to announce native Montanan, Honore Bray, as its new library director. Born and raised in Anaconda, Honore has been director of the Historic Hearst Free Library for the last ten years.

Dedicated to libraries on a local and statewide level, she currently serves on Montana's Networking Taskforce, an advisory committee to the State Library. She is also one of the pioneer members of the Partners sharing project. In addition, Honore recently received a PEEL

(Professional Education and Employment for Librarians) grant to continue her library education online at graduate school.

Thanks to Honore's enterprising spirit and proven innovation, Missoula Public Library patrons can expect continued superb leadership and service.

"Honore's passion about library service and her experience in the Montana Shared Catalog make her a perfect fit for the increasingly busy Missoula Public Library", said Becky Mosbacher, vice-chair of the Board of Trustees and



member of the search committee. The Board of Trustees and staff eagerly await her first day, Tuesday, September 6th. A public reception in her honor will be held at the Library on Monday, September 12th at 5pm. Please join us then!

Get Your Most Valuable School Supply and Your Ticket to Discovery @Your Library

National Library Card Sign-Up Month begins September 1st and the Missoula Public Library has fun and contests for every age of library user—with a new card or with a seasoned card!

Our contests include:

Children can guess how many handmade books are in a jar.

Young Adult library users can guess how many new card holders are registered during the month of September. (This contest closes 9/25, so be sure and get your entries in by that date.)



Adults will be guessing the combined **total** number of years and months of staff service worked by the current employees.

- Children getting new cards can have their pictures taken for display in the Children's Dept. They will also receive a bag of goodies to go along with

their new card.

- Age is no barrier to getting your first Missoula Public Library card! In fact, the oldest and the youngest **new** card holders will be honored with their pictures in the Missoulian.

Bring your appetites for "Sundaes on Sunday", September 25! There will be music also, with the band Two Year Touge performing at 1:00 pm.

Visit the Missoula Public Library during the month of September and discover the fun we have planned for you!

Award Winning Films Come To MPL

World-Wide Cinema, a new film series will be premiering Friday night, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the large meeting room at Missoula Public Library. This series will feature screenings of first-run independent and foreign films that have been selected by the company Film Movement, consulting with directors of the world's top film festivals. These films are made available to libraries through Film Movement and Recorded Books. The film screenings are free and open to the adult public.

The first film, "*Agata and the Storm*", is an Italian production directed by Silvio Soldini and features "a swirl of pop-art color, madcap magic, and the bittersweet call of life and love." There's suspense, laughter, and tenderness as we look at life through the eyes of a bookstore owner, who emits abnormal amounts of electricity all around her. Future monthly screenings include a Russian film, "*Roads to Koktebel*" (Oct.14); and "*Campfire*" from Israel (Nov.4).

Make a date to join us for this exciting new film series, and we'll see you at the movies @your library.

Tote bags, tote bags, come and get 'em!



A new shipment of Library tote bags has arrived! For the bargain price of \$10 (plain) /\$12 (zippered pocket) you can purchase a brand new library bag. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, these bags make perfect gifts for the library lovers in your life...

Vaun Stevens marks 35 years with MPL



In September, 1970, Richard Nixon was in the middle of his first term as U.S. President, rock star Jimi Hendrix had recently died from a drug overdose, Margaret Court won the tennis Grand Slam, and the Missoula Public Library welcomed the arrival of a new children's librarian.

A native of Valley City, North Dakota, Vaun Stevens came to Missoula fresh out of library school at the University of Denver. A press release at the time noted: "Besides telling jokes, Vaun likes to sew, cook, hike, play tennis, and bowl."

Shortly after beginning her career at the old Carnegie Library Building (now the Missoula Museum of the

Arts), Vaun transitioned from children's librarian to head reference librarian—a position she has held ever since.

Over the years, Vaun's hobbies and interests changed from bowling, to belly dancing, to Scottish country dancing to playing Medieval roles with the Society for Creative Anachronism. Her reading tastes and literary interests are every bit as eclectic as her hobbies, and this has made her an ideal reference librarian.

In addition to efficiently managing our reference department for all of these many years, Vaun also played a key role in facilitating the move to our "new" building in 1974, and into our newly remodeled building three years ago. Her library skills and attention to detail served us well in both instances. Recently, she has also skillfully edited this newsletter.

Last month we welcomed Vaun "back" after an extended leave this summer. We know that the knee replacements that she underwent will not slow her down for long. We hope that you will stop by at our reference desk to congratulate Vaun and to wish her well.

Banned Books Week September 24-October 1, 2005

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read is observed during the last week of September each year. Observed since 1982, the annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.

Banned Books Week (BBW) celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered

unorthodox or unpopular *and* stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them. After all, intellectual freedom can exist only where these two essential conditions are met.

During this week the Library will be hosting movies based on banned books. Contact us at 721-2665 for dates, time and titles of movies.

Third Thursday Book Discussion:

Our Book Discussion Group will be reading "The Time of our Singing," by Richard Powers, in September. Join the discussion on Thursday, September 15th at 7 p.m. in the Small Meeting Room. For more information, contact Clara Erickson at 251-5921.

SEPTEMBER 2005

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

National Library Card Sign-up Month Special events all month

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7:00 p.m. Family Storytime	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales	9:30 a.m. Friends of Library Board Mtg 10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales 2:00 p.m. Tiny Tales	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales & PreSchool Storytime	7:00 p.m. Agata & the Storm**	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	5:00 p.m. Welcome New Director** 7:00 p.m. Family Story-time	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales		10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales 2:00 p.m. Tiny Tales	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales & PreSchool Storytime	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	7:00 p.m. Family Story-time	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales 7:00 Library Board Mtg		10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales 2:00 p.m. Tiny Tales	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales & PreSchool Storytime	2:00 p.m. Spirit Bear**
25	26	27	28	29	30	
1:00 p.m. Sundaes on Sunday** 1:00 Live Music** 2:00 Movie – James and the Giant Peach	7:00 p.m. Family Story-time	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales	7:00 p.m. Teen Program for Banned Book Week	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales 2:00 p.m. Tiny Tales	10:30 a.m. Tiny Tales & PreSchool Storytime 7:00 p.m. After Hours Teen Movie**	

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Welcome to a new feature of our monthly newsletter, the Children's Corner. This section, designed with kids of all ages in mind, will feature jokes, puzzles, and other items of interest to our younger library users.

We Offer Children's Programs

Tiny Tales: This 20-25 minute program is held every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, starting at 10:30 a.m., is for little ones from birth through 36 months. **New: Thursday afternoon Tiny Tales, at 2:00 every Thursday**



Storytimes: The Library presents Preschool Storytimes (ages 3- 6) on Friday mornings at 10:30. In addition we also have a Family Storytime held on Monday evenings at 7:00.

JOKES

Q. What do elves do after school?

A. Gnomework!

Q. Why did the elephant paint his toenails red?

A. To hide in the strawberry

patch.

Q. Why did the bald man paint hundreds rabbits all over his head?

A. Because from a distance they looked like hares.

Spirit Bear Playshop

Have you ever imagined what it might be like to be an animal instead of a person? On Saturday, September 24, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. we'll explore this idea, using bears. Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, author of "Garden of the Spirit Bear," will help you use words to describe your inner bear. Deborah Milton, artist for the

book, will help you express your bearlike self through art. This free program, for children ages 8 and older, will be held at the Missoula Public Library. No previous experience necessary. All materials provided except your imagination. Pre-registration is necessary, call the Children's Department at 721-2665.

Teens Only After Hours

Last Friday of every month there is a Teens Only After Hours Movie. This program is for teenagers only (ages 13-18). Movie starts at 7:00; however, arrive just prior to the library closing at 6:00, and you can join us for pizza and pop. Contact Linette, Carrie or Rita at 721-2665 for more information or just to let us know you are coming For September 30th the movie will be *School of Rock*.