

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Big Sky Community Library is an active group of community members who are instrumental in maintaining basic operations of the library. The FOL was formed in February of 2000 and has been the major fundraising source since the very beginning of the library.

It is the FOL's mission to promote a greater appreciation of literature and life long learning by providing special programs throughout the year. These programs are intended for both adults and school children.

Special author visits, Read Across America Day, Turn Off the TV Week, weekly story times, Books for Babies, Books for Soldiers and a interactive summer reading program are just a few of the ways the library enhances literature and learning in the school and community.

Meeting Times

The FOL meets every 1st and third Wednesday of the month. During this time they work at a variety of jobs including, preparing books and materials for processing, organizing and moving books, sorting through donations, dusting etc.

Volunteers are also needed in the evening during community library hours to help shelve books. If you are interested in this please call Roberta Crew @ 995-2852

Ways you can help the Library:

- Become a member of the FOL
- Donate used books for the Used Book Sale and Books for Soldiers
- Buy a subscription to a magazine
- Volunteer for story time
- Donate your time to shelve books and/or prepare books for automation
- Volunteer your computer skills
- Help type up bibliographies for different subjects
- Volunteer your services for other fund raisers.

Helpful Website:

Check out the Big Sky Community Library's website to find out about upcoming programs, story times, new releases, info about the library as well as information about the summer reading program.

www.bigskylibrary.org

Big Sky Community Library at Ophir School

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Sunday 1-5

Monday 10-6

Story time 10:30 Mon.

Tues. Wed. 4-8

LIBRARIANS:

Head Lib. Kathy House

Assist. Lib. Dani Kabisch

FOL Chair:

Kay Reeves

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The BSCL Mission Statement:

The mission of the Big Sky Community Library is to ensure that the people of the greater Big Sky area have the right and means to free and open access to ideas and information, which are fundamental to a democracy. The Library will protect intellectual freedom, promote literacy, encourage lifelong learning, and provide library materials and information services beyond the Ophir School hours.

Information about the Big Sky Community Library:

The Ophir School/Big Sky Community Library was formed by the collaborative efforts of The Ophir School Board, The Resort Tax Board and The Friends of the Big Sky Community Library. The Ophir School Library opened its doors to the community October of 2000 and is currently open to the public 3 days a week. Funded by Resort Tax money, FOL memberships and FOL fundraisers, the library offers a valuable and free service to the public.

Materials Lending Policies

1. Books will be checked out for a three-week period and may be renewed for up to an additional two weeks. Videos will be checked out for a one-week period.
2. There will be a one-week grace period before a fine is assessed for an overdue book(s). The fine will be .10 cents per day. \$1.00 will be assessed for each day and for each video overdue.

No new materials may be checked out until the overdue book(s) or videos are returned.

3. Grades K-8 have a four-book limit. Grades 9-12 and adults have a 10-book limit. Non-resident and seasonal employees will be issued a temporary card. **Temporary cardholders have a maximum 3-item limit**

Services Available @ your Library

- ▶ 17 Internet Ready Computers with DSL hook-ups.
- ▶ A wide variety of fiction and non-fiction books for adults, young adults and children.
- ▶ Audio Books on tape and CD
- ▶ Educational Videos and DVD's
- ▶ Subscriptions to over 25 different periodicals
- ▶ Up-to-date Reference section
- ▶ 2 Laser printers, one b/w and the other color. (.25/copy)
- ▶ Literature Kits: Theme related backpacks for promoting literacy.
- ▶ An Early Learning Computer Center
- ▶ Copy machine (.10/copy)
- ▶ Bi-lingual Books: Early readers available with both Spanish and English text.
- ▶ Completely automated catalog with over 15,000 volumes

Encarta 2004 is available on ALL library computers. A great resource for any reports and easy to use.



Destiny Library Catalog



The library's catalog can be found on our website bigskylibrary.org. Take time to peruse our catalog, click on Title Peek to read reviews, connect to helpful websites through Web Express.

Tools at your Fingertips

Info Trac InfoTrac is a magazine database available by our membership in the Montana Library Network. You can access literally *hundreds* of periodicals. Many of these are full text. For example, the Academic database includes 710 full text journals. The Student Edition includes 425 full text periodicals. Access is available at school and at home. The website is:



www.infotrac.galegroup.com/
Log in with this password:
Username: mtlib_2_1331
Password: discovery

This is an very helpful resource for current events.

World Book Online World Book data base is a wonderful resource! Access Kid's World Book too! It can be accessed by following this link and entering the login and password below.

www.worldbookonline.com/

From school:and at home:

username: ophir username: ophir
password: bigsky password: miners

TumbleBooks The TumbleBook Library is a collection of animated, talking picture books. This is a fantastic resource for making reading with your child extra fun: There are many features to make reading appeal to emergent readers, including great puzzles and games designed to help reading skills and comprehension.