

Books and Bits!

February 2012

Perhaps no place in any community is so democratic as the town library.

Ophir School
Big Sky Community
Library



Library Updates

February is.....

Love Your Library Month

Library Lovers' Month is a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone to recognize the value of libraries and consider different ways to show their support.

Ways you can support your library:

♥ Contribute

- *Donate your time, or expertise to your library*
- *Become an FOL member...pick up a membership at the library or go online.*
- *Honor a friend or a relative with a book or a shelf.*

♥ Be A Friend

- *Donate your used books for the Friends Used Book Sale or the Books for Soldiers Program*
- *Volunteer to help shelve books, work used book sales and other Fund raisers*

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Check out the wide variety of books and DVDs available for Black History Month. There are some wonderful biographies and resources that are great for families. Check out the display!

BOOKS ON TAPE SALE

We are using one of our recent donations to upgrade all of our young reader cassette tapes into CD format therefore, deleting all of the cassettes. If you are interested in purchasing any of these from \$1.00-\$5.00, please let us know, otherwise they will be going into the FOL Used Book Sale this summer. A few titles include: *A-Z Mysteries, Stargirl, Touching Spirit Bear, Hatchet, The Tale of Despereaux, The BFG.* Click on the website to see the list under news

What's happening in Library Classes?

K: Author Study William Steig, learning about author letters and discussion of Fiction vs. Non-fiction. Watch for their "Whale Watch Guide." Learn about the Caldecott awards.

1st : Treasure state nominees, Caldecott winners, and discussion of illustration styles.

2nd: Learning how to use the Visual Search on the Destiny library catalog. Biography section and shelf organization. Caldecott winners.

3rd: Dewey Classifications and learning how to decipher call numbers. Locating books.

4th: Creating lists in Destiny. Using the Encarta and World Book online. Research on "Egg"ceptional person.

5th: Continue with American Symbols project. Use the Wordle.net site to create Wordles...word clouds Use of Almanac and infoplease.com.

FOL Corner



The next FOL meeting is set for February 15th at 10:00 in the library. If you would like to become a member of the FOL, membership forms are available on line at bigskylibrary.org, otherwise stop by the library to get a form. This is wonderful way to *support* your library and LOVE it! Join today www.bigskylibrary.org

Parent Resources

The library has a wonderful parenting section available for circulation. A few of the books to help inspire and develop life-long readers include:
How to get your Child to Love Reading by: Esme Raji Codell Activities, Ideas, and Inspiration for Exploring in the World through books
Great Books for Boys by Kathleen Odean
The Read-aloud Book by Jim Trelease

Mark your Calendars

Feb. 2 : Groundhog Day

Feb. 13-19th: It's Random Acts of Kindness week.

Feb. 14th Happy Valentines Day! I Love to Read Day!

Feb. 20th: President's Day No School and Library Closed!

March 2nd: Dr. Seuss's Birthday....Read Across America Day!



Caldecott and Newbery Winners Announced

Each year the Randolph Caldecott Medal is awarded for the most distinguished American picture book for children. The 2012 Caldecott winner chosen for this year is *A Ball for Daisy*, illustrated and written by Chris Raschka. The three Caldecott Honor Books were: *Blackout*, illustrated and written by John Rocco, *Grandpa Green*, written and illustrated by Lane Smith, and *Me...Jane*, written and illustrated by Patrick McDonnell.

In addition, the John Newbery Medal is presented to an author for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature. This year the 2012 Newbery Medal was awarded for *Dead End in Norvelt* written by Jack Gantos. The Newbery Honor books chosen were: *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai, *Breaking Stalin's Nose* written and illustrated by Eugene Yelchin.

***Thanks to the Exxon/Mobil Alliance Grant these books have been purchased and several of them are already available for check-out. For a complete list of Caldecott and Newbery winners since 1938 go to www.ala.org and click on Book/Media Awards. This is a great reading list!**

2012 Montana Treasure State Nominees

Ophir students grade K-3 are once again participating in the selection process for this year's MT Treasure State Award choice for 2012. Starting in January, students hear these books during their library time, and then will vote on their favorite. Ophir ballots will be sent to Helena for the final tally along with 80 other schools from around MT. Who will be the winner? Ask your child which one they are voting for and why?

Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg
Wonder Horse by Emily Arnold McCully
Oscar and the Very Hungry Dragon by Ute Krause
Joha Makes a Wish : a Middle Eastern Tale by Eric Kimmel
Alfred Zector Book Collector Tale by Kelly DiPucchio

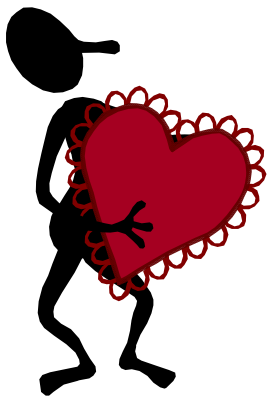


The 2012 MT Treasure State Award winner was:

***Henry and the Crazy Chicken Pirates* by Carolyn Crimi**

Over dues:

There are several books that are still out of circulation. Over dues will be sent home at the end of the week. , please watch for notes and return or re-new as soon as possible.



Lone Peak High News

2012 Alex Awards

Voted the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences:

- "Big Girl Small," by Rachel DeWoskin*
- "In Zanesville," by Jo Ann Beard*
- "The Lover's Dictionary," by David Levithan
- "The Night Circus," by Erin Morgenstern*
- "The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens," by Brooke Hauser
- "Ready Player One," by Ernest Cline
- "Robopocalypse: A Novel," by Daniel H. Wilson
- "Salvage the Bones," by Jesmyn Ward*
- "The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel in Pictures," by Caroline Preston*
- "The Talk-Funny Girl," by Roland Merullo*

*available in the library

Just a reminder:

College Prep Resources

The following resources are now available in the Library and the Guidance room.

The Official SAT Study Guide, (2nd edition) The College Board

The College Application Essay, (revised edition) by Sarah Myers McGinty

Book of Majors 2012 by The College Board

College Handbook 2012 by The College Board

Getting Financial Aid 2012 by The College Board

Kaplan PSAT/NMSQT 2012 Premier by Kaplan

Scholarship Handbook 2012 by The College Board

Don't forget to register for daily SAT questions at:

www.collegeboard.org

Teenagers, check out this cool website!

<http://www.newpages.com>

Click on Young Authors Guide and you will find magazines to read, places to publish your writing and many legitimate contests. You can win \$\$\$\$! Most only publish young writers like you!

MONTANA LIBRARY2GO

Did you know that the Bozeman Public Library offers downloadable eBooks with a Bozeman Library membership?

Just go to

www.montanalibrary2go.org

Follow the user friendly instructions to learn how to download a book onto your device such as an Ipad or Kindle. There are books for readers of all ages!!

Check out the wonderful collection of audios in the library!