

Friends of the **Moscow** Library

Fall Newsletter

News From the Library Director:

by **Anne Cheadle**

We are looking forward to another busy year. The library's Board of Trustees has approved a new Strategic Plan and some of the initiatives are already underway:

A new digital library collection will be brought to you in early October, courtesy of a cooperative effort with other VALNet libraries. OverDrive collections of e-books and e-audiobooks will replace NetLibrary downloadable audiobooks. Check the library's website later this month for more information.

The Moscow Young Adult book club starts Wednesday, September 14th, at 4:00 PM in the Moscow Public Library. It will be a place to discuss not only books, but all types of narrative elements and media including movies, graphic novels, myths, and even video games. For more information, please contact [Sally](#) at the Moscow library.

You'll read elsewhere in the newsletter about the Everybody Reads program in Moscow on November 7th; our participation is made possible by the Friends of the Library. We appreciate it and are looking forward to hearing this year's author, C.J. Box, talk about life and writing in the Mountain Time Zone.

Thank you to the City of Moscow for budgeting funds for repair and improvements to the library front entrance ramps and stairs in 2012. The Friends of the Moscow Library have been key partners in planning this project and we are excited to see it happen.

New library catalog software is coming this spring. To prepare for the migration, the library will be rotating its books, audiobooks, and movies among all the Latah County district branches this fall and winter. Look for fresh materials throughout the building.

The library staff is looking forward to another year of partnership with the Friends of the Moscow library. Many thanks for your time, efforts, and membership. See you at the book sale!

A Note From the President

by Terry Peterson

Remember all those interesting "finds" you have purchased at recent book sales?

The fall sale is fast approaching. The 4-H building at the fairgrounds in Moscow on Friday, Sept. 30 & Saturday, Oct. 1 is the place to be.

Thanks to generous donations the sale promises to have a great variety of quality books. Bring friends and family to find just the books you have been looking for.

Thanks to your support at the book sales, we are able to help fund such literacy activities as Everybody Reads. Add November 7 at 7 PM in the 1912 Building Great Room to your social calendar. That is when this year's author, CJ Box, will be in Moscow. Read his book Blue Heaven and plan to join us.

Everybody Reads

This year's Everybody Reads book is Blue Heaven by C.J. Box. This break-out novel from the author of the New York Times Bestselling Joe Pickett novels is "a non-stop thrill-ride...a provocative suspense novel that has you rooting for the characters every step of the way." -- Harlan Coben

A twelve-year-old girl and her younger brother go on the run in the woods of North Idaho, pursued by four men they have just watched commit murder—four men who know exactly who William and Annie are, and who know exactly where their desperate mother is waiting for news of her children's fate. Retired cops from Los Angeles, the killers easily persuade the inexperienced sheriff to let them lead the search for the missing children.

Blue Heaven is the Winner of the 2008 Edgar Award for Best Novel, spent four weeks on the extended New York Times bestseller list, has been optioned for film by producers Michael Besman ("About Schmidt") and Cameron Lamb, and was selected by the American Library Association as a 2008 Reading List award winner in the category "Adrenaline".

C.J. Box will speak about his work on Monday, November 7th at 7 pm in the Great Room of the 1912 Center located at 412 East 3rd St., Moscow. This presentation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Wrigley to Read at Annual Meeting

by Lynne McCreight

Robert Wrigley, prize winning poet, Professor at the University of Idaho and local resident, will read from his work at the Friends Annual Meeting on October 13 at 7pm. His most recent collection of poetry, Beautiful Country, was published last fall. It debuted at #7 on The Poetry Foundation's bestseller list. "I Like the Wind", a poem in the collection, appeared in the September 6, 2010, issue of the New Yorker magazine. In the poem Wrigley speaks of "how the distant grain elevator's shadow ripples over the stubble of the field", an example of rural Western landscapes that find their way into many of his poems as he thinks about the place of humans in the natural world.

Come and let Bob entertain you with his wonderfully humorous story telling and his keen observation of this beautiful country!

More Upcoming Events

by Chris Sokol

Timothy Egan, award-winning author of The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America will speak at the University of Idaho SUB Ballroom on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm. This book was selected as the 2011-2012 "Common Read" for freshman at the UI. The event is open to the public.

"Sell on eBay-- Ship with the U.S. Postal Service," a presentation by Linda Sundstrom of the USPS, will take place on Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm in the Fiske Room of the 1912 Center in Moscow. The 1912 Center is located at 412 East Third Street. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Moscow Library and the Latah County Library District. For more information contact Chris Sokol at the Moscow Library, chriss@latahlibrary.org.

Summer Reading:

Many Stories Indeed!

by Cathy Ensley

The theme for Summer Reading this year was, "One World, Many Stories." We ended with 953 signups, which was about 70 more than the previous year, and 100 more than the year prior to that. There were 420 finishers, which is exactly the percentage it usually is.

We offered 45 programs, including 11 Summer Reading promotions to the schools. Our total program attendance was around 3700, which was up by about 1000 from last year. Better weather this year meant better turnouts at the evening programs in the park.

Once again, we partnered with the Moscow Arts Commission to put on Thursday evening Programs in the Park. Attendees were entertained by the Nez Perce Tribal Dancers; Scott Peterson, the Reptile Man; the local Marimba band; Jeff Evans, Magician; and Matt Baker, comedian.

We offered daytime programs: Sandra Gallardo-Cook taught us about Panama; Mary Penticoff spoke about kids in Kenya; the Palouse Discovery Science Center taught us about Biomes; Batsy told multicultural, interactive stories; park rangers from the Nez Perce interpretive center at Spalding spoke about the Nez Perce people. As a final party, we had a Hawaiian Luau.

Additionally, there were the always-popular teen craft programs. We made tribal rainsticks; we did some gold and silver tooling; we made paper snake mosaics; we painted paper mache flip-flop boxes and we wove ancient culture jute baskets. There were also the traditional lapsit programs for babies and storytimes for toddlers.

Because Summer Reading is so popular, we always need plenty of volunteers, both to sit at the registration desk and to help with programs. I want to thank everyone who devoted some of their time this summer in one of these capacities. You are my heroes.

But more than that, without the Moscow Friends' generous monetary support, very little of this could've happened in the first place. It took Friends' money to buy the prize books and toys; to print 1100 program flyers and buy the vinyl banner, the glossy posters, the contents of the registration bags and finisher packets. It took Friends' money to buy supplies for the teen crafts and the Luau. Friends' money paid for the professional entertainment in the park.

Summer Reading is expensive. By my records, it cost \$4300 this year. So even if you didn't volunteer your time, if you bought books at the Friends' annual book sales, you supported Summer Reading in Moscow. Thank you so much!

Friends Announce 7th Annual Fall Book Sale

by Mary Hughes

Holy cow we have a lot of books for this sale! We have about 400 boxes and are still receiving more donations every week. Our Fall Book Sale will be on September 30th and October 1st at the Latah County Fair Grounds. We will have our traditional "Friends Only" presale on the evening of Friday, September 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. If your membership has lapsed or you'd like to become a member, you may sign up at the door. Dues start at \$15 for an individual membership, \$25 for family membership, and on up for patrons, saints etc.

We will open our doors to the general public at 8:00am on Saturday, October 1st. The book sale will close at Noon and reopen at 12:15pm for sheer pandemonium, our famous, colossal "Buck a Bag" sale. All the books you can fit into a grocery bag for \$1. The book sale will then close for good at 1:30pm.

An event like this requires lots of work to run smoothly so please come out and volunteer. It's really fun and you may make some new friends. We'll need people on Friday morning to help sort and display the books. We'll start that day at 9:00am and undoubtedly finish by 1:00pm. To lend your time and talents please just show up Friday morning, the more the merrier. If you have books to donate you may bring them directly to the Fair Grounds on Friday, no later than

noon, the earlier the better. Or you may drop them off at the library anytime prior to the book sale during normal business hours. If you have more than just 2 or 3 boxes or bags of books, please call me, Mary Hughes at [208 882-9198](tel:2088829198), to let me know so I can meet you there to accept them so as not to take the library staff away from their duties. Donations of clean, good condition grocery bags will also be gratefully accepted at the Fair Grounds before and during the sale. ***Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own reusable grocery bags for the regular sale and the buck a bag event.***

Book Lover's Calendars for 2012

The Book Lover's Calendars for 2012 have arrived and will be available at the book sale as well as the Winter Markets that we attend. For the 5th year we are maintaining the same low price: just \$7 each or 3 for \$20. We'll also be offering book lights, book worms and other goodies for the bibliophiles on your gift list.

Be sure to come to the book sale and join in the fun while supporting your library. Hope to see you there!

Treasurer's Report

by Mary Hughes

The Spring 2011 book sale was a big success, grossing \$5,930.12 in book sales, memberships, donations and sales of book lights, bookworms and bookmarks. This was about \$900 less than last year's Spring sale. We had expenses of just \$840.75, the lion's share of which is storage, and we lost another \$238.89 to sales tax. (It really irks me that charities have to pay sales tax in Idaho.) A very warm note of appreciation goes out to all who helped at this sale and participated to make it such a success. These sales run like a well oiled machine and it's all thanks to you, our dedicated volunteers who just show up and get right to work.

This year's Summer Reading Program was a big hit with the children (see Cathy's report elsewhere in this issue) I haven't received the bill from Carol, the library bookkeeper, for all the expenses incurred yet so I'll take Cathy's estimate of \$4300 to be accurate. I hope you were all able to catch some of the great shows put on in the park this summer, you don't have to have a child to attend!

We have once again paid the \$600 fee for the Everybody Reads Program. This fee pays for our participation in the program, a visit by the author, C.J. Box, as well as 10 copies of his book Blue Heaven, promotional materials etc.

Earlier this year we paid \$250 to host the Paul Lindholdt reading at the Prichard Gallery. Approximately \$235 has gone to various other Youth Programs such as supplies for Story Time, Family Reading Week activities etc. As you can see your membership dollars go right back out the door in community benefits! So if you get one of those pesky membership renewal reminder cards in the mail, be sure to re-up for another year.

We will again be participating in some of the Winter Markets at the 1912 Center. The Winter Market schedule this year is: November 12th, December 3rd and 10th, January 21st, February 11th and March 3rd.

We will be applying for a table at the Alternative Giving Market again this December. The date is not yet fixed for this year's event. Last year we brought in \$346 in donations from this event. Not bad for a couple hour's work! If you've never been to the market you should give it a try. You'll receive gift certificates to give to all those hard to shop for people who already have everything. A charitable donation will be made in the recipient's name to the charity you think would most appeal to them. You can support the Friends with a certificate for a Books for Babies kit or Summer Reading Materials. You can support great environmental, social, arts, child centered and other causes at the market. This will be the Market's 3rd year. I'll send out email reminders of this event and have info posted in the Library when the time draws near.

As of this writing we have 205 current member households who can all be very proud of the support they give to our Library. Thanks to all of you for your generosity and support, both monetary and as volunteers.

Fall Calendar

September:

- 9/19 The Big Burn - 7pm - SUB ballroom
- 9/19 USPS Presentation - 7pm - 1912 Center - Fiske Room

- 9/24 Friends Farmers Market table - 8am to 1pm
- 9/30 Book Sale set-up - 9am - Latah County Fairgrounds
- 9/30 Book Sale Members Only Presale - 6pm to 8pm - Latah County Fairgrounds

October:

- 10/1 Book Sale - 8am to 1:30pm - Latah County Fairgrounds
- 10/13 Annual Meeting - 7pm - 1912 Center - Great Room

November:

- 11/7 Everybody Reads - 7pm - 1912 Center - Great Room
- 11/12 Winter Market - 10am to 2pm - 1912 Center

December:

- 12/3 Winter Market - 10am to 2pm - 1912 Center
- 12/10 Winter Market - 10am to 2pm - 1912 Center

Friends of the Library Membership:

- Individual \$15
- Family \$25
- Patron \$50
- Carol Ryrie Brink Club \$100
- Carnegie Club \$500

Dues may be dropped off at the Library anytime during regular business hours, paid at one of our book sales or mailed to: Friends of the Moscow Library 110 South Jefferson Moscow, ID 83843

**Anyone may join the Friends,
everyone should!
Have a fabulous Fall!**