

## Year in Review FY 2009/2010

### New this year:

- Our Youth Services Librarian had attended a NASA training program to learn how to teach students to make rockets. The success of our program resulted in an opportunity to participate in a NASA and MSU grant which provides five space science nights for families at the library. A telescope was included.
- Our Adult Services Librarian has expanded outreach services to three additional assisted living facilities.
- Our Foundation members are planning a fall fund raising event at the Hamilton Players Theater. Watch for details for a wonderful evening with the Montana Lyric Opera Company.
- Our Friends of the Library members are planning their fall book sale during Banned Book Week. Their theme will be "Buy a Banned Book!"
- The theme for our Family Summer Reading Program is "Make a Splash, Read!" Our business community and private citizens have donated dozens of gifts as raffle items for hours read. Sign up begins Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be several water-related activities and other events outdoors on Thursdays. The schedule is attached. (#A)

### Planning for the future:

- We were not eligible for the pool of economic stimulus funds from the Economic Cooperative in March 2010 due to Victor's weighted median income being too high for accepted applications.
- We have applied to NorthWestern Energy in April 2010 for \$47,061.00 for energy conservation to increase energy efficiency in our building. This project design is to implement lighting control and wattage reduction in response to our Efficiency Plus Energy Appraisal completed in March 2010.
- We have applied to the Annie Maclay Leffingwell Foundation April 2010 for \$1,995.00 for the purchase of computer software to manage our public access computers.
- We have applied to the Rapp Family Foundation June 2010 for the purchase of 3 computers to replace staff computers in need of upgrading.

### Statistics for *one week* in February, 2010:

- 1,535 people visited the library
- 395 people used the public access computers for 214 hours
- 856 inquiries of staff for information, interlibrary loans, assisting with the use of the online catalog ([www.bitterrootpubliclibrary.org](http://www.bitterrootpubliclibrary.org)) and databases
- 39 volunteers logged in 89 hours of their valuable time
- Youth programs: Teen Advisory Board meeting, preschool story time and toddler story time
- Adult programs: Virtual Reference, Ravalli Services stories and tours, Fellowship Club, Brown Bag Book Club, foreign film series

### Did You Know?

The Bitterroot Public Library is not a city or county library. The attached informational page (#B) and a map of the library district (#C) will be posted in the library at the end of this fiscal year for our users to become aware of the cooperation necessary to provide library services.

### Mission Statement:

*"Community residents from all walks of life will have access to quality library services that will:*

- *Provide programming and activities to support lifelong learning*
- *Encourage the pleasure of reading and the freedom of information."*

**Our raison d'être:** *A little boy sat down at one of the tables in the children's corner, opened a book and said, "How do you read books?"*

### Library Board of Trustees:

- Bob Brophy, Chair
- Bruce Weide, Vice Chair and Foundation liaison
- Warren Neyenhuis, Federation representative
- Ellyn Jones, Past Chair
- Carole Olson, Trustee

### Library Employees:

Gloria Langstaff, Library Director  
Nansu Roddy, Adult Services Librarian  
Sally Blevins, Youth Services Librarian  
Library Assistants: Vivian Yang, Jo Frankforter, Joseph Costantino,  
Joan Bryan, Bain Robinson, Shannon Smith