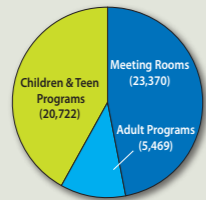


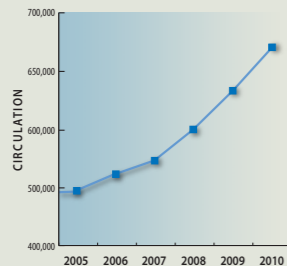
## LIBRARY STATISTICS

|                            | FY2009  | FY2010  |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Registered Borrowers :     | 29,329  | 28,817  |
| Circulation :              | 635,133 | 671,501 |
| Library Materials :        | 131,674 | 133,055 |
| Reference Questions :      | 111,590 | 104,995 |
| Meeting Room Use :         | 1,246   | 909     |
| Meeting Room Attendance :  | 40,653  | 23,370  |
| Adult Programs             |         |         |
| Programs Presented :       | 136     | 137     |
| Attendance :               | 5,317   | 5,469   |
| Children's & Teen Programs |         |         |
| Programs Presented :       | 508     | 630     |
| Attendance :               | 18,735  | 20,722  |
| Visitors :                 | 410,235 | 406,040 |

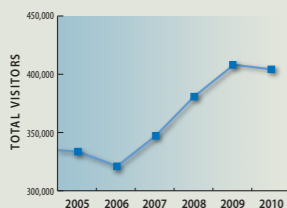
### 2010 Library Programs & Meeting Attendance



### Circulation 2005-2010



### Total Visitors 2005-2010



## LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Library Foundation's mission is to increase and enhance the quality of services, programs, and community events offered, while advocating for private and public support of the Library. It takes a foundation to turn a really good library into a great library. In 2010, the Foundation:

- Purchased and installed 668 stack lights, completing the Capital Campaign project;
- Sponsored the 2nd annual Children's Festival of the Book;
- Hired a part-time Program Coordinator;
- Partnered with Montana State University and other local organizations on the 2nd annual One Book – One Bozeman. Steve Lopez, author of *The Soloist*, spoke at several community events;
- Completed the memorial bench purchases for the Library grounds;
- Funded the second Artist in Residence with musician Kate Bryan's family music;
- Continued popular free programs such as college prep workshops, Baby Brains, Christmas Stroll activities, and Yoga for Moms & Babies;
- Brought in authors, musicians, and speakers;
- Hosted the Montana Library Association reception & Montana Book Awards ceremony;
- Added additional *Exploring the Arts* monthly performances, including the weekly summer program *Jazz & More...with Kelly Roberti*;
- Hosted four Art Opening Receptions in the Atrium Gallery;
- Provided funding for landscaping needs, flowering baskets, and holiday lighting;
- Provided funding for library staff development, and
- Held the 2nd annual *Cornerstone Celebration: Honoring Arts & Ideas* fundraiser, honoring Yellowstone Public Radio host George Cole.

## LIST OF BOARDS

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Alice Meister

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## ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR

# 2010

JULY 1, 2009 — JUNE 30, 2010



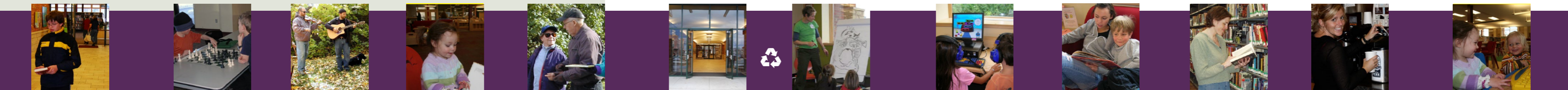
## RIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Bozeman Public Library is a nonprofit, membership-based organization that is dedicated to supporting the Bozeman Public Library. Financial support from the Friends enriches the experience of library patrons – the Friends purchase equipment such as computers and LCD projectors, books, DVDs, and other materials for the Library. The Friends also sponsor community activities and programs, including the popular Third Sunday @ Three music series, children's performers, book clubs, and special events. Further, the Friends hold three used book sales per year, which provide the opportunity for community members to "recycle" and purchase a diverse variety of books and raise money.

In addition, the Friends lease space to Lindley Perk Coffee Shop and sell used books at the coffee shop.

For the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, the Friends raised approximately \$61,000 through fundraising, book sales, and the coffee shop lease. In turn, Friends' contributions to the Library included the following:

- Purchase of book kits, including several for One Book – One Bozeman;
- Funding for the installation of the large tapestry by Tracy Penfield, "Motions of Oceans of Mountains" which was restored to the Library;
- Support for a presentation by the Montana Poet Laureate Henry Real Bird;
- Support for MontanaLibrary2Go and Explore Bozeman museums programs;
- Support for staff development and volunteer appreciation events; and
- Development of a Bozeman Public Library Facebook page.

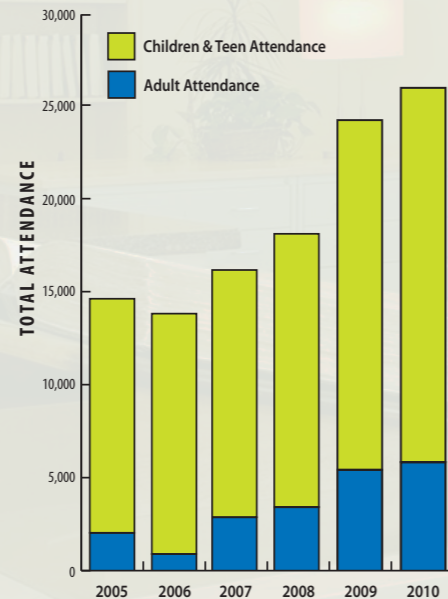


# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

- Stack lighting was added to all the shelves throughout the Library, thanks to funding from the Library Foundation.
- Playaways, pre-loaded digital audio-books, were introduced to our collection in 2009. Non-print materials showed a 9% increase in circulation statistics during the year!
- The Library contracted with Unique Management Service to help in recovering long-overdue library materials.
- Former Assistant Director Molly Pratt, who retired in 1994, was honored in July with a ceremony dedicating a bench in her name. We also said goodbye to longtime library volunteer Alice Ridenaur, who moved away after 25 years of shelving adult fiction.
- RFID, or Radio Frequency Identification, was added to our Library in February. Tags were placed in 125,000 books and materials; new self-check stations and security gates were installed.

- Our director, Alice Meister, was named Montana Librarian of the Year at the annual Montana Library Association meeting in April held in Bozeman!
- Our monthly newsletter, *Check It Out*, got a new look thanks to Brickhouse Design.
- The Library collaborated on the Gallatin Art Crossing Sculpture Exhibit including the purchase of Zak Zakovi's "Sun Sit" stone bench on the east side of the Library.

Adult & Children/Teen Programs, 2005-2010



## SERVING ADULTS

- Evening adult programs included several local and national authors, Great Decisions discussion groups, disaster preparedness, a papermaking program, presentations by artists and photographers, financial assistance, travel programs, poetry events, and agriculture programs.
- The Library co-sponsored a Climate Change series with the National Parks Conservation Association and MSU's Big Sky Institute.
- Free computer classes were held in the Computer Lab on Saturday mornings from 9-10am.
- Nancy Tanner from Paws & People presented a series of programs for dog owners during the winter.
- The Reference staff distributed *Researching the History of Your Home* designed by MSU intern Hannah Vidrich.
- The Library served as a Census Questionnaire Assistance Center to help people fill out Census forms in April 2009.
- The Library co-sponsored the Gypsy Rhythm Writers' Group which meets weekly.

## SERVING CHILDREN & TEENS

- The weekly afterschool LEGO Club continued to grow with school-age kids who love to build with LEGOs. We also added a GO Club (an ancient Asian game) and Chess Club to our afterschool programs.
- Children's Festival of the Book was held Saturday, September 19 and featured Chris Raschka and Paul Janeczko. Local authors Dorothy Hinshaw Patent, Sneed Collard, and Ben Mikaelson also gave readings and presentations.
- Wii Wednesdays began in August to make Wii games available for all ages.
- Science Nights for families and kids began in October 2009 with the help of Jeff Wyatt, featuring rocket activities from NASA.
- Books & Babies added a program one Saturday a month to meet the request of parents who can't attend during the week.
- The Library added over 20 children's books in Braille, thanks to a donation from the Montana Association for the Blind.

- Our appreciation goes to Karen Averitt, who taught free Mom & Baby Yoga classes following Books & Babies.
- Ginny Cowan, young adult librarian, held a Teen Tech-a-Thon to share new technology with teens in March.
- The Library again participated in Screen Free Week in April along with other Bozeman organizations to encourage families to try a week without TV or videos. Many of them signed up to spend the night at the Library during the Celebration Sleepover in May.
- "Make a Splash" summer reading program started for kids in June with a Beach Party & Magic Show. Teens signed up for "Make Waves" and adults participated in "Water Your Mind" to ensure that everyone was having fun reading during the summer!

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