

Fall/Winter 2012 Issue

## From the President

**By Cara Schaer, Library  
Foundation President**

Looking back—moving forward. October is here ushering in the season of autumn—a time of harvest and thanksgiving. The Foundation has continued its efforts raising additional funds earmarked for enhancements necessary for the new Library. While this can be a challenging task considering the current economic environment, the Foundation is thankful and grateful for your positive responses. YOUR generous financial support truly makes a POSITIVE DIFFERENCE. As you drive by the construction sight on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, you can see the vision of a new library becoming a Reality. YOU have made this possible! As president of the Foundation, I am thankful for Leslie Modrow, Development Director, her assistant, Marcy Baumgartner, and the dedicated and hard working individuals who serve on the Foundation Board. Their combined efforts, time and talents are the driving force that keeps the Board on its successful track. We wish you a bountiful holiday season and say “Thank You” again for your continued support.

## Through the Eyes of the I-Cam

**By Shari Nault, Parmly Billings  
Library Board Chair**

A cursory stroll by the library construction site will cause mild heart palpitations as you note the stabilizing footings that are now in place, as well as the first few courses of masonry blocks that will soon become walls. The site preparation included removing large deposits of clay before adding and compacting soil. Now the really visible action begins. If you really want to monitor the progress of the new library construction go to <http://ci.billings.mt.us/webcam> and examine in real time what is involved in building this extraordinary project. It is possible to see the whole outline of the foundation from the ground up, pun intended, from this I-cam view.

Jackson Contractor Group

and local subcontractors are installing the underground mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure as you read this. The next major stage will be erecting the steel beam framing which will allow work on the interior through the winter.

The original finish date for the building was December 2013, but it is now antici-

pated to be completed in October 2013. After that, the old building will be demolished. The landscaping will follow in the spring.

Mark your calendars for the Donor Appreciation event on January 31, 2014 and the public Ribbon Cutting on February 1, 2014. Now get back to your station – computer – and keep an eye on the I-cam.



**What a Difference Your Gift is Making!**

## Our Speakers Bureau is Available For You

**By Evelyn Noennig, Immediate Past President, Library Foundation Board**

During the Ballot Initiative Campaign, the Speakers Bureau played an essential role in educating the community about library use, conditions of the building and the plans for the new Library. Thanks to Billings’s voters, the campaign was successful! Now the Speakers Bureau is back to share all the exciting details about the construction, floor plans and the available enhancements and naming opportunities for our new building.

Suzanne McKiernan and Evelyn Noennig are co-chairing the group and Diane Cochran is working with community organizations to schedule speakers. It is a sensational time to share all the good news about their library with service organizations, women’s clubs, chamber groups and others. If you would like to schedule a presentation please contact Diane Cochran at [dianetcochran@gmail.com](mailto:dianetcochran@gmail.com) or call her at 651-4582. It is an honor for all of us in the Speakers Bureau to have the opportunity to share this information with those who supported this great project. We thank them all for saying yes!

## Recognizing A Donor

**Submitted by Leslie Modrow, Development Director, Parmly Billings Library Foundation**

The new Parmly Billings Library is a project that is igniting our community with excitement and pride. The number of community leaders who are stepping forward in support of the library is tremendous.

Bill and Sharon Dimich are examples of this positive leadership. Avid readers and even more important avid community supporters, the Dimich's are thrilled with passage of the bond initiative. "We are so fortunate that the community pulled through," explained Sharon. "I feel that there is nothing more important in a community than the library. It is a community's mirror of itself. The current library offered a wonderful selection of books, periodicals, movies and audios but the building itself was shabby. It just didn't reflect the excitement of Billings."

Sharon proudly says that she has been and will always be a Library Lover and thanks to her encouragement, Bill also understands the important role that Libraries play in a community. "Sharon has always said we needed to do something about our Library," explains Bill. "I'm just happy we could be part of this great project. As a business owner, return on investment is vital to success. I can say we are definitely going to get our money's worth on this project and will have a great return on our investment for generations to come. You can quote me on that!" Bill laughed.



Bill and Sharon Dimich

## Construction Update



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Parmly Billings Library  
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**Construction underway thanks to your support!**