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An Unexpected Gift: Evelyn and Tom Hahn

By Leslie Modrow, Foundation Director

Evelyn and Tom Hahn --Their gift will truly impact thousands of people for years to come.

The recent gift received from the estate of Thomas Hahn was unexpected but greatly appreciated. Per Mr. Hahn's wishes, the gift was split between the

Library Foundation, honoring his wife Evelyn and her love of the library and Zoo Montana, which acknowledged his love of animals.

A planned gift is one of the greatest ways a person can leave a lasting legacy with amazing impact.

Thanks to the Hahn gift, the Library will be able to offset unexpected building costs and provide services that our community demands and deserves.

It is only through your gifts that the Library Foundation can continue our mission of raising money to make our library great!

Library Photographs: Can you guess where each picture was taken?



Looking Forward

By Shari Nault, Library Board of Trustees Chair

For so long the idea of a new library has been in the hearts and minds of our patrons, and at last this dream has come true through your efforts.

So what is next? The Library Board of Trustees and Library Foundation, are having continuing discussions as to where the Foundation will next focus its fund raising efforts. To enrich the library experience and its outreach it is important that these two entities work in concert.

In the process of developing a strategic service plan, six goals were identified for the next three years. The following is an overview, with the next task being to prioritize.

1. Connect to the Online World: Patrons have free access to online services that expand and enhance their knowledge and provide resources and learning and leisure. There are 9 objectives under this goal that range from increasing computer workstations to providing technology training.

2. Know your community: Patrons have easy access to information about community resources. This goal includes collaborating with partner agencies, and designing a social media plan to permit conversations with residents.

3. Learn to Read and Write: Patrons of all ages can learn to read or improve their literacy skills to meet the personal educational and occupational goals.

Increasing awareness of the Summer Reading Program, and partnering with schools and other community agencies to enhance literary efforts.

4. Satisfy Curiosity: Patrons in all stages of their lives have access to programs and material needed for personal enrichment. This is about developing a variety of programs, and improving the Library's collection based on trends, and patron requests.

5. Stimulate imagination:

Patrons enjoy stimulating and inspiring programs and materials that make their leisure time more engaging and enjoyable. This goal includes providing complementary information sources and entertainment.

6. Visit a Comfortable Place: DONE!

Many of the

goals include working in partnership with other agencies thus avoiding duplication while enhancing outreach. Library Director Bill Cochran, and staff have accomplished more than any other library in the state with less staff and fewer resources! The overriding goal now is to bring Billings up to the state average. The new building is a leap in that direction. Thank you for making it happen.



Time capsule to be placed inside the new library

Moving Date Set!

Bill Cochran has announced the moving date from the current library to the new Billings Public Library will begin on Saturday, December 14. The move is anticipated to last seven days, at which time the library staff will then begin the set up of computers, testing new equipment, and arranging materials. The soft-opening date is scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014.

The process of taking down the "old library" will begin once all materials have been removed. The tentative date to begin this is in January and it is expected to take up to 8-weeks to demolish the building. In order to fulfill the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) requirements the library has set, all rubble will go into the basement so that nothing will go into the landfill. This will also be the "holding tank" for water runoff that will be used to irrigate the parking gardens and grounds around the new building.