

Spring 2013 Issue

From the President

By **Cara Schaer,**
Library Foundation President

From the vision came the "views". Since the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Library Building on June 28, 2012, the views at the corner of 28th and 29th Streets on Sixth Avenue have been a continuum of change---compaction of ground soil, footings built, steel girders positioned, cement poured. And now, when you drive by the building site, the architectural style of the new library is in full view! Whether you are a passer-by on foot or bike, passenger in the car, or flying overhead, the new library will be a view that will delight the eye.

Your confirmed pledges to the Capital Campaign, your positive replies to the Letters of Appeal, and your loyal support of the events sponsored by the Foundation all have played a major role in the creation of this new "corner of attention"—the new library building.

As the construction schedule continues, the Foundation will keep focused on its mission of raising funds to supplement and enhance the various services and resources offered by the Library. For your past support, we THANK YOU. For the current support you have given, we THANK YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE FUTURE. The Foundation Board and our Development Director, Leslie Mordrow, extend our most sincere thanks for the interest, support and investment you have given to the Library.

Amazed at Massive Structure

By **Shari Nault,**
Parmly Billings Library Board Chair
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GENERATIONS: The view from the street for Bill Coffee, CEO of our neighbor Stockman Bank, is one of amazement on how massive the new library structure actually is. "At the groundbreaking we all walked the outline of the proposed building, but seeing it now, it is even more impressive. It certainly makes Billings look like a progressive city."

The building, Bill feels, with its light and openness will welcome more activity, enhance the area and draw more people north from the downtown area. Downtown used to end at the Billings Gazette, he noted, but now the new library expands downtown to the medical corridor.



Bill Coffee, CEO, Stockman Bank

The Coffee family and Stockman Bank have long supported community projects. "Over the last 125 years," Bill said, "a lot of people invested in this community to build schools, hospitals and other institutions to benefit our citizens. It is our job, especially as business owners, to continue that legacy."

Fortunately for the Library, Bill is a history buff and as a result, Stockman Bank made a significant contribution toward naming the Montana Room, which is where rare books and manuscripts, historic photos and other materials regarding our

area will be kept.

Bill summed up Stockman Bank's philosophy with the statement, "We believe in investing today for future generations."

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 6, 2013

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Lively conversation, delicious food, stimulating company. All to support the Parmly Billings Library Foundation
Go to www.billingslibraryfoundation.org
for more information.



Consider...making a gift for a true lasting legacy.

Naming the Parmly Billings Library Foundation in your estate planning will provide a bequest that will be cherished and enjoyed for generations.

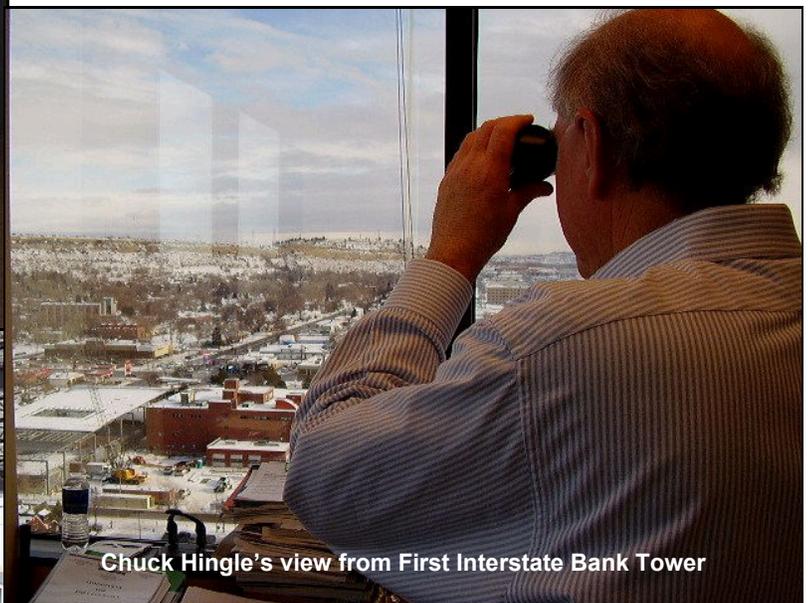
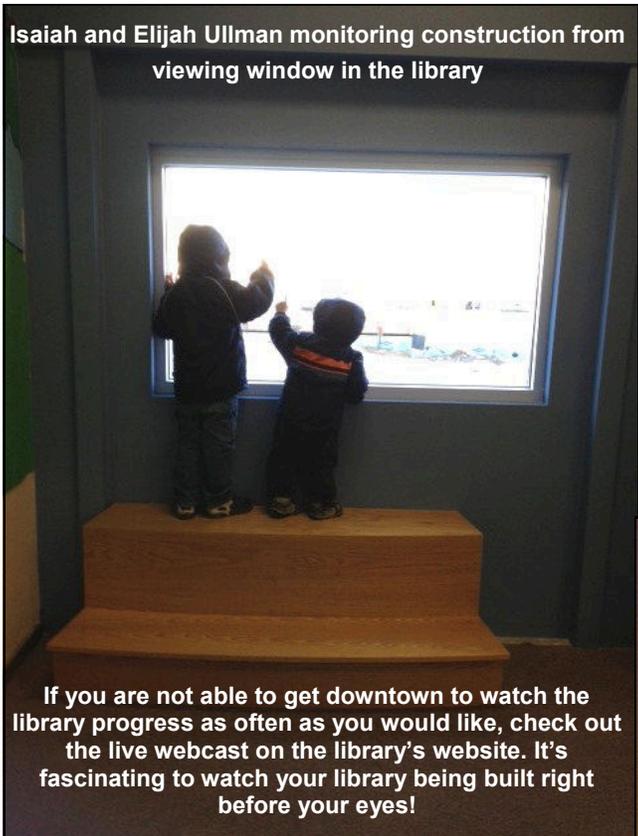
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Views of Construction

By Leslie Modrow, Development Director,
Parmly Billings Library Foundation

Watching the construction progress of our new library is exciting and entertaining. Seeing the crane lifting the huge steel girders into place while the welders tread softly across the beams can almost take your breath away. Each day something new is happening and the view is continuously changing from whatever your vantage point might be...

Isaiah and Elijah Ullman have been keeping a close eye on the heavy equipment being used. Now that the library has installed a “viewing window” in the Children’s area, they can really enjoy watching the progress. The boys noted, “There’s lots of Bob the Builders outside!”



From the 15th floor of the First Interstate Bank Tower, **Chuck Hingle** of *Holland & Hart* monitor’s the construction project with a set of binoculars that are close at hand.

“This has been a great project to watch because the construction process has been so different than other projects in the area,” explains Hingle. Asked why he is so excited about the new library Hingle states, “Throughout history, every great city has a great library. This library was a long time in coming and very badly needed and we’re just happy to help make it happen.”

Keeping a close eye on the project from the street level is City Council member **Ed Ulledalen**. Walking past the construction site daily, he has been watching the changes closely. “This is fun. It’s a great project for downtown and for Billings. I’m very excited watching the library come to life.”

