

Meridian library to begin fall programs on September 2

The Meridian Free Library District concluded its Summer Reading Program with a Medieval

Faire recently, according to Librarian Gaye Walters.

About 75 children attended the event,

Aug. 25, 1982

held on the library's lawn. George Early presented a talk on Scotland and the bagpipe.

Walters said no special programs are scheduled for August, but the Tuesday morning Story Hour (at 10:30) is still being conducted by volunteer Kay Newell.

On September 2 at 4 p.m. a Fall Film Festival begins, including films for all ages. Films are scheduled for each Thursday through November.

Other additions include a permanent large print collection, helpful to those with sight impairments.

According to Walters, she wants to organize a "Friends of the Library" chapter in October.

These groups are a nationwide organization formed to support the library in many ways, such as fundraisers, helping to organize special days and programs, and general public relations.

Persons with all interests and talents are invited to participate, Walters said, and organized meetings will be kept at a minimum.

Those with questions about library services can contact Walters at the Meridian Free Library, 888-4451.



To Mrs. Gaye Walter

Thank-you for the Book
Shelf. We could use it.

Meridian QRU
Deborah Armfield

Agenda
SIRLS Book Mending Workshop
Boise Public Library Auditorium
Friday, October 15, 1982 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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| 10:00 - 10:05 | Announcements/Introductions/Sign Roster |
| 10:05 - 10:30 | Preliminary Remarks-Evelyn Olson |
| 10:30 - 11:45 | Practical Book Mending-Evelyn Olson |
| 11:45 - 12:45 | Gift Books/Lunch |
| 12:45 - 2:55 | Practical Book Mending-Evelyn Olson |
| 2:55 - 3:00 | Announcements |

OCTOBER 3

Hire the Handicapped Week, See the display of large print books available at our library. Inquire about services available from the State Library for people with reading impairments.

Boy Scout Troop #28, under the leadership of Reid Olsen, will be volunteering during the winter months to provide library service to patrons unable to get to the library. If you wish to have books delivered to your home, please contact Gaye

11- Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday
Library closed for Columbus Day.

12 - National Poetry Day, read or write poetry on this day.

16- Noah Webster's birthday, learn a new word today. (AFICIONADO)

23- Happy Birthday to all Scorpios

24- United Nations Day,

25- Picasso's birthday

27 Teddy Roosevelt's birthday,

GOOD BEAR DAY, Diane Broom from the Bookshop, 908 Main, Boise, a BEAR AFICIONADO, will be presenting a special program for children of all ages at ~~3:30~~ ^{4:00} at the library.

30- Trick or Treat, no fine day, ~~on~~ ALL overdue books.

Tuesday morning storyhour continues at 10:30, special movies and programs have been planned. Don't Miss!

FALL FILM FEST Thursday's at 3:40:00, films for all ages are being shown. Many taken from favorite children's books.

Young Adults! Don't miss the new section devoted entirely to your reading interests. It is against the back wall of the adult section. We think you are special, and hope you like the new arrangement.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FRIEND! If you are interested please talk to Gaye, very little work involved, but hopefully a lot of fun. YOU are needed.

I lift my mask ever so little, do you recognize me?
W.B. Yeats

October

Oct. 27, 1982

Library to hold 'Good Bear Day'

The Meridian Free Library District will celebrate GOOD BEAR DAY, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. at the library. Diane Broom from the Book Shop will present a program on bears. The program will be of interest to children of all ages.

Good Bear Day commemorated the birthday of Teddy Roosevelt.

Legends detailing the sudden birth of the teddy bear have long been associated with him. A national organization has been formed, Good Bears of the World, to purchase bears for children in hospitals.

Children attending the program are encouraged to invite their favorite bear.

Nov. 3, 1982

Friends of Library to meet

The Meridian Free Library District will hold an organizational meeting for the Friends of the Library, at 10 a.m., November 10, at the library.

The Friends of the Library is a national organization of library volunteers and supporters. Friends'

groups are involved in many of the successful projects for libraries such as managing special events, and building support for libraries as community institutions and for special programs of library service.

For more information please call Gaye at the library, 888-4451.

Book week Nov. 10, scheduled 1982

The Meridian Free Library District will be celebrating Children's Book Week, Nov. 13-20. Activities for all ages are planned. A storytelling Fair will be held Nov. 20, at 10 a.m.

Community leaders and officials have been invited to share their favorite stories with the children.

"Brown Bag with the Write People" is a series of brown bag luncheons with authors of the area. On Tuesday, Tim Woodward will address the group. He will also have copies of his *Shirttail Journalist* available for sale. On Nov. 17, Glenn Balch will be hosted at the luncheon. Copies of his books will also be available. Glenn is a popular author of western and horse stories for young people.

The luncheons will be at 12 noon at the library.



BROWN BAG
with the

"WRITE PEOPLE"

Tim Woodward

Glenn Balch

Carl Rathjen

Madeline Rathjen

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Cold fails to deter Meridian parade fans

TONY LINK
The Idaho Statesman

Undaunted by Friday's 36-degree weather, Bert Quenzer and his family bundled up to watch the 3rd Annual Meridian Winterland Parade.

"It's cold outside," said Quenzer, 28, of 7324 Muirwood Ave., Boise, as he waited in his car with his wife and two children before the parade started.

Like most other parade lovers, the Quenzers decided to ward off the chill until the last minute, as did hundreds of parade lovers.

As parade marshal and Idaho Attorney General Dave Leroy started out the procession, he was greeted by spectators emerging from their cars.

Ten-year-old Bart Cobler of Eagle, kept himself entertained by playing on a patch of ice while watching the parade.

Between slips and slides, Bart said his favorite attractions were the horses, but other parts of the parade sparked thoughts of Christmas — especially "the floats that have Santa Claus and stuff on 'em."

And what were those Christmas thoughts? "Presents and fun," he said with a smile.

Cobler's mother, Ginny, said she came to the parade "to be with my kids."

The parade had also brought presents to the mind of 6-year-old Megan Heinrich of Meridian — in particular, a miniature jeep to carry Barbie Dolls. But she was looking for a more immediate payoff from Santa during the parade Friday.

Megan said she came to the parade "because we get a lot of candy." She said she would have no problem unwrapping herself from her blanket to jump for the candy when Santa tossed it.

Heinrich was not to be disappointed, although she had to wait. Santa's float, bearing taffy, eight reindeer and two elves, brought up the rear of the parade.

While a band launched into a version of *Jingle Bell Rock*, Megan's mother, Donna, said one of her main thoughts for Christmas is "to see more peace."

Tom Marks, co-chairman of the Winterland Parade Association, said the event is Meridian's kickoff of the Christmas season.

He estimated the crowd at between 3,000 and 5,000 people. He said there were about 100 entries consisting of 1,000 parade participants.

The float built by the Meridian branch of Idaho First National Bank won first-place honors among the float entries. The Shiners Mounted Posse won those honors for the best horse group, and the Meridian Free Library, sporting a multicolored, 20-foot-long bookworm, won top honors for best walking group.

Ross Leavitt, 29, of 2420 Skillern Drive, Boise, said with a hint of a grumble that he came to the parade "just to bring the kids down — they like it, they enjoy it."

However, when asked if he would have been somewhere else if he it weren't for the kids, he said, "Probably not, I like the parade, too. It brings in a new year of holiday traditions."

HI! MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Just want to say "Hi"
While Christmas is here
And wish you the best
For the coming new year!

Happy Holidays!

Love to all, you.

Charline Denny



*Wishing you lots
of good old-fashioned
holiday happiness.*

*Seasons Greetings
FIRST SECURITY BANK*

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The Library Staff
Meridian Public Library

Meridian.

Idaho 83642

U.S.A.



To all our nice friends
in the library

Joy to you
at Christmas!

and a very
Happy New Year
with love.

Hilda & Reg
Farewell.

We have had such a busy time -
getting a house - waiting for furniture -
only recently arrived - and having
to find our way around this part
of Britain. Many things have
happened and there have been many
adjustments. This time of year is a sad
one for us - a little over a year since
our dear son died. Well I never be the
same again, but we do try to make the
best of things. One has to go on living.
We joined the local library in the village -
but the people on the staff cannot compare
with you. We hope you are all well, and
will write in the future -
Our love as ever. Hilda & Reg.



"It's the auditor!"

**Greetings of the Season
and best wishes for a new year of happiness!**

BUCHANAN, BARCLAY & OLSEN

For unto you —
is born this day
in the city of David

A S AVIOUR
which is C HRIST
the Lord.

LUKE 2:11

Dear Gage,

May the love
of our Saviour
fill your holidays
with joy.

We are very grateful you
thought of us when you were
shedding old shelving. It was
very valuable for us. Thank
you for being so nice.
Merry Christmas for

With all best regards
and much Christmas joy,
Jack & Edith Warwick





CHRISTMAS 1982.



For sharing the Library's
"Children's Tree" with me,
almost sincerely,

"*Thank You*"

Nancy D. Sage.

P.S. Who would ever dream of having a
"herd of Rudolphs" in their
living room? Cherrie!

Linder Elementary School

1825 Chateau Avenue

Meridian, ID 83642

January 24, 1983

Dear Meridian Library,

Thank you so much for allowing one of my students to learn more about your business. It was a most valuable learning experience for us all.

We have displayed the finished products throughout our school. You are most welcome to drop in and see them.

Thank you very much.

Sixth grade teacher

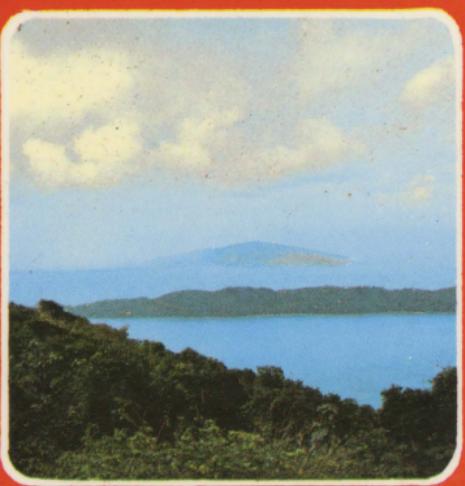
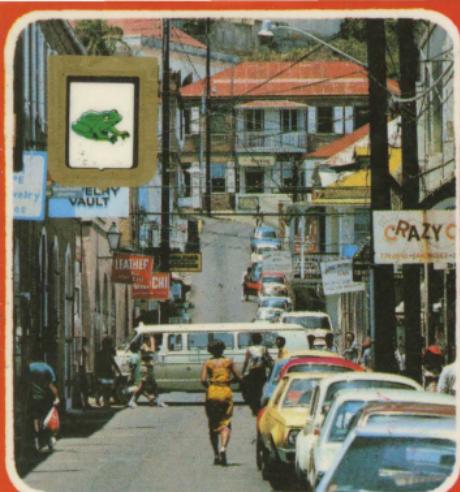
Most sincerely,

Janice Taler

Thank you for letting me come and do some research on your library. I really appreciate it. I hope you come and see my project.

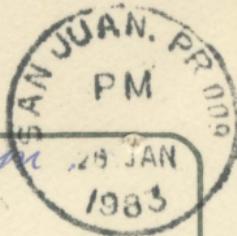
Sincerely,
Kim Taler

ST. THOMAS, V.I.





ST. THOMAS, U.S.V.I.



Hi yang!

We are having a great time. Plenty of sun, food & entertainment. We are at sea today, arrive in Puerto Rico tomorrow at 2:00.

Met a couple from Baisie which has been kinda of nice.
Wish you were all here!
Love Jay



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Library friends to meet

The newly-formed Friends of the Meridian Library will hold their first meeting Thursday, Jan. 27 at 10:30, according to president Charlene Smith.

"We invite anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of this group," Smith said.

The purpose of the organization, she said, is "to promote the interests of the library, and to give patrons a vehicle through which they can donate to the library."

At present, she said, any donations the library receives must be deducted from the library's budget, which puts the institution no farther ahead than it was before the good-intentioned deed.

The meeting will be held at the Meridian Free Library, E. Pine and Meridian St.

For further information, call the library at 888-4451, or contact Smith at 888-2657.

Friends seek donors

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The copier will be for the benefit of patrons who wish to copy materials from the library, especially from those items that may not be checked out.

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Feb. 9, 1983

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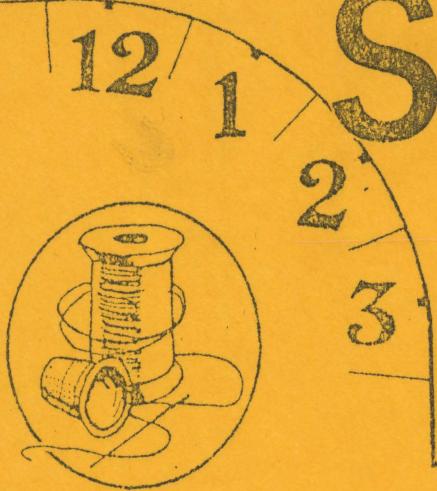
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SHORTCUT SEWING

February 15

9:30 to 11:30 AM

Eagle Public Library

February 15

1:00 to 2:30 PM

Meridian Public Library

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

OR

PRE-REGISTER AT YOUR LIBRARY

CALL **377-2107**

READ-A-LOUD MONTH

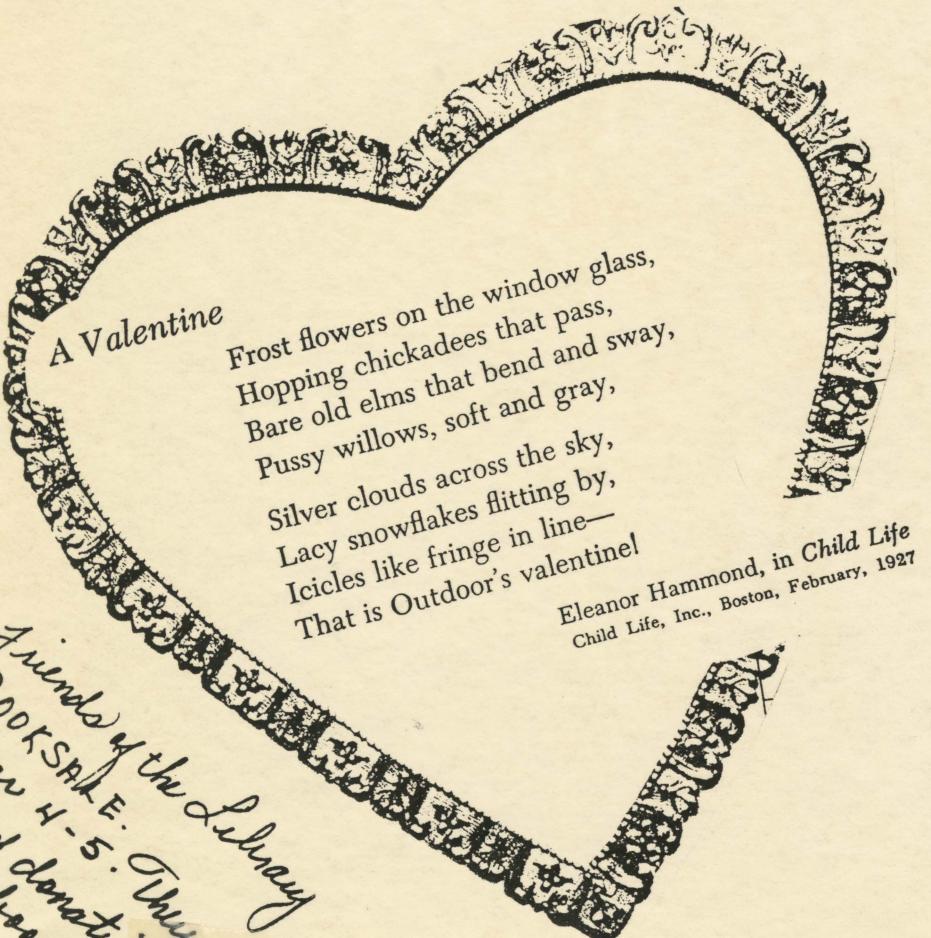
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2. Groundhog Day

4. Charles Lindbergh's birthday

Library celebrates Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday

7. Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday - see the display
in the Idaho Room



12. Lincoln's Birthday
14. Valentine's Day (No fines)
15. Marilyn Shinn- Shortcut
Sewing 1-2:30
19. Pisces begins
21. LIBRARY CLOSED
22. Birthday of Edna St. Vincent Millay,
and George Washington.
24. READ-A-LOUD WORKSHOP
Evelyn + Gaye, Tips for
Parents and Teachers.
10:30 ~~7:30~~ - Pre registration
by Feb. 18.

Library thanks

To the Editor:

The Meridian Friends of the Library organization would like to thank all those persons responsible for the success of our recent annual Used Book Sale.

We received many fine donations from our local schools, business firms, and private individuals.

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Della Bohlman, Secretary
Friends of the Library
Meridian

MERIDIAN LIBRARY

888-4451

HAVE A QUESTION? CALL YOUR LIBRARY

M A R C H

4-5 Friends of the Meridian Library Used Book Sale

MARCH WINDS DO TH BLOW

17- Windy Films 4.00

Attic of the wind

Five Chinese Brothers

Why the Sun and Moon Live in the Sky

Wind

March 21 SCHOOL VACATION

A special storyhour will be presented on
March 22 with films beginning at 10.00.

The program will last about 1 hour.

March 24, Film Fest,
2:00.

March 29.

Speedy Housekeeping Hints presented by Marilyn
Shinn, Home Economists. Pre~ registration is
required. Program begins at 10:30. Storyhour
will be held at the same time for your children.

We welcome the YMCA Latch Key to our program
on March 22. They will also be taking part
in some of our Summer Reading Club Activities.

Evelyn and Gaye were on the committee to select and design
the Summer Reading Program for the region. We are excited
about the many ways we will be able to program this summer.
Registration for the program will begin June 13. CLUES ARE
APPEARING, WATCH FOR THEM! The plans will appeal to all ages.
We have set aside Thursday mornings again. A MYSTIFICATION? A
WINTER NITE DURING A MORNING IN MAY.

WE THANK THE MERIDIAN ROTARY CLUB FOR THE 16mm PROJECTOR.
IF YOU KNOW A ROTARIAN BE SURE TO EXPRESS YOUR THANKS ALSO.

FINE FREE
March 21-26

MIDDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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invites you to attend their

OPEN HOUSE

on

Saturday, March 26, 1983

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1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

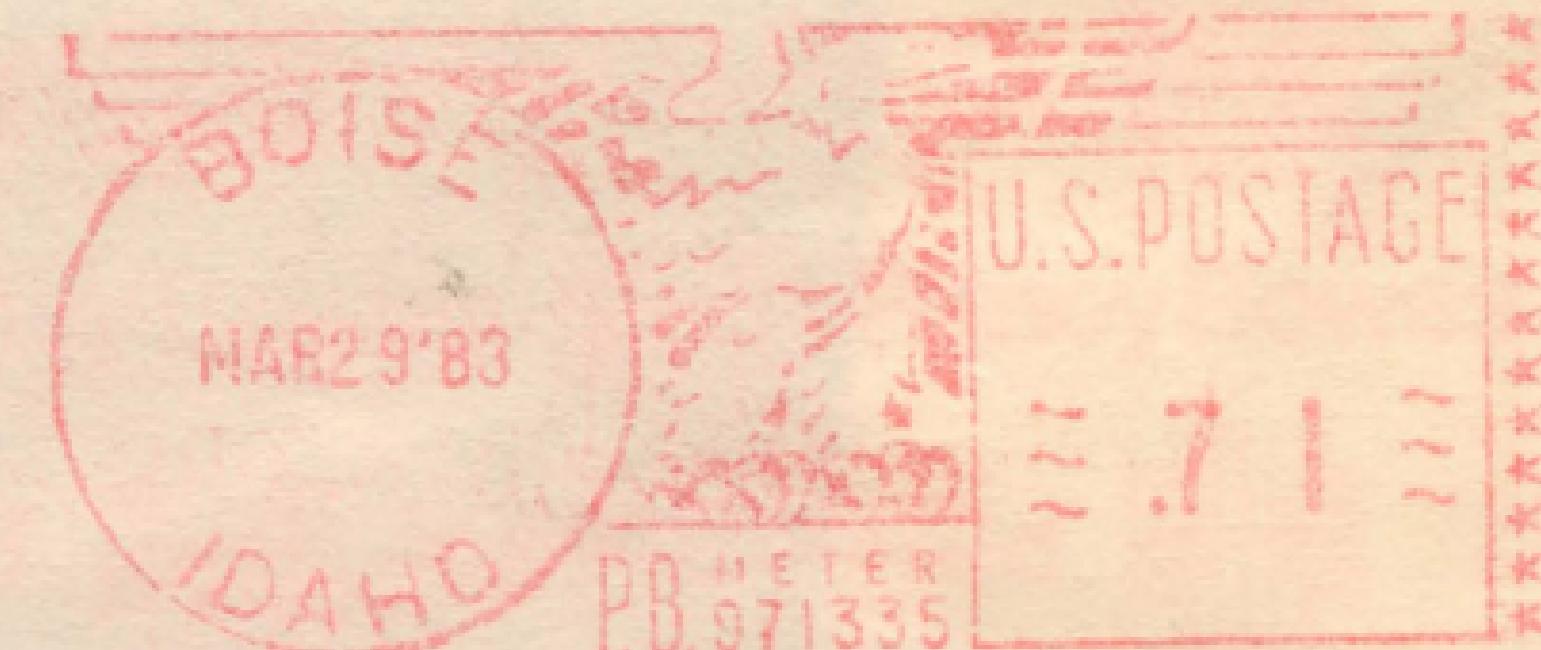
Ribbon cutting ceremony
at 1:00 p.m.



Go For It!
Use Your Library

National
Library Week

April 17-23, 1983



THANK

FOR THE

MOVIES

Elizabeth

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Mitchell

JAMIE

Julie Carolyn

Stuart John

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SPEEDY HOUSEKEEPING

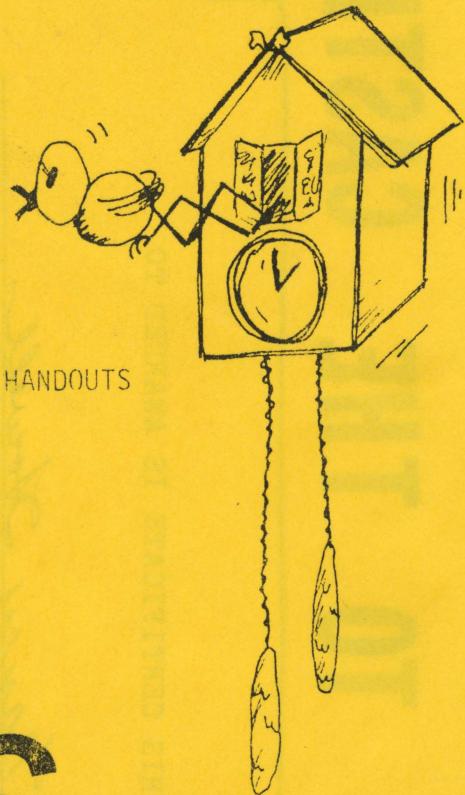
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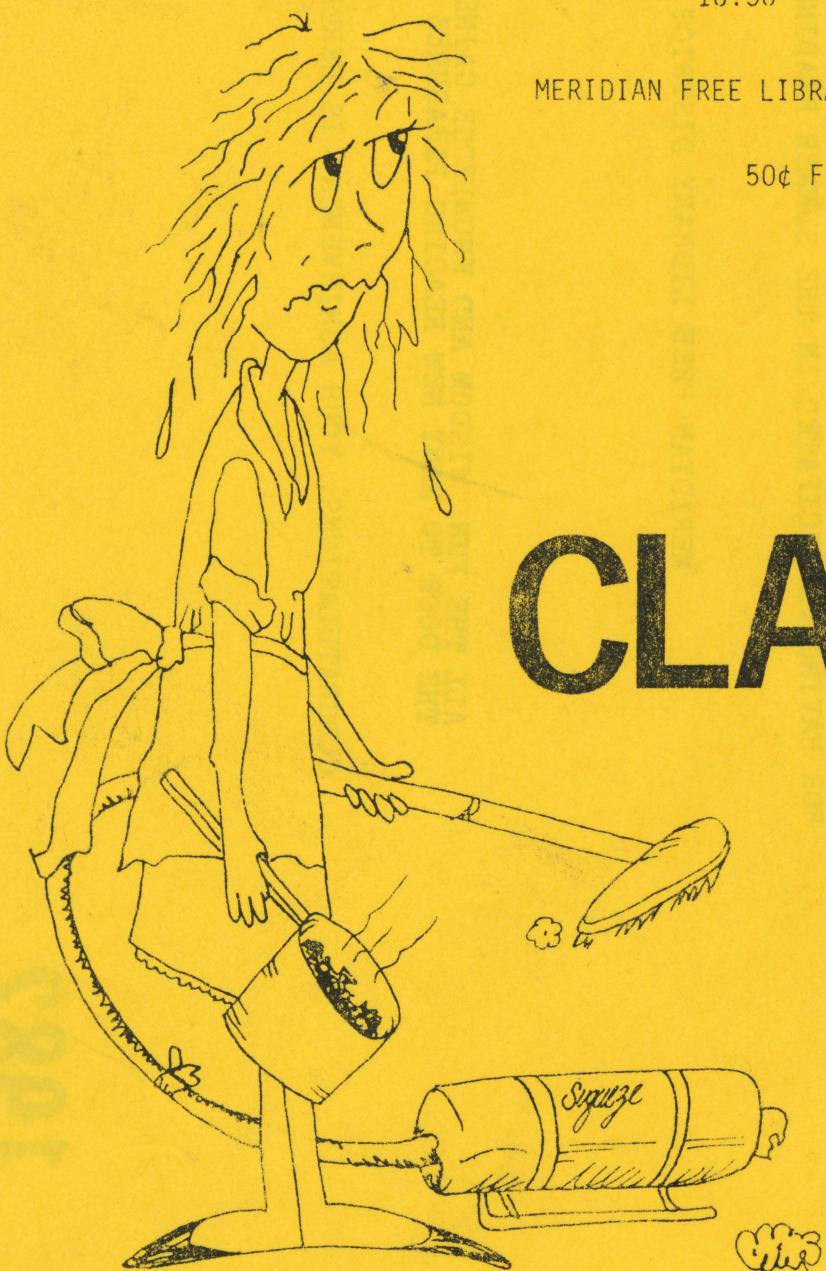
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FOR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM AT

MERIDIAN FREE LIBRARY DISTRICT

ALL THE FUN, WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED WILL OPEN
THE DOOR TO MANY NEW READING PLEASURES AND ADVENTURES

CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR ACHIEVEMENT IS HEREBY RECOGNIZED BY

*Kay Newell
Evelyn Olsen
Gayle Walter Lefever*

1982

Valley
News

3/9/83

Student loan forms available at Library

Applications for federal student loans are now available at the Meridian Free Library, according to Head Librarian Gaye Walter.

The forms must be filled out and sent in before March 15.

Valley News 3/16/83

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Valley News March 16, 1983



A member of Meridian's American Legion Auxilliary, Sherry Lance presents Head Librarian Gaye Walter with a small flagstand and a book entitled Flags of American History. The small flags represent various banners that have flown over the U.S.

Local festivities scheduled for National Library Week

To advance a career, move ahead in school, improve upon musical abilities or succeed in any of 1001 other challenges, an individual has to "Go for it."

And the best place to begin is at the local library.

That's why the Meridian District Library has joined the American Library Association (ALA) in celebrating the 26th annual "National Library Week," April 17-23, which this year carries the theme, "Go for It, Use your Library."

Libraries today offer books, records, tapes, magazines and a variety of extra services to help people begin uncovering their full potential. This vast information resource costs each taxpayer less than the price of a subscription to a single magazine.

During National Library Week, the Meridian Library is sponsoring several events. The emphasis is on informing the taxpayers of the district of the library's services, and encouraging them to come into the library and get library cards. Non-resident cards are available for \$10 per year for a family.

With the observance of National Library Week, the Meridian District Library is re-dedicating itself to continuing as a center of opportunity for the entire community, a place where all people can, indeed, "Go for it."

Special events scheduled for the



American Library Association

**Looking for the library?
Then follow this sign.
It's the new national
library symbol.
use your library**

week include:

-Apr. 18--Be With a Book for a Day. Set aside 15 minutes on this day for pleasure reading.

-Apr. 19--Story hour, 10:30 a.m.; Friends of the Library meeting, 10:30 a.m.; and Story hour, 4 p.m., with a special invited guest.

-Apr. 23--Founder's Day Reception in honor of the Occident Club. The public is invited to this event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

On Apr. 28 at 4 p.m. there will be an Information Coffee for teachers in the district. The discussion will center on ways in which the Meridian Library can serve as an important resource to the teachers and students in the Meridian School District.



Eric Prenter 788 ©

Gaye's Staff.

Thank you for inviting me to the library. I enjoyed meeting all of you. The library looks so cheerful, now... and, it is obvious that you all work very hard. Despite the fact that conditions are crowded, you all, certainly, provide welcoming and cheerful countenances... you all know what a library truly should be... my compliments to all of you!

Meant to say goodbye but my mind was searching here and there regarding a problem. Please accept my apologies. I wish you all the very best.

Cordially,
Good

Meridian Free Library sponsors Open House

Valley

News It was almost 60 years ago, in July
1924, that the newly-formed Occident Club of Meridian set up a few shelves of books in Songer's Drug Store on the corner of East First and Idaho Streets, forming Meridian's first library.

4-20-
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This week, the Meridian Free

Library will look back on its heritage and join with other libraries in celebrating National Library Week by holding a Founders' Day Reception Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at their building on Meridian and E. Pine, according to head Librarian Gaye Walter.

After a year in the drug store, the fledgling library was moved to the City Hall. At that time, there were nearly 2,000 books in the collection, mostly donated.

In 1929, the Occident Club raised enough funds to buy the old Interurban Depot on the northeast corner of Meridian and East Idaho to house both the club and the library.

After another 20 years, the space became inadequate, and the club raised money to add a 50 by 20 foot expansion to the East side of the depot. A tax levy of one mil was received from the City of Meridian in 1950, and the library moved into the new addition in 1951.

This worked fine until another expansion was necessary in 1974, the funds being raised to match a \$17,879 federal grant from the Library Services and Construction Act.

In August of that year, voters approved the establishment of the Meridian Free Library District.

Since then, the library has continued to grow, adding many special programs and events to its calendar.

The library's open house will be sponsored by the Friends of the Meridian Library. The public is invited.

Civic Club Shorts

Chamber of Commerce

Last week the Meridian Chamber of Commerce listened to a presentation by Rick Goings, a millionaire by the age of 28 and president of Fortunate Corporation, who spoke on effective communication.

Tuesday, the chamber heard from Greg Bower, Idaho Attorney General, who discussed the new DWI laws.

Next week, chamber members will hear a presentation by Gaye Walter, Meridian Head Librarian, who will discuss the history of the library.

The Meridian Chamber of Commerce meets Tuesdays at noon at O.J.'s Restaurant.

Optimist Club

Last week, the Optimist Club of Meridian celebrated Respect For Law Day, and hosted Mayor Joe Glaisyer, the Meridian Chief of Police and some of his police force.

This week, there will be a general business meeting.

Next week, John Kirk of Mountain Bell will discuss some of the recent changes in the company and how they affect consumers.

The Optimist Club of Meridian holds its regular meetings Wednesdays at 6:55 a.m. at Everybody's Restaurant.

Kiwanis

The Meridian Kiwanis Club holds its meeting every Wednesday noon at O.J.'s Restaurant.

Lions

The Meridian Lions Club holds their regular meeting the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:45 a.m. at O.J.'s.

Exchange Club

The Exchange Club holds its regular meeting every Thursday noon at the Tea House Restaurant in Meridian.

Rotary

The Meridian Rotary Club meets Mondays at noon at O.J.'s Restaurant.

Meridian Area Senior Citizens

The Meridian Area Senior Citizens hold their weekly meeting Thursdays at 1 p.m. at O.J.'s Restaurant. The entertainment this week will be pianist Evan Wicks.

The Senior Citizens now also have a Saturday morning Brunch at O.J.'s between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Reservations are required.

For reservations to either meal, call Nell Busky, 888-3624; Gladys Stuart, 888-5543; or Martha Berry, 888-1550.

Toastmasters

The Meridian Toastmasters hold their regular meeting every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Tea House Restaurant in Meridian.

Meridian Merchants' Association

The Meridian Merchants' Association meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Everybody's.

If someone asks you
What you know,
What you can tell them
About such and so
And you answer
I don't know;

Mrs. La Fon's Class

May 25, 1983

If someone asks you
Do you know much,
What you can tell them
About so and such

And you answer
Not too much.

I'd say
That either
Mr. Someone
Or yourself
Should take a book down from the shelf.

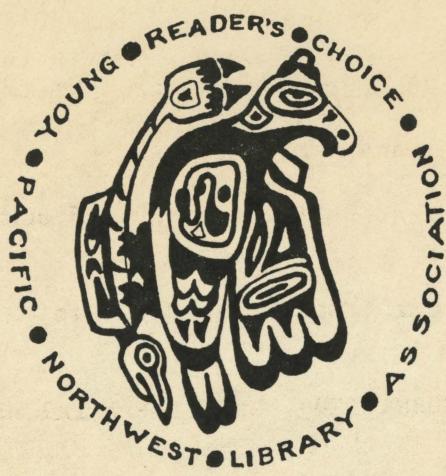
MITCHELL DONIAN
by Warren

O for a Book

O for a Book and a shade nook,
either in doors or out;
With the green leaves whispering overhead
or the Street cries all about.
Where I make Reade all at my ease,
both of the New and Old;
For a jolly good Book where to look,
is better to me than Gold.

OLD ENGLISH

by Julie



The Young Reader's Choice Award, established in 1940, is chosen by children in grades four through eight from a preselected list.

The Award is presented to the author at the annual Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference.

1982 YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARD

"BUNNICULA: A Rabbit Tale"

Atheneum

by

Deborah and James Howe

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Children's and Young Adult Services Division

1983 YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARD TITLES (1981 Publications)

BLUME, Judy	SUPERFUDGE	DUTTON	*DELL
BURCH, Robert	IDA EARLY COMES OVER THE MOUNTAIN	VIKING	*AVON
BYARS, Betsy	NIGHT SWIMMERS	DELACORTE	*DELL
FLEISCHMAN, Sid	McBROOM AND A REAL RACE	ATLANTIC-LITTLE	
HICKS, Clifford B.	ALVIN FERNALD, T.V. ANCHORMAN	HOLT	**BANTAM
KEMP, Gene	GOWIE CORBY PLAYS CHICKEN	MERRIMACK B. SERVICE	
MILES, Betty	MAUDIE AND ME AND THE DIRTY BOOK	KNOPF	*AVON
PATERSON, Katherine	JACOB HAVE I LOVED	CROWELL	*AVON
PEVSNER, Stella	CUTE IS A FOUR LETTER WORD	HOUGHTON	*ARCHWAY
SARGENT, Sarah	WEIRD HENRY BERG	CROWN	
STEWART, Mary	WALK IN WOLF WOOD	MORROW	*FAWCETT
WELLS, Rosemary	WHEN NOBODY WAS LOOKING	DIAL	*FAWCETT

*Available in paperback.

**Paperback edition in Fall, 1982.

Children vote for favorites

Children grades 4-8 are being asked to participate in the Younger's Choice Award for 1983. Students in Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington are asked to participate.

Voting is conducted in school or in the public libraries during the first 10 days of April. Young people in the Meridian Free Library District are being asked to vote for the first time. The award is presented to the author at the annual Pacific Northwest Library Association Conference, which is scheduled for Sun Valley

later in the summer.

Ballots are available to the Meridian Free Library District, and have been distributed to the Meridian schools. Copies of all books on the ballot are available at the public library.

The books on this year's ballot are:

"Superfudge," by Judy Blume; "Ida Comes Early Over The Mountain," by Robert Burch; "Night Swimmers," by Betsy Byars; "McBroom and a Real Race," by Sid Fleischman; "Alvin Fernald, T.V. Anchorman," by Clifford B. Hicks; and "Gowie Corby Plays Chicken," by Gene Kemp.

Summer reading program begins

They will reach the status of calf rider, barrel racer, saddle bronc rider, calf roper, bull-dogger, bareback rider, bull rider, steer roper and wild cow milker respectively.

Those who read in excess of nine books will be able to enter the "special events," she said.

An "Idaho Rodeo Certificate" will be given to those who read 20 books and for those who read 25 books, and a "Rodeo Clown" bookmark will be awarded. Those who read 30 books are entitled to become a "Rodeo Judge," 35 books read means the youngster is an "All-Around Rodeo Champion."

But more than 40 books read means the youngster is an "Idaho Champion."

On the last day of the program, all participants who have read 10 books or more will be able to attend a special party at the Meridian Library at 10:30 a.m., Walters said.

For more information about the summer reading program contact Gay Walters at the Meridian Library.

A new summer reading program designed to keep youngsters interested in reading is being sponsored by the Meridian Library District.

Gay Walters, district librarian, said more than 200 youngsters signed up for the program Thursday and she expects that over 350 will register this year.

The theme for this year's program, "Idaho Rodeo," is designed to give children the incentive to read in excess of 40 books relating to the subject of rodeos, she said.

A featured guest speaker will be Rodeo Queen Mayla Meiers who be at the library Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Walters said some of the youngest readers were about two-years-old and older readers were about in the eighth grade reading level.

The reading program will continue registration until July 1. The reading program will end July 21 with the goal of having some of the youngsters completing at least 40 books.

The youngsters will be asked to start off with reading nine books in order to earn various rodeo awards, Walters said.

Practice makes perfect

By Sam Lang
Idaho Press-Tribune

On Sept. 9, five years of hard work paid off for 22-year-old Myla Meiers.

Meiers, Boise resident and 1983 queen of the Caldwell Night Rodeo, on that date was crowned Miss Rodeo Idaho after four days of competition against 12 other contestants at the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo at Filer.

The event, Meiers said, culminated five years of competing in queen contests in area rodeos, and has qualified her for the biggest prize of all in rodeo queen competition.

Meiers will compete for the title of Miss Rodeo America in Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 29 through Dec. 4.

"It took about a week before it started to feel real — that I am really Miss Rodeo Idaho," Meiers said of her win.

The competition at Filer concluded Sept. 9, and Meiers said all of the pressure she experienced over the years competing in rodeo queen contests caught up with her that day.

"I was a zombie," Meiers said. "Earlier in the day Friday, I was just hysterical. I was in tears, because this was it, it was do or die in my eyes — after five years of trying. I was trying to get it out of my system."

But Meiers prevailed.

She said the horsemanship portion of the competition was particularly tough, but she managed to place only .7 of a point behind the winner of that portion of the contest.

The closeness of that near win in addition to her first place winnings in the poise and personality and the governor's speech contests, and a second place finish in appearance, pulled her over the top.

Now it's on to the competition for the top spot in rodeo queen contests — Miss Rodeo America.

"I feel really good about it," she said. "I've been working hard and I plan to continue working harder. I feel I'm going to be in the top three."

Meiers said "working harder" means studying horsemanship, and preparing for the question about the sport of rodeo.

"We haven't had a Miss Rodeo America from Idaho for seven years," Meiers said. "Idaho has had the second most Miss Rodeo Americas with four. Texas has had the most with five." Meiers said if she wins the contest she'll be the first from Boise to do so.

And after the contest?

"If I win, I'd like to get into working for some manufacturer of western clothing, like modeling and designing western clothing." Winning the Miss Rodeo America title has often led to jobs for winners as representatives of national rodeo sponsors, Meiers said.



Myla Meiers

Library offers cameras

If there were times when you wanted to save a very special moment on film but just didn't have a camera around, those days may be over thanks to the Meridian Library.

The Meridian Library is participating in "Check This Out," a program providing free instant cameras to public libraries throughout the United States.

The Polaroid Corp. is sponsoring the program which provides cameras to local libraries for patrons.

The cameras feature built-in electronic flash and one-button operation and will be available to patrons age 14 and older who have a valid library card.

Gale Walter, librarian, says the cameras can be checked out on a three-day basis. There are four polaroid cameras available at the Meridian Library.

"As of today, they're part of our circulating collection," Walter says. "Like our books, magazines and records, they're here for the public to use and enjoy."

Peggy Barber, American Library Association information director, says this is the first time a major corporation has made a commitment on this scale.

"When budgets are tight," Barber says, "we hope other companies will follow Polaroid's example."

For more information about the Polaroid camera program, contact the Meridian Library or stop in during regular visiting hours.

"We are always ready to help patrons in the area with their reading needs," Walter says, "And we hope they will take advantage of this program and become involved in other library endeavors."

check this out

Now you can borrow a Polaroid Sun Camera. Free. Ask your librarian.

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Last scheduled event for the
SRC Idaho Rodeo - Movie &
cotton candy



Classes focus on preservation

Ada County Home Extension Economist, Marilyn Shinn, and Master Food Preservers will be conducting food preservation classes in Meridian and Kuna in the coming weeks.

The class will be held at the Meridian Library, next Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., and at Kuna High School on July 28 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

"Drying Foods at Home," will be the second class offered. It will be conducted Aug. 2, at the Meridian Library, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The class will be taught in Kuna at the high school, from 9:30 - 11:30, on Aug. 3.

All classes will be free of charge. Pre-registration is requested. Call 377-2107.

A love letter to Idaho

Dear Editor:

I just LOVE Idaho. Not just the mountains, streams, forests and fresh, dry summer air. I love the people.

I love those great volunteers who give so freely of their time and energy, never knowing what ghastly situation they will encounter when they take off in the Meridian Quick Response Unit rig.

I love my beautiful neighbors, Jerry and his wife, Marilyn Anderson who saved my husband's life and still look after us as if we were family. And Marv and Arlene Bodine who planted flowers and cut the grass and cleared the snow when Carl was sick. And the Fewins and Vosses and Harrisons who are always there if they are needed. And wonderful Rev. Earl Tyckson who married us and felt that doing God's work included pruning our apple tree. Maxine Lindstrom who shares her plants.

I love my remarkable young chiropractor who even makes house calls and his two office girls, Dia and Eve, who always make me feel like Dr. Sam has opened his office just for me.

I love Bob Giesler who keeps our car running beautifully and always lets us know that he is as interested in us as in our motor. And Ron Tolsma who dreams up ways to repair things for us so we won't have to throw them away. And the people at Big O who treat customers like they are real friends. And the folks at Stiehle Jewelry who give you the same warm attention if

you are buying diamonds or having your wedding ring polished without charge. And Ray Pack who cheerfully fills prescriptions and shares his apricots.

I love the librarians who can't do enough to help me find things, the friendly mailmen, the cooperative Patty Cakes baker who tries new recipes for me. And where could you find a bank where all the tellers know you and send flowers when you are sick and the president OK's a bank loan by phone— Idaho First is first with us!

And Nan's Floral rates high— big city florists don't call to tell you the item your out-of-state kids ordered for you just isn't pretty right now— "So come in and pick out what you would like better." And the police who made extra runs by the house when I had to be alone— what a warm feeling that gave me!

God made this beautiful world and Meridian is a very special little spot just a few minutes to the city, farmland or mountains. But it is the love— the caring and looking out for one another that is so wonderful. It is great to see people smile at one another. I think this is what God had in mind when he made it easier to smile than frown.

I just want to say, Thank You, Meridian. You have given me six and a half very happy years. I love you!

Madeline Rathjen

New preservation methods class scheduled

The newest food preservation recommendations will be included in canning and drying classes scheduled for Meridian and Kuna.

"Home Canning Update" to be held at the Meridian Library July 26 from 10 a.m. to noon and at Kuna High School July 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., will feature safe pressure canning and water bath canning procedures, altitude adjustments, new canning rec-

ommendations, and safe storage of canned foods.

"Drying Foods at Home" scheduled at the Meridian Library Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon and Kuna High School from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Aug. 3 will cover methods of drying food in an oven, dehydrator, and solar drying, pretreatment methods and safe storage techniques.

The classes are being taught by Ada County Extension

Home Economist, Marilyn Shinn, and Master Food Preservers. All classes are free. U.S.D.A. and University of Idaho food preservation bulletins will be available for a fee. Class preregistration is requested. Call 377-2107.

HOME CANNING UPDATE

JULY 26 10 A.M. - Noon

HOW TO DRY FOOD

AUGUST 2 10 A.M. - Noon

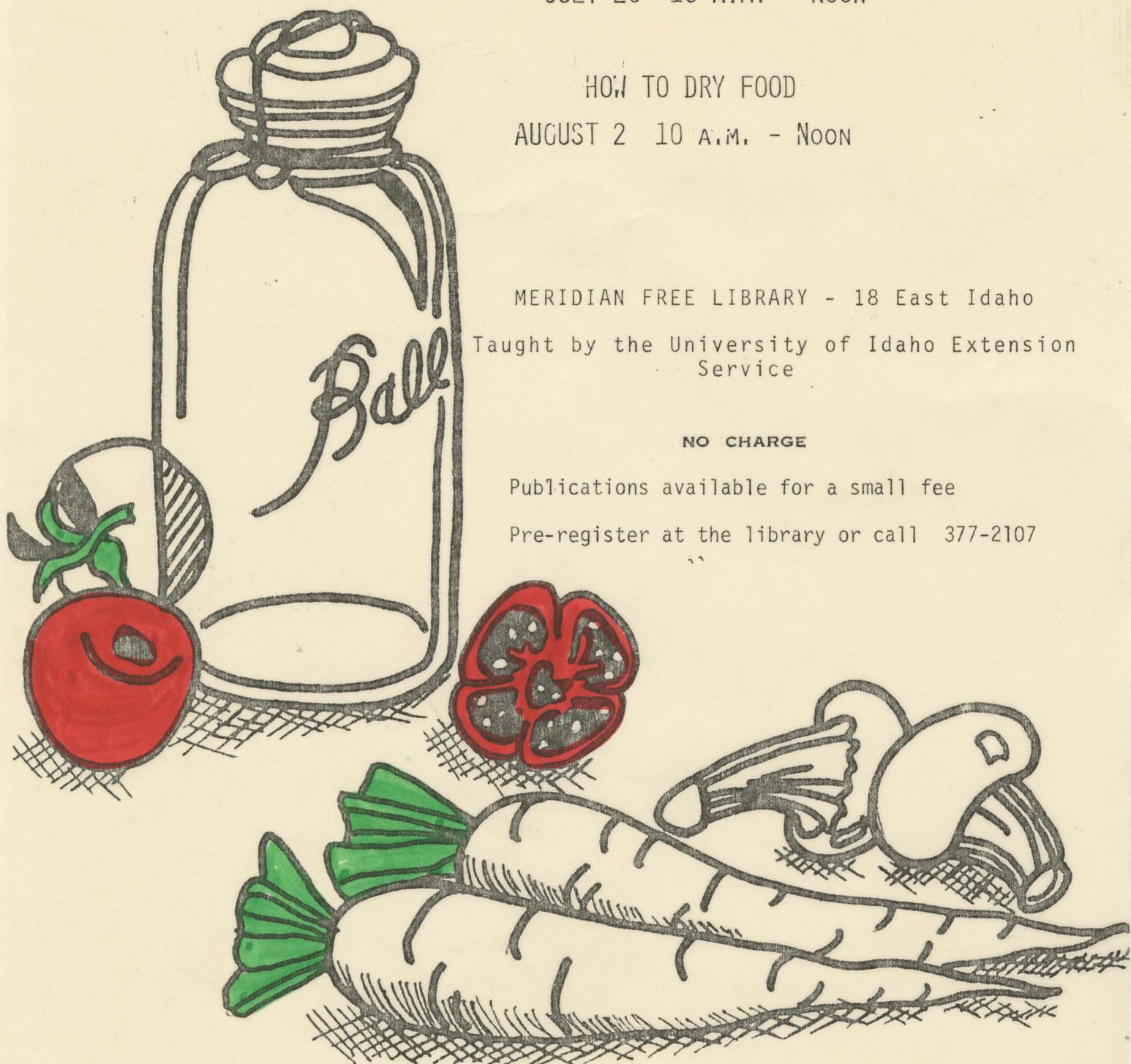
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Pre-register at the library or call 377-2107



Library hikes card fees

The Meridian Library District has announced that it will be raising the fee for non-resident library cards to \$15 per household, for one year of privileges.

Previously, the cost of a non-resident library card was \$10 per household. The fee increase will take effect Oct. 1.

According librarian Gay Walter, the fee increases correspond to the amount of property tax paid by each household in the library district.

However, she said once a member of a family buys a library card, other members of the household can receive one free of charge.

The fines on overdue books are also scheduled to escalate 10 times, effective Oct. 1.

The fines will be raised from two cents a day to 20 cents a day. The weeks of Sept. 19 and 26, overdue books and material will not be fined in order to give patrons a chance to return overdue material before the

cost change.

The Meridian Library will also begin a trial 9 a.m. opening beginning this week. If the new hour schedule proves to be beneficial to patrons, the new hours will be made permanent. The library would then be open 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday.

The library also invites any public comment, especially during the trial period.

The Meridian Library is also announcing a fall children's program, on Tuesdays after school.

The program will include films, short stories, and other special events. The program got under way yesterday and will continue every Tuesday afternoon.

Every Thursday, beginning this week, at 10:30 a.m., pre-schoolers are invited to a special storytime program. They will have the chance to meet many storybook friends through books and movies, and they will also join in many other activities each week.

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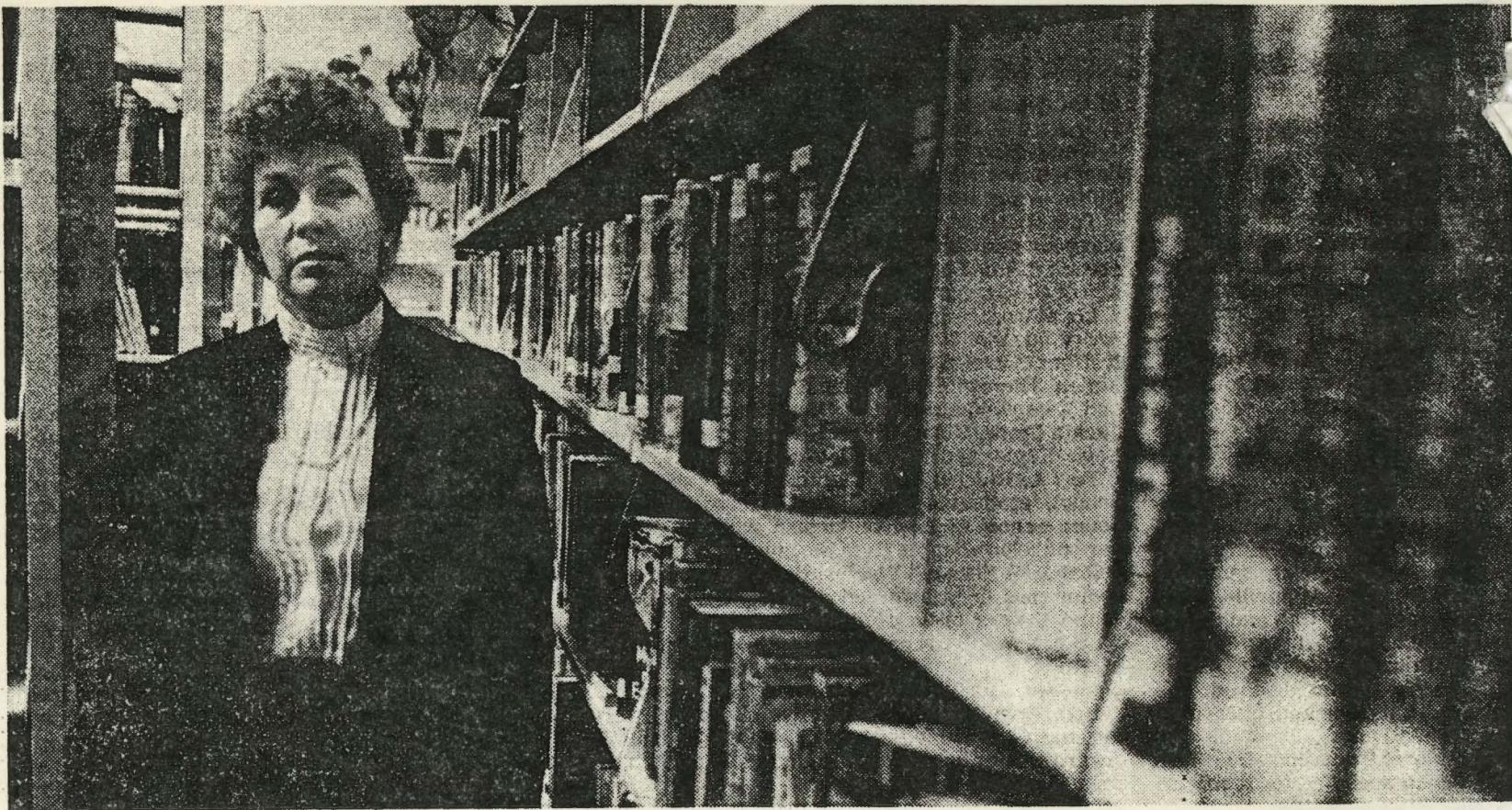
Library group seeks more volunteers

Friends of the Meridian Library are seeking members to help support and meet the needs of the local library.

The group will meet Sept. 20 at 10:30 a.m. at the library at Idaho and Meridian Streets.

A story hour will be held at the same time in order to provide for prospective members who have small children.

Those wanting more information about Friends of the Library may call Charlene Smith at 888-2657 or the library at 888-4451.



Statesman photo by Al Fuchs

Gaye Walter, head of the Meridian Public Library, has plans to eliminate cramped reading and activity spaces

Meridian library will expand

By JUDY GRIGG HANSEN
The Idaho Statesman

MERIDIAN — The Occident Club, a women's service group, started the Meridian Free Library 60 years ago. Now it is giving the library title to the building at the corner of Meridian and Idaho streets.

"We're so excited," said Gaye Walter, library director. "Besides more than doubling our space, we will now be able to qualify for state and federal grants requiring building ownership."

Monthly circulation is about 9,000 books — 2,000 a month above last year — yet there is only 1,200 square feet of floor space.

One of the most crowded areas is the children's section.

"When we have two children, we have a crowd," Walter said.

A program meeting room, a larger reference section and a reading room are also in the plans.

Walter, a resident of Boise, has

been a librarian since 1961.

"I never really considered any other career," she said. "I've always loved to read and had very good experiences in libraries while growing up."

Before coming to the Meridian Library, Walter worked at the Idaho State Library for six years.

"This Meridian library had always appealed to me," said Walter. "So, when I was approached to take the job on a temporary basis in January of 1982, I decided to take it and worry later whether I had a job in six months."

In the year and a half that Walter has been library director, many changes have taken place. New metal shelving was added, increasing shelving space 50 per cent. This also cut the book replacement cost because books could be shelved upright instead of on their sides.

The Idaho books were pooled into a special collection dedicated to Carl Rathjen and Nancy Sage. Rathjen has been on the library

board for many years and is also the author of young adult books. Sage was the librarian for 21 years.

The high school art class painted a mural in the children's section and two display cases have been added, one donated by Intermountain Arms.

"We have had great support from the community and from the library board," said Walter. "The Rotary Club just gave us a 16mm projector and, in August, they gave us \$1,200 to buy young adult books."

The library also boasts a new copy machine provided by the Friends of the Library, a support group formed last November.

Expansion is not the only thing on Walter's mind.

"Community awareness is really lacking," she said. "Many people in the library district are not even aware we are here."

The library district covers an area roughly from the Can-Ada Road on the west to Eagle Road

(and in some places beyond) on the east; then it goes from the Boise River on the north to Lake Hazel Road south.

Walter plans to keep adding programs to draw people in. This summer she started a Children's Reading Roundtable, a group made up of school librarians, authors and others interested in children's literature.

"We are also on a waiting list with Computer Time to have a coin-operated computer placed in the library," she said.

Beginning this week there will be a display of stumpwork, a medieval form of needlework, by Lois Rieger.

In November there will be a repeat of last year's brown bag lunches with special speakers. Children's author Glenn Balch will be featured on Nov. 15.

Ongoing favorites are the preschool story hours at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays and after school programs on Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.