The Whistling Season
by Ivan Doig

Community-wide Reading Program

One Read 2008

Schedule of Events
JOIN IN ONE READ 2008!

One Read, now in its seventh year, involves cities, counties, media, schools and businesses in encouraging adults of all ages to read one book and participate in thought-provoking discussion and activities.

The idea of having as many people as possible read a single book originated in Seattle. It has since spread to many other cities and some whole states. Credit for the original idea is given to Nancy Pearl, a Seattle librarian. “It’s based on the idea of community. My idea was that people would come together who would never come together any other way. Literature brings them together because a book touches them,” she said.

About the Author

Ivan Doig was born in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, growing up along the Rocky Mountain Front, the setting for much of his writing. His first book, “This House of Sky,” was a finalist for the National Book Award in 1979. Doig is a former ranch hand, newspaperman and magazine editor. He lives in Seattle with his wife Carol.

Here’s what this year’s author had to say about participating in One Read:

My narrator in “The Whistling Season,” Paul Milliron, educator and bookman and graduate of a one-room school that he was, would have fully known the value of a community read, all the way from its linguistic beginnings. “Communitas,” the root of our usage of “community”—in Paul’s well-thumbed Latin-to-English dictionary, these several meanings of “communitas” are given: “sharing, partnership, social ties, fellowship, togetherness.” What better rewards could readers and writer alike ask for, than the common ground of literary fellowship through reading?

Regards, Ivan Doig
Videoconference With Ivan Doig

Tuesday, September 23, 7 p.m.

Columbia: Columbia Public Library, Friends Room

Fulton: William Woods Library Auditorium

One Read author Ivan Doig will join us for a talk and discussion live via satellite from Seattle. Due to the publication this October of his next book, "The Eleventh Man," he won't be able to visit in person, but he will take your questions at this videoconference.

About the Book

"Can't cook, but doesn't bite." It is only the line atop a classified advertisement in a weekly newspaper, that of "an A-1 housekeeper, sound morals, exceptional disposition" seeking to relocate to Montana early in the twentieth century. But for young Paul Milliron, his two younger brothers and his widower father, and his rambunctious fellow students in their one-room school, it spells abracadabra.

Paul is the voice of the book: a bit wry, contemplative, and literally bedeviled by dreams...[He has become] the state superintendent of education, and at the vantage point of 1957, strapped for budget...[there are] powerful political pressures on him to "consolidate" the rural one-room schools, which will be the death knell of those perky idiosyncratic little institutions such as the one that produced him at Marias Coulee.

...There the story begins, with Paul swept back in memory to 1910 when the Milliron family's hard-bargained new housekeeper, Rose Llewellyn, and her unannounced brother step down from the train, "bringing several kinds of education to the waiting four of us."

— from the author, originally published by Powell's Books (excerpted)

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Schoolhouse Miniatures Display
Throughout September
Columbia Public Library, Children’s Area, Wall Display Case
Dick and Sarah Klingbeil, owners of Treasure Hill Doll House Miniatures in Fulton, will create a display of miniature items that may have been seen in a one-room schoolhouse.

Book Talk With the Mayor and Mrs. Hindman
Wednesday, September 3 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Newcomer School, Shelter Gardens, Columbia
Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman and his wife Axie will lead their lively annual One Read book discussion in the historic Newcomer School at Shelter Gardens on Ash St. behind Shelter Insurance. The schoolhouse is a replica of a 19th century one-room school near Brunswick. Bring a lawn chair if you don’t want to sit in the school desks!

Book Talk With Tribune Columnist Bill Clark
Thursday, September 4 • 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
Bill Clark has lived in Columbia for almost 50 years. A columnist with the Columbia Daily Tribune and an amateur historian, Bill has written about one-room schoolhouses as part of his many columns about Columbia’s history. In one such column Clark says, “Schools in Central Missouri were the launching pads for the journey to the moon and into the age of the Internet.” Join Bill to discuss “The Whistling Season” and hear his storyteller’s take.

Book Talk With the One Read Co-Chairs
Monday, September 8 • 10 a.m.
Columbia Public Library,
Virginia G. Young Room
Join One Read co-chairs Sally Abromovich and Doyne McKenzie for a lively discussion of this year’s book.

Oak Grove School District No. 19
This photo and the others on the following pages are from the collection of Dianne Hart Miller. See more of Dianne’s photos at her program on September 15, details on page 18.

One Read 2008
Exhibit & Lecture: Boone County One-Room Schoolhouses
Opening Lecture: Thursday, September 11 • 7 p.m.
Exhibit: September 11-October 20 • 7 p.m.
Walters-Boone County Historical Museum, 3801 Ponderosa St.
This talk by Deborah Slade Thompson opens a photo exhibition at the Walters-Boone County Historical Museum featuring pictures of Boone County one-room schools and classes. Thompson, the executive director and curator of the Boone County Historical Society, will discuss one-room schools and the effects of school consolidation. She is also an independent history researcher, art consultant and appraiser. Museum hours are Wednesday-Sunday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Runner-Up Book Talk With Curt Morgret
Monday, September 15 • 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
Curt Morgret, a One Read panelist, will lead a discussion of this year’s runner-up title, “Three Cups of Tea” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. This was Curt’s first year on the reading panel, representing the Columbia Commission for the Office of Cultural Affairs, and “Three Cups of Tea” was his favorite of the ten books reviewed by the panel.

University of Missouri Summer Reading Lecture With Greg Mortenson
Tuesday, September 16 • 7:30 p.m.
Jesse Auditorium, MU Campus
In addition to being this year’s One Read runner-up, “Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace…One School at a Time,” is the 2008 MU Summer Reading selection. Greg Mortenson partnered with journalist David Oliver Relin to recount how his failed attempt to conquer Pakistan’s K2 mountain was transformed into an individual effort to change the system of education throughout isolated communities in Central Asia. Mortenson will give a talk about his projects and answer your questions. Admission is free for MU Students and $10 for the public. Tickets are available at the MSA/GPC Box Office in Brady Commons or at any Ticketmaster location. Sponsored by New Student Programs, the Department of Student Life, the MSA/GPC Speakers Committee and University Bookstore.
Book Talk With Library Board Members
Tuesday, September 16 • Noon
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
Bring your brown bag lunch and join DBRL Board President Terry Higgins and board members Marie Glaze and David Webber for a discussion of “The Whistling Season.” Terry has served the library from the Callaway County Library District for 12 years and this is her second time as president. Marie, a nine-year member from the Columbia Library District has been an eager One Read discussion leader in the past. David, also from Columbia, has been a trustee for three years.

KOPN Discussion About Education
Wednesday, September 17 • 6:30-8 p.m.
Newcomer School, Shelter Gardens, Columbia
KOPN 89.5FM will host this discussion about education, featuring teachers, students and texts from various educational backgrounds. The event will take place at Newcomer School in Shelter Gardens, a replica of a one-room schoolhouse near Brunswick, Missouri. Our discussion will cover schools as community centers and the evolution of education. You may wish to have pennies in your pocket to donate to Pennies for Peace, an organization that helps buy school supplies for students around the world. (Pennies for Peace is a program of the Central Asia Institute founded by “Three Cups of Tea” author Greg Mortenson. More information available at www.penniesforpeace.org.)

An Old-Fashioned Music Program
Wednesday, September 17 • 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library,
North Terrace (outside)
Join Alan Nellis, professional musician and musicologist, and local performers for an evening of song. Alan will discuss the role of popular music in people’s lives circa 1909-1910, the period during which this year’s One Read book is set. Hear some great music, and maybe even sing along.

Robnett School District No. 69, Second Class
One Read Panel Discussion
Thursday, September 18 • 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library,
Friends Room
KFRU 1400-AM’s David Lile will moderate a panel discussion of “The Whistling Season” with Wayne Anderson, MU professor emeritus of psychology; David Shenker, MU associate professor of classics; Tim Lloyd, long-time DJ at KBXR 102.3-FM; and local historian Dianne Hart Miller. Can you guess which one taught at a one-room schoolhouse?

Oral Histories of One-Room Schoolhouse Experiences
Friday, September 19 • 9 a.m.-Noon
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
If you have recollections of attending a one-room schoolhouse, please come share your experience with others and save it for posterity. Interviewers from the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection will conduct short interviews with attendees of one-room schoolhouses, and these oral histories will be kept at the WHMC for research. The State Historical Society of Missouri’s Oral History Program is actively producing and collecting interviews and audio recordings pertaining to a broad range of Missouri culture and history. Visit the History Program’s web site at http://whmc.umsystem.edu/oralhis.html. Call the library (443-3161) for an appointment time.

Documentary: “To Be and To Have”
Monday, September 22 • 6 p.m.
Ragtag Cinema, 10 Hitt St., Columbia
“To Be and to Have,” France’s highest-grossing documentary of all time, is an intimate and touching portrait of life inside a one-room schoolhouse in a rural French village and one of the most emotionally gratifying films about teaching ever made. At the center of the story is George Lopez, a remarkably devoted teacher responsible for nurturing a dozen children ages 3-11 in all their school subjects and life lessons. Free screening.

Videoconference With Ivan Doig
Tuesday, September 23 • 7 p.m. • Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
See page 3 for more information.
Life in Columbia 1900-1909
Wednesday, September 24 • 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
How did life in Columbia compare to that of the Montana prairie in 1909? Learn about what it was like to live in Columbia and Boone County at the beginning of the 20th century, as depicted in the photographs, letters, diaries and oral histories held by the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia. Presented by William T. Stolz, WHMC assistant director of reference.

Book Talk With Dr. Robert Boon
Thursday, September 25 • 6-7 p.m.
Columbia College, Landers English Parlor, Missouri Hall
Dr. Robert Boon, professor of literature at Columbia College, will lead a discussion of “The Whistling Season,” taking a critical look at Ivan Doig’s writing style.

Comet Night
Thursday, September 25 • 7 p.m. (viewing begins at 6:15 p.m.)
Rock Bridge High School Planetarium, Columbia
Learn about comets with astronomy teacher Roy Morris. Come early to view the sun through the big telescope and stay after for a peek at the night skies, weather permitting. Space is limited; call 443-3161 to register beginning September 8.

Express Yourself Art Show: Beneath a Prairie Sky
On Display: Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28
Cherry Street Artisan, Downtown Columbia
This art contest is open to anyone of any age in the Mid-Missouri community. Submit entries by September 22. Visit oneread.dbrl.org for more information.

In Harmony
Friday, September 26 • 7 p.m.
Cherry Street Artisan, Downtown Columbia
Enjoy the songs and harmonies popular in 1910, the era in which “The Whistling Season” is set, as sung by the Boonslick Chordbusters and the Heart of Missouri Sweet Adelines.
**One Read on Stage**  
Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28 • 12:30-1 p.m.  
Literary Arts Stage, Government Building, Courthouse Square  
Enjoy a scene from “The Whistling Season” by Ivan Doig performed by members of Performing Arts in Children’s Education (PACE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating youth about theater. These young performers will enact an episode from the “The Whistling Season” on the Literary Arts Stage during the Columbia Festival of the Arts both Saturday and Sunday.

**Astronomy Day at Rock Bridge High**  
Saturday, September 27 • Viewings begin at 6 p.m.  
Rock Bridge High School Planetarium, Columbia  
If you missed “Comet Night” on Thursday, you have another chance today. Rock Bridge astronomy teacher Roy Morris will repeat the comet program in the planetarium several times during this annual school event and offer viewings with the telescope beginning at 6 p.m., weather permitting.

**School Term in the River Hills**  
Monday, September 29 • 7 p.m.  
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room  
Enjoy Betty Cook Rottmann’s light-hearted account of a city girl’s adventurous year teaching in a one-room rural Missouri school back in 1941. Betty has a journalism degree from the University of Missouri and had an extensive career in public relations. Her writings and poetry have appeared in various publications, including The Saturday Evening Post and the New York Herald-Tribune, and her book “Tyrant’s Tears” won the Missouri Writers’ Guild Major Work Award.

**“The Whistling Season” Goes to College**  
Tuesday, September 30 • 7 p.m.  
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room  
Representatives from each of Columbia’s college campuses will discuss Ivan Doig’s “The Whistling Season” from their academic perspectives. Panelists are Brad Lookingbill, Columbia College professor of history; Leslie Willey, Stephens College education department chair and director of the college’s Children’s School; and Sarah Barber, Ph.D. candidate in English at the University of Missouri.
Programs in Fulton

Documentary: “Death of the Dream”
Tuesday, September 2 • 7 p.m.
William Woods Library Auditorium
William Woods history professor Steve Hageman will present the documentary “Death of the Dream,” which relates the history of homesteading, family farming, life on the prairie and the decline of that lifestyle.

First Wednesday Book Discussion
Wednesday, September 3 • Noon-1 p.m.
Callaway County Public Library, Friends Room
Bring a snack and join us to discuss “The Whistling Season” by Ivan Doig, this year’s One Read book about a Montana homesteading widower, his three sons and their new housekeeper. Centered around the community’s one-room schoolhouse, this is a warm and funny story of a unique period in America’s past. At this program you can pick up a copy of October’s book, “Abraham” by Bruce Feiler.

Black One-Room Schoolhouses in Missouri
Thursday, September 4 • 7 p.m.
William Woods Library Auditorium
Missouri’s landscape was once dotted with one-room schoolhouses. Join us as William Woods history professor Brett Rodgers talks about his research into black one-room schoolhouses in Mid-Missouri.

Runner-Up Book Talk
With Dr. Barney Forsythe
Tuesday, September 9 • 7-8 p.m.
Callaway County Public Library,
Friends Room
The One Read runner-up title, “Three Cups of Tea” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, is an inspirational true story of one man’s efforts to address poverty, educate girls and overcome cultural divides by building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Dr. Barney Forsythe, President of Westminster College, will lead a discussion of this book and his colleague Dr. Sardar Sherzad will share his experiences growing up in the Afghan school system.

Union School District No. 12, Teacher Ruth (Taylor) Nichols, Centralia
**Programs in Fulton**

**Documentary: “Horse Drawn Loose Haying”**
Monday, September 15 • 7 p.m.
William Woods Library Auditorium
Step back in time to see how the hardy ranchers of Beaverhead County, Montana, put up hay for the winter, using draft horse power and a unique device known as the “Beaver Slide.” Hosted by Linda McClaren, from William Woods equestrian studies division.

**Clint Eastwood’s “Unforgiven”**
Tuesday, September 16 • 7 p.m.
William Woods Library Auditorium
Greg Smith, English and film studies professor at William Woods, will host a screening of Clint Eastwood’s “Unforgiven,” which won four Oscars, including Best Picture in 1992. This brilliant revisionist Western explores the importance of learning life lessons at any age and the difficulties of homesteading in the beautiful, but harsh landscape and tenuous socio-political climate of the American West at the turn of the century.

**William Woods Student Art Exhibit: “Beneath a Prairie Sky”**
Wednesday, September 17 • 4-7 p.m.
William Woods, Gladys Woods Kemper Center for the Arts
Join art professors Terry Martin and Jane Mudd for the opening reception of “Beneath a Prairie Sky.” This exhibit will feature William Woods students’ interpretations of this year’s One Read title in mixed media.

**Music With Alan Nellis**
Thursday, September 18 • 7-8 p.m.
Callaway Senior Center, 531 Commons Dr.
Alan Nellis, aided by members of the Callaway Community Singers, will perform and discuss the popular music of 1909-1910, featuring tunes that Rose may have whistled in Ivan Doig’s “The Whistling Season.” A sing-along will give everyone a chance to be heard. Prior to the music program, the senior center will host an old-fashioned ice cream social with homemade baked goods just like grandma used to make.

"The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig
Programs in Fulton

Studying the Stars
Monday, September 22 • 8 p.m.
William Woods Campus, location TBA
Professor Joe Kyger from William Woods will unveil the University’s powerful, new, state-of-the-art 14” telescope. Mirroring Morris Morgan’s demonstrations of the heavens in “The Whistling Season,” Kyger will provide a tour of the skies, weather permitting.

Videoconference With Ivan Doig
Tuesday, September 23 • 7 p.m.
William Woods Library Auditorium
See page 3 for more information.

Horse Power
Wednesday, September 24 • 7 p.m.
William Woods Library Auditorium
As readers of “The Whistling Season” well know, horses powered early American enterprises. Laura Ward, from William Woods equestrian studies division, will tell us all about horse power during the years 1880-1920. This might be especially interesting in light of our present gas prices.

One-Room Schoolhouse Panel Discussion
Thursday, September 25 • 7-8 p.m.
Callaway County Public Library, Friends Room
What was it like attending a one-room schoolhouse? This panel of people who attended such a school will come together tonight to reminisce about their experiences and share their stories. The contrasts between yesteryear’s one-room school and today’s huge single-grade classrooms will astonish you. Panelists will include Robert Seelinger, Sarah Klingbeil, Chaplain Jane Smith and Nancy Lewis.
Express Yourself Art Show: Beneath a Prairie Sky

On Display: Monday, September 29 through Friday, October 10
Callaway County Public Library
This art contest is open to anyone of any age in the Mid-Missouri community. Submit entries by September 22. Visit oneread.dbrl.org for more information.

The One-Room Schoolhouse
Monday, September 29 • 4 p.m.
William Woods Library Auditorium
Betsy Tutt, education professor at William Woods, will discuss the unique qualities of education in the American one-room schoolhouse of the early 1900s as described by Ivan Doig in “The Whistling Season,” and highlight the human and cultural challenges inherent in public schooling both then and now.

Documentary:
“The Homestead Years”
Tuesday, September 30 • 7 p.m.
William Woods Library Auditorium
Back between the Civil War and World War I, America was busy building its heartland. It would be a half-century of dreams and despair. Uncle Sam made it possible, the railroad made it practical. This is the story of the homestead years, told with figures and facts, music and poetry. Join Linda McClaren, from William Woods equestrian studies division, for this screening and discussion.

"The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig
Book Talk With Charlie Campbell
Thursday, September 4 • 7 p.m.
SoBoCo Public Library
Former Ashland Mayor and retired educator Dr. Charles “Charlie” Campbell will lead a discussion of this year’s One Read book. Dr. Campbell attended one of Missouri’s one-room schools for all eight years of his grammar school education from 1943 to 1951, and he also helped his father, who was president of the county board of education, to disband and consolidate 26 rural schools following directives from the Missouri legislature in the 1950s. Even though Dr. Campbell completed his education by earning a doctorate at MU and additional study at Harvard University, he has always valued just as much his early years of helping fire the wood stove and dusting the chalkboard erasers while learning important values at Liberty School in Benton County, Missouri.

The Annie Alpha Hart Lewis One-Room Schoolhouse Collection
Monday, September 15 • 7-8 p.m.
Southern Boone County Senior Center, 406 Douglas Dr., Ashland
Dianne Hart Miller of Columbia will talk about her great aunt Annie Alpha Hart Lewis and her collection of pictures of Boone County one-room schoolhouses (some of which you can see in this booklet). Lewis was a school teacher for the Columbia Public School system and the first woman elected to be superintendent of Boone County public schools. She held the post from 1943 to 1951. Cosponsored by the newly formed Southern Boone County Historical Society.

Express Yourself Art Show: Beneath a Prairie Sky
On Display: Monday, September 29 through Friday, October 3
SoBoCo Library and Area Businesses
This art contest is open to anyone of any age in the Mid-Missouri community. Submit entries by September 22. Visit oneread.dbrl.org for more information. Cosponsored by the Southern Boone Chamber of Commerce.
Farming Through the Years  
Sunday, August 31 • 2-5 p.m.  
Terra Bella Farm, 1303 State Road M, Near Auxvasse  
Local farmers will explore uses for antique farm tools and various agricultural methods in an oral history discussion at the beautiful, historic Terra Bella farm near Auxvasse. Sponsored by 89.5FM/KOPN and Terra Bella.

Book Talk With Representative Paul Quinn  
Monday, September 8 • 7-8 p.m. • Sturgeon High School Library  
Join us for a lively community book discussion led by 9th District State Representative Paul Quinn. Like Oliver Milliron in "The Whistling Season," Rep. Quinn is a widower who raised eight children. He'll discuss the Milliron family dynamics and everyone will have time to share special memories as part of the discussion.

Book Talk With Teacher Ruby Robinson  
Thursday, September 11 • 7-8 p.m. • Hallsville City Hall  
Ruby Robinson is a retired teacher who taught in one-room schools. She will share her unique insights and experiences as part of this discussion of "The Whistling Season." Come to discuss the plot, characters and themes of the book or just to reminisce about the historical aspects of this selection.

Book Talk With Representative Paul Quinn  
Tuesday, September 16 • 7-8 p.m. • Harrisburg Community VFW Hall  
See Sturgeon event above.

Holts Summit Book Talk  
Tuesday, September 23 • 7-8 p.m. • Central Bank, Holts Summit  
Join us for a lively book discussion about the plot, characters, themes and historical aspects of this year's One Read book and to reminisce about our own schoolyard memories.

Book Talk and Stargazing With Commissioner Fritz and Professor Kyger  
Friday, September 26 • 7-8 p.m. • Crane's Museum, Williamsburg  
Callaway County Presiding Commissioner Lee Fritz will lead a book discussion about this year's One Read selection. Following the discussion step outside for a presentation from professor Joe Kyger from William Woods University. Kyger will demonstrate the powerful new state-of-the-art 14-inch telescope acquired by WWU for its recently renovated observatory.
"The Whistling Season" Audiobook Broadcast
Every weekday, September 2-17 • 1-2 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
Tune in September 2-17 to hear the audiobook version of Ivan Doig’s “The Whistling Season” in hour-long segments.

The Half Pint Half Hour
Every Tuesday in September
4:30-5 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN

One Read News
Tuesday, September 2 • 5-6 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
“News at Five” host Steve Spellman will give exciting One Read overviews and interviews in preparation for September’s upcoming events.

“This House of Sky” Audiobook Broadcast
Mondays, September 8, 15 & 22 • 10-11 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
Ivan Doig drew on his family’s history in Montana for his novel, “The Whistling Season.” The book “This House of Sky,” in turn, is his nonfiction rendering of his Montana youth. Tune in to KOPN to hear an abridged audio version of the memoir read by Doig himself; there will be three segments, broadcast on consecutive Mondays.
Music of the Spheres
Monday, September 8 • 11 p.m.-2 a.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
In a nod to the stargazing lessons offered up to Marais Coulee students in this year’s One Read book, “Uncommon Light” host Jeff Wheeler will explore the “music of the spheres” by playing astrophysicist Dr. Fiorella Terezi’s music generated by star clusters and galaxies.

Women’s Issues, Women’s Voices in “The Whistling Season”
Thursday, September 11 • 7-8 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
This week’s edition of “Women’s Issues, Women’s Voices” will be devoted to the One Read book as the hosts discuss the history and evolution of housekeeping and compare the early 20th century woman to her modern counterpart.

Rootin’ Tootin’ Cowboy Radio
Sunday, September 14
Noon-3 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
Don’t miss this special edition of Rootin’ Tootin’ Radio as the Radio Ranger presents a bona fide cowboy show full of quirky cowboy songs, lingo and ropin’ and wranglin’ good times.
**Litanies on the Penny Whistle**
Sunday, September 14 • 3-5 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
Carol Goodnick, host of “Strike the Gay Harp,” brings us live and recorded performances on the penny whistle, an instrument that brings Scotland and Ireland and the Montana highlands closer together. Ivan Doig’s book “This House of Sky” contains beautiful descriptions of the similar challenges of settling these geographic regions.

**“Evening Edition” Explores Social Issues in Afghanistan**
Tuesday, September 16 • 6-7 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
Inspired by “Three Cups of Tea,” the One Read runner-up title, “Evening Edition” host Mark Haim will explore social issues in Afghanistan, addressing the political and social upheaval which Greg Mortenson faces in helping to build schools in that region.

**“Your Health Matters”**
Wednesday, September 24
6-7 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
Inspired by the prize-fighting tucked into the story of “The Whistling Season,” on this episode of “Your Health Matters” host Jeff Frey will discuss sports and head trauma with neurosurgeon Dr. Chris Wolf.
“Farm and Fiddle”
Wednesday, September 24 • 7-8 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
“Farm and Fiddle” hosts will explore water use and agricultural issues related to “The Whistling Season.”

Hepcat’s Harmonica Holiday
Thursday, September 25 • 3:30 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
Host Rosetta Stone will take listeners on a Hepcat’s Harmonica Holiday featuring whistling and harmonica tunes. This special feature takes place during the first half hour of “Hepcat’s Holiday” only, so tune in promptly to hear the tweezy tunes that gave “The Whistling Season” its title.

“Public Affairs” One Read Panel
Discussion
Thursday, September 25 • 5-6 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
“Public Affairs,” KOPN’s Thursday news show, will present a panel discussion comparing and contrasting Doig’s nonfiction memoir, “This House of Sky,” with the fictional format of “The Whistling Season.”

Women’s Settlement of the Western States
Thursday, September 25 • 7-8 p.m.
89.5FM/KOPN
During this episode of “Women’s Issues, Women’s Voices,” we will discuss female settlement of the western states, exploring gender issues, professions and frontier traditions. Did you know that one out of every four Caucasian women taught school leading up to World War I, but were forced to quit their jobs if they married? We will particularly focus on shifts in gender expectation in America’s teaching profession.
I will attend every One Read event.
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Daniel Boone Regional Library
Dear Dean,

The videoconference was a tremendous success!

I think everyone especially enjoyed the preview of your next book and the reappearance of Morris & Robert.

Thank you again for giving your time and energy.

Although we would have loved to have you in Mid-Missouri, we all agreed the videoconference was the next best thing.

Sincerely,

Doyne

Thursday, September 25th.

Thank you for your participation in and support of One Read 2008.

We were pleased that you could be a part of this very successful program which encouraged so many people to read and discuss "The Whistling Season."

Sincerely,

Sally Abromovich
Doyne McKenzie
One Read Co-chairs
Daniel Boone Regional Library

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Westminster College • William Woods University
September 11, 2008

Dear Ivan:

Here are a few bits of publicity and information.

I just checked our circulation statistics. *The Whistling Season* has checked out an average of 8 times per book since June 17th. The total circulation is 4,124. I rarely find more than 10 books on the shelf at any time.

We look forward to the videoconference on Tuesday, September 23rd!

Sincerely,
Ivan Doig  
c/o Houghton Mifflin Company, Trade Division,  
Adult Editorial, 8th Floor  
222 Berkeley Street  
Boston, MA 02116-3764

Re: *This House of Sky* 

Dear Owen,

I don't know when I enjoyed a book so much and I don't know how I could have missed it so long. I am recommending to everyone I know who would enjoy reading it as well.

My visits to Montana have been from Yellowstone to Missoula to Glacier and westward except for driving eastward to Bozeman, the Little Big Horn and south. So I have seen Browning at least and talked to people at community college meetings who lived and worked there.

Now I want to go to several places in Eastern Montana beginning with Raban's Baker and Ismay and other towns he covered, Andrew Garcia's Judith Gap, and on west to Ringling, White Sulphur Springs and northward to Dupuyer and Valier. My wife, who has read none of these books will ask, "What the hell are you looking at and why did you drag me out here!"

My wife and I spent the first summer we were married on a lookout tower in the Clearwater National Forest just off the Lolo Trail in Idaho. Missoula was our R&R place.

Anyway you have inspired me to try to write a history of my father's (German immigrants) and mother's (immigrants from Mississippi and Alabama) families but only for family members.

Sincerely,

John M. Brockman

brockhombre@yahoo.com
April 7, 2009

Ivan Doig
c/o Houghton Mifflin Company
Trade Division, Adult Editorial
8th Floor 222 Berkeley Street
Boston, MA 02116-3764

Dear Mr. Doig:

I have long been an admirer of your writing, enjoying your strong sense of landscape, character and language. I particularly enjoyed Prairie Nocturne, as I am in a mixed-race marriage and the book explored dimensions of racial and historical dynamics with caring and grace. I also enjoyed hearing you at the dedication of the Wallace Stegner Environmental Center at the San Francisco Library; I was a graduate student in Creative Writing at the University of California, Davis, and your words in homage have remained with me over the years.

In addition to being an author myself, I am also a teacher, and I write you on behalf of one of my students, Ms. Lea Callan. She has finished her first novel, The MacDonalds of the Monach Isles, an episodic tale of a family living on the remote island of Heisker, 50 miles off the coast of Scotland. This lovingly rendered work honors a time, place and a way of life now lost to progress, and I believe it's important that this novel reach the larger world because of its powerful message about sustainability, community and self-reliance. Lea has a fine sense of character and an excellent ear for dialogue, and, of course, landscape is as strong a character as any of the humans.

I write to ask your suggestion for a possible editor, agent or publisher that would be interested in such a novel. My bold request is that you consider reading the book or a portion of it with the hope that you might assist its birth into the published world.

With many thanks for considering this request and in deep admiration for your work.

Charlotte Gullick
charlotte@mcn.org
one-page fax to Doyne McKenzie, Collection Development Manager

27 May 2008

Dear Doyne--

This is very quick and impromptu, as I’m juggling a lot of things in preparation for a research trip to Montana, but let’s see if this will serve for the community read statement you wanted. If it needs anything more, call me pronto, okay? Otherwise, use it as you will:

My narrator in *The Whistling Season*, Paul Milliron, educator and bookman and graduate of a one-room school that he was, would have fully known the value of a community read, all the way from its linguistic beginnings. “Communitas,” the root of our usage of “community”—in Paul’s well-thumbed Latin-to-English dictionary, these several meanings of “communitas” are given: “sharing, partnership, social ties, fellowship, togetherness.” What better rewards could readers and writer alike ask for, than the common ground of literary fellowship through reading?

Regards,

Ivan Doig
Mr. Ivan Doig
17277 15th Avenue NW
Shoreline WA 98177

Dear Ivan:

I am enclosing the portion of an email that I believe answers your questions. I have highlighted the information because there is so much jumbled detail. With my poor reading ability, I missed details the first time through.

Basically, TKO Video Conferencing is on the 42nd floor of the Two Union Square Center. Driving instructions from all directions are provided. Although they are not vivid, they do seem pretty thorough now that we know the name of the building.

After I had been told you could not call them directly, I was told this week that maybe you should. Therefore, please feel free to contact Beck Saechao directly if need be.

I plan to call you next Wednesday at 8-8:30 your time to see if you got this information and if you have any other questions and to relate any other information that has emerged at that time.

Best,

[Signature]
Dayne, hi—

Re the videoconference location: I choose the one at 601 Union St. Would appreciate any info from the company about parking, how early they want me there, do they have a spot where my wife can sit out of the way and watch, and so on.

Talk to you as we need to. Best,

Ivan
Mr. Ivan Doig  
17277 15th Avenue NW  
Shoreline WA 98177  

Dear Ivan:

Please excuse the long delay in providing you with the videoconferencing location possibilities. Communication broke down between the Seattle company and us and has just been re-established.

The locations are:

→ 601 Union Street, Seattle 98101  
800 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 98104  
17802 International Boulevard, Seattle 98158  
500-108th Avenue NE, Bellevue 98004  
5400 Carillon Point, Kirkland 98033

We had a great time in Seaside. We drove down to Canon Beach and up to Fort Clatsup at Astoria, but mainly stayed close to our base. Returning from vacation has been tough, but things are slowly falling into place.

→ I will be sending the books by FedEx early next week. Thank you for signing them!

Best,

[Signature]
Dear Doyne--

Welcome back; I hope the Oregon coast treated you well--it’s been gorgeous here in Seattle. My wife and I occasionally borrow a house just south of Cannon Beach, at Arch Cape. Terrific part of the world.

This is just a quick response to a couple of things in your July 11 letter:

--Don’t sweat it about the videoconferencing outfit’s weird rules; just let me know the possible location(s) when you can and we’ll plan from there.

--I don’t mind signing the six books. If it’s possible to send them FedEx or some other package service, with a return slip inside, to save a trip to the post office, so much the better. But if that doesn’t fit your system, mail them and Carol and I will deal with it.

Appreciated the clipping of Annie Nelson’s Tribune piece. And the maximum display, natch.

Regards,
Mr. Ivan Doig  
17277 15th Avenue NW  
Shoreline WA  98177

Dear Ivan:

I will be on vacation in your territory until July 23rd. My family and my son-in-law’s family have rented a beach house at Seaside, Oregon, for a week. We look forward to cool beach walks and mountain hikes.

If you need to contact us in the meantime, feel free to call my co-chair, Sally Abromovich at 573/817-7042.

The videoconferencing is very convoluted; but we have a definite reservation with the company on September 23rd. The company has reserved several studios from which you may broadcast. We are trying to ascertain the location of these studios so you can select the most convenient. This is a California company and we have failed to reestablish contact since before July 4th. Although I know you would like direct communication with them, they have refused saying we are their client, not you. I hope to have definitive information for you upon my return.

I forgot to mention in our last phone conversation that I would also like to send 6 copies of the book to you for autographs. In order to measure interest in the program we ask patrons to fill out registration slips. We draw from these slips to award autographed copies of the book. We would include a return, postage-paid envelope. Is this acceptable?

Sorry to present such a continuing saga!

Best,

[Signature]

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Mr. Ivan Doig  
17277 15th Avenue NW  
Shoreline WA 98177  

Dear Ivan:  

I hope your trip to Montana was successful and enjoyable.  

Enclosed are copies of the articles that appeared in the Columbia Daily Tribune, the Columbia Missourian, and the Fulton Sun marking the announcement of The Whistling Season as the 2008 One Read. Thank you for your wonderful quotes. We appreciate the original quote for each venue, including our website.  

We have encountered some difficulties in videoconferencing. Neither Seattle Public nor King County Libraries have this capability. We have been referred to the University of Washington. As soon as I have contact information, I will forward it to you.  

I do have some questions regarding this conference. Think about these; I will call you next week and we can talk about them.  

1. Do you want to see us during the conference; that is, receive as well as send a picture?  
2. What format do you envision; that is, a talk, question and answer session, or a combination?  
3. How long would you propose to talk?  
4. May we record it for future use? We might include the recording in a discussion kit to add richness or rebroadcast it at one of our other branches.  
5. We are exploring the possibility of receiving the broadcast in two locations – Columbia and Fulton. Would this be acceptable?  

I would also like to send 6 copies of the book to you for autographs. In order to measure interest in the program we ask patrons to fill out registration slips. We draw from these slips to award autographed copies of the book. We would include a return, postage-paid envelope. Is this acceptable?  

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DBRL readers select 'The Whistling Season' for One Read

By KATHERINE CUMMINS
The Fulton Sun

One-hundred years ago, the one-room school house was the center of many communities throughout the country.

Ivan Doig's "The Whistling Season" - voted as Daniel Boone Regional Library's 2008 One Read book - takes place in one such community, as the story's narrator looks back on his experiences growing up attending a one-room school house in Montana from 1909-10.

Paul Milliron looks back on those childhood days as he prepares to shut down all of the one-room school houses in his state. The story starts with Milliron's widowed father hiring a housekeeper to care for his three sons. The new housekeeper brings along her brother, who becomes the community's new teacher.

One Read co-chair Doyne McKenzie said "The Whistling Season" is the perfect choice for One Read because "it's going to give us a lot to talk about."

"There are family secrets, the role of the one-room school house, different varieties of education and bullying," McKenzie said. "It's a very charming novel ... and we're finding there are a lot of people in the area who actually had one-room school houses."

Callaway One Read task force member Nancy Lewis is one such person.

"This kind of hits home for me because I grew up that way - I experienced that," Lewis said. "It really talks about the history of our country and how communities were settled, and education in that section of time and how we got where we are now.

"It's got a lot of themes ... it really does hit home for a lot of people."

Fellow task force member Mary Anne Beahon agreed that "Whistling Season" has a universal theme, further noting that it is "particularly appropriate for Fulton this year because we're celebrating the 100th anniversary of the library, and this book takes place 100 years ago.

"We can weave those two themes together," Beahon said. "For example, we have a special One Read float in the (Fulton Street Fair) parade with a covered wagon and children in period costume."

She also said having Westminster College and William Woods University in Fulton in addition to four local school districts and the Missouri School for the Deaf made education "a very important topic" for Callaway readers.

"I think there's a lot of interest in the history of education," Beahon said.

She said "Whistling Season" "kind of reminds you of 'Little House on the Prairie.'"

Though One Read programs will not take place until September, event organizers said the committee already is working on plans for possible activities.
"We've got some good stuff," Beahon said. "We're going to have Alan Nelliis from the state hospital doing something with the music they listened to 100 years ago, we're going to plan something at Crane's Museum, we'll have a panel discussion on all of the themes, we're going to try to do star gazing because the book takes place in the year of Halley's Comet and we're doing another art show."

Other possible activities include several film showings at William Woods, panels related to life at the time the book takes place and a discussion of the other One Read nomination - "Three Cups of Tea" by Peter Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

Lewis said she is looking forward to another potential program that she said would be a new element this year.

"There's this food theme all the way through (the book), and we might try to have people bring food from old family recipes that have been handed down," she said.

McKenzie said she is looking forward to attending all of the programs, and encouraged others to do the same.

"I just find the more you talk about it ... the more programs you go to, the richer it becomes, because the audience is always different, and by the end of the experience you're just filled with all these wonderful thoughts and ideas people have brought up."

Starting today, there are approximately 500 copies of "The Whistling Season" available at the various DBRL locations, including the Callaway County branch.
**MO River**

Water levels should fall as long as the weather remains dry.

**MISSOURIAN STAFF**

**news@ColumbiaMissourian.com**

Water levels along the Missouri River remain high but should begin falling later this week as the forecast calls for several days without rain. As the Missouri River begins to crest in northeastern Missouri and surpasses records set in 1993, the question is what will happen once all that water makes its way downstream towards St. Louis, where the Missouri and Mississippi rivers meet.

Mark Fuchs, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service in St. Louis, said he expects some water from the Missouri to back up into the Missouri. That water shouldn't be enough to cause a significant rise in river levels past St. Charles, which is 105 miles east of Columbia, he said.

"I'm not too concerned about the Missouri River at this point," Fuchs said. "The crests aren't looking like they're going to get any higher."

Data from gauges and crest predictions by the weather service shows that many points west of Columbia along the Missouri River topped out late last week; further crests are expected this weekend at Chamois, Hermann and Washington.

Water levels along the Missouri River are influenced by a variety of factors, including the width and depth of the channel, the amount of water flowing through the channel and the number of smaller rivers and streams that flow into the river itself. In northeastern Missouri, the channel of the Missouri River is narrower, and demand waiting to bite you. Budget carefully and can also feel like giving up freedom, as the desire to buy a new pair of shoes becomes part of an equation. But as Robert Weagley, chairman of MU's personal financial planning department, points out, "It's a whole lot easier to have choice and freedom in your life if you have financial freedom." Here's how:

1. Keep your receipts. To budget successfully, carefully collect receipts for a full month so you'll have a precise record of how much you spend.
2. Categorize expenses. Divide expenses into two groups: fixed and

Please see **BUDGET**, page 3A.

**ANNUAL EXPENDITURES AND PERCENT CHANGES**

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**Public picks fiction book for One Read program**

"The Whistling Season" beats out "Three Cups of Tea."

**By LINDSAY EANET and JASON GOLDSTEIN**

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The people of Columbia have spoken. Ivan Doig's novel "The Whistling Season" has been selected for the 2008 One Read program, beating out Oliver Rackham's "Three Cups of Tea" by a vote of 292 to 254.

"I think that when (the public) voted, they chose between a fiction and a nonfiction book," said Sally Abromovich, One Read panel co-chair. "I think they chose the fiction because it looked like a good story."

Every year, the public submits suggested titles for the One Read program. Of the 192 titles suggested this year, the reading panel made up of 14 residents of Boone and Callaway counties chose 10 books. It narrowed the list from there.

This year, the panel presented two choices for a public vote. "Three Cups of Tea," said Doyle McKenzie, One Read panel co-chairwoman. "It is the story of mountain climber Virgil Morton, who built a mountain across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan. "The Whistling Season," Doig's novel, is the story of narrator Paul Milliron's experiences in an early 1900s one-room schoolhouse in rural Montana and the education he was given by the enigmatic Morris Morgan, who became his teacher.

In preparation for the One Read program, the Daniel Boone Regional Library bought nearly 600 copies of "The Whistling Season," said Doyle McKenzie. One Read panel co-chairwoman. "One hundred of these will go into "discussion bags," which aid book clubs. The rest will be put on the shelves at all four regional library branches for participants to check out on a first-come-first-served basis.

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during wet periods more water flows in from smaller rivers to the north in Iowa. Meanwhile, the channel opens up wider as the Mississippi River flows past St. Louis and cuts its way to the south allowing more water to enter from the Ohio River. It is this wider channel and the higher levels of the Missouri River that make severe flooding unlikely.

"You'll see some water backing up at St. Charles, but not much farther upstream," Fuchs said. "At Washington it's going to be coming down pretty hard after Thursday and should be below flood stage by Saturday - so long as we don't get any more rain."

"The water's been terrible. Everything's gone to hell in a hand basket." DAVE DAVIS Coopers Landing camper

Missouri River south of Columbia. Dale Davis, who camps at Cooper's Landing, closed Smith Hatchery and Easley roads, the main access points to the site, leaving the MKT Trail near Easley Road as the only way for people to get to the station.

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people who enjoy reading good books to get together and talk about them and to learn more about the subjects of whatever the particular book covers," Karen Entzinn, a reading panel member, said.

Abromovich said in spite of the book's being set nearly a century ago, "The Whistling Season" may have a particular resonance with Columbia residents, as it teaches us on issues the city and community are dealing with today.

"In this book, they're talking about consolidation of schools, and we talk about consolidation of schools," Abromovich said. "The book is about education, and education is at the forefront of a lot of people in Columbia's minds right now."

This is not the first time a city has selected Doig's work for a community reading program.

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The book has been featured as a statewide read in South Dakota as well as in Loveland, Colo., and Corvallis, Ore.

"(In Corvallis), students were running seminars in coffee shops early in the morning for patrons who wanted to learn about "The Whistling Season," Doig said. "So the wonderful sense of literary fellowship is what comes across to me when communities do this kind of reading."

Programs and discussion groups for this year's One Read selection will begin after Labor Day.

McKenzie said the group is hoping to have a program at the planetarium at Rock Bridge High School because Halley's Comet plays a role in the book. "Some stargazing would be fun," she said.

McKenzie said a month's worth of programs, including music programs and an art show, are also in the works; an estimated 2,700 people attended last year's programs.

Abromovich said opportunities to discuss "Three Cups of Tea" will also be available.

She said the primary goal of the program is to get people to read and discuss.

"My hope is that many, many people in Columbia will be reading this book, and you can go almost anywhere and find someone to discuss the book with," Abromovich said.

In addition to the themes and patterns in his writing, Doig said he hopes One Read participants will find the essence of a certain Missouri writer in his work.

"I hope Columbia and the good people of Missouri will take some of the fun from the book," Doig said. "I hope there's a little bit of the spirit of Mark Twain there."

Jane Mudd selected to create art for Fire Station No. 7.

KEVIN ROBERTS news@columbiasmissourian.com

The City Council agreed to commission a new piece of public art at its meeting Monday night. The work, by local artist Jane Mudd of Fulton, will adorn Fire Station No. 7. Mudd is a graduate of fine arts at William Woods University and currently has a display of her work at the Orr Street Gallery.

The project will be funded, and is currently set at $13,000, with an additional $2,000 coming from the Share the Light program's fund for public art. Share the Light is a donation-based program that residents contribute to by specifying an area of interest on their monthly utility bill.

The committee, which helped pick Mudd, began its selection process by requesting applications from approximately 100 artists residing in or around Boone County, according to reports submitted to counsel.

Mudd was selected out of with the city; Mudd has 60 days to submit a proposal design to the council for approval. The committee's first commission was just granted and the contract has not been signed, Mary Nau, the Office of Cultural Affairs' manager, estimated a first design approval meeting would happen in early October.

The installation date should be sometime in spring 2009, she said.

"I'm anticipating she will work this summer," Hunter said.

Fire Station No. 7, currently located next to the Fire Station No. 6, is scheduled to be moved to a new location, 301 S. Sixth St., in the fall of 2009. The station is currently undergoing renovations and will be completed by the end of the year. The new station is expected to be completed in time for the move, which is scheduled for late summer 2009.

The City Council also agreed to commission a new piece of public art next year at the Fire Station No. 6, located at 200 S. Fourth St. The project will be funded through the Share the Light program, and applications from artists will be accepted in the fall of 2009.

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WATER LOGGED

With more water on its way south, sandbaggers take pains to fortify Missouri cities along the Mississippi as forecasters predict river levels to surpass records set during the historic Flood of '93. Story on Page 8A

American West tale picked as One Read winner

By ANNIE NELSON
of the Tribune's staff

It seems Columbus is more interested in reading about the history of the American West than the current situation in the Middle East, if this year's selection for the library's One Read program is any indication.

Doyne McKenzie, co-chair of the One Read reading panel with the Daniel Boone Regional Library, said Ivan Doig's "The Whistling Season" entered 295 votes compared to the 254 votes earned by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin's "Three Cups of Tea."

"The Whistling Season" is about the role a one-room schoolhouse plays in the lives of early 20th-century Montana homesteaders. "Three Cups of Tea" is the nonfiction story of mountaineer Greg Mortenson, who began building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The two books were selected by a task force out of 192 suggestions from the public.

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"I just think that the overall message of that book, about loving and education and growing up as a family, is a message that people wanted to have for the One Read more than the world peace message," Riback said.

Set in the 1908-1910 school year, "The Whistling Season" delves into many themes, including surviving the death of a loved one, farming in the arid West, the power of knowledge and language, Halley's comet, turn-of-the-century sports and the moral debate in a decision to keep or tell a secret. "We can talk about family, secrets, planets - in fact, we are going to have at least one program on the heavens," McKenzie said, "and it allows us to talk about that period, the movement west."

The book's themes will provide an intellectual foundation for more of a month of events beginning after Labor Day and ending Oct. 4. The One Read task force is still planning events, McKenzie said.

Copies of "The Whistling Season" will not be available at the library until tomorrow.

Doig said he was inspired to write his eighth novel by the history of the 300,000 people - three times Columbus' population - who moved to Montana to create a society out of thin air.

After the loss of his wife, Milliron patriarch Oliver decides to hire a housekeeper. Rose Llewellyn arrives from Minneapolis with her University of Chicago-educated brother, Morris Morgan, an affable but nearly useless man when it comes to housekeeping. After a short stint chopping wood and cleaning chicken coops, Morgan becomes the best teacher the one-room schoolhouse has ever had, but buried secrets soon surface.

Doig was born in 1939 in White Sulphur Springs, Mont., and worked as a ranch hand before leaving the state to study journalism.

Doig's parents - a ranch hand and a ranch cook with little more than eighth-grade educations - attended one-room schoolhouses.

Doig's mother died when he was 6.

"Gratifying is ... too weak a term to say what a thrill this is, that an entire community will enter a kind of fellowship of reading stuff you had not around" two to three "years by yourself thinking up," Doig said. "You tend to think, 'Hey, maybe it was worth all that.'"

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"I think a positive message, a positive foundation for more than a month of events beginning with the day after Labor Day," Oct. 4. The One Read task force is still playing some copies. Copies of "The Whistling Season" will eventually available at the library, Barnes & Noble and Brickyard Books.

Dolg said he was surprised to win the eighth time he has tried with his 23,000-person group. Three times Columbia's population — who moved to Missouri to escape a crisis of the 1970s — how his group has changed. "The stories of the book, his stories, have become stories of (the area)."

Of all of his, Mr. Paulson's favorite is a headline writer. Louise Lowery, an assistant director of the University of Chicago's Chicago-based, Mr. Moos, an actor who not only wrote it but also uses it when it comes to homesteading. After a short sten. picking and cleaning chicken, coop, Morgan becomes the leader of the first seven student in the homestead house that will be named the "American West". Morgan becomes the leader of the first seven student in the homestead house that will be named the "American West".

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"Going for the gold"

COLUMBIA DAILY

Fifth murder suspect arrested

By SARA SEMELKA
of the Tribune's staff

Quillian Jacobs turns himself in to police.

By JORDAN RAUBUCH
of the Tribune's staff

Promoters pitch idea for sales tax.

Rethinking downtown

COMMENT ON THE PLAN

What: Town hall meetings to discuss the Special Business District.

When: Oct. 5, 6, 7.

Where: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 5, 6; 2 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 6; 6 p.m. Thursday Oct. 7.

Contact: SBID assistant director, Kale Kadle, 444-6844. Public comments and feedback can also be submitted at www.municipalcenter-trist.com.

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BUSINESS

Gooding for the gold

Promoters pitch idea for sales tax.

By JORDAN RAUBUCH
of the Tribune's staff

Downtown property owners and stakeholders will have a chance to weigh in on a proposal to revamp the Special Business District, including an idea to charge a special sales tax to pay for new streets to serve Downtown businesses.

Two town hall meetings are planned to discuss the details of a strategic plan developed by Downtown Management Association, which included restructuring the downtown organizations.

Mary Wilkinson, chairman of the Downtown Organization, said the document is a work in progress. "Our main goal is to make people in the downtown," Wilkinson said.

The meetings, which are open to the public, are scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 5, Wednesday Oct. 6 and 6:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 7.

Downtown, the city council appointed a board of downtown business and property owners to improve the appearance and economic vitality of Downtown. Property owners could directly control the money the downtown organizations and the city fund the organization through a special sales tax.

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According to survey, 62.1 percent of participating businesses and downtown organizations are interested in forming an ID and would be willing to pay new sales tax to improve their downtown businesses. Before a CID could be established, the city council must issue a bond by ordinance at the request of a property owner of downtown property. The bond would be paid by a sales tax, which would be levied on sales of more than 1 percent of property sales tax.

"We do not want to be in the business of creating a grand new sales tax. We are, however, interested in a sales tax that is a sales tax," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson said if the survey results, the city council could develop an idea that would be in line with the downtown organizations and the city fund the organization through a special sales tax.

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By ANN GOWERS

One of the girls who regularly came in our conversation with friends, who now is all grown up and getting along better with her fellow students. Trying to be a jock, she was among family members and friends and relations of the girls and boys we knew who were living in the city.

The Parent-child relations

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Grill explosions during Father's Day cookout

Fireworks with local chef

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The Chicago Tribune is proud to announce its new feature, “The Parent-child relations.” This column aims to provide insights and guidance on the complex dynamics of relationships between parents and children.

Dr. Bill Clark

Bill Clark is a renowned expert in the field of parent-child relations. His research has focused on understanding the challenges and joys of raising children in today's fast-paced world.

Dr. Clark, who is currently working on a book on the topic, will be sharing his insights and experiences in this column. He will offer practical advice and guidance to help parents navigate the complexities of modern-day parenting.

The Parent-child relations column will cover a wide range of topics, including communication, discipline, and bonding.

Dr. Clark believes that understanding the unique needs and challenges of each child is crucial in building strong, healthy relationships. He will share stories and tips that can help parents connect with their children on a deeper level.

In his first column, Dr. Clark will discuss the importance of open communication in parent-child relationships. He will highlight how effective communication can lead to stronger bonds and a better understanding between parents and children.

Dr. Clark encourages parents to be open and receptive to their children's needs and feelings. He will provide strategies for active listening and how to create a safe space for children to express themselves.

In subsequent columns, Dr. Clark will cover topics such as setting boundaries, resolving conflicts, and fostering a growth mindset.

Stay tuned for Dr. Clark's next column on the importance of play and its role in children's development.

The Parent-child relations column will be hosted by Dr. Bill Clark and will be published every Wednesday. To learn more about Dr. Clark and his upcoming columns, visit the Chicago Tribune website or subscribe to receive updates directly to your inbox.

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Dr. Bill Clark's kick-off event of the Chicago Tributes Brenton Park located in the West Loop neighborhood of the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Clark's keynote address will focus on the importance of effective communication in parent-child relationships. He will share practical tips and strategies that parents can use to strengthen their bonds with their children.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with Dr. Clark and ask questions during a Q&A session. The event will also feature a panel discussion with parents and children, providing further insights into the challenges and joys of raising children.

The Parent-child relations column is supported by the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, which shares Dr. Clark's commitment to promoting a better understanding of parent-child relationships.

To learn more about Dr. Bill Clark and his upcoming columns, visit the Chicago Tribune website or subscribe to receive updates directly to your inbox.
June 17, 2008

Dear Ivan,

Here is the Tribune’s first story on your book, “The Whistling Season,” being selected for our One Read program this year.

This story is just an introduction of the book to the community. The remainder of the interview we did we plan to use in another story later on this summer.

Thank you for granting me an hour of your time on a Sunday afternoon. It was much appreciated, and it was a pleasure discussing writing with you.

Best wishes,

Annie Nelson

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Mr. Ivan Doig  
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Dear Ivan:

Over the years, I have faced and overcome fears like being a cub den mother, but am still chilled by the idea of corralling a large group of teenagers. I applaud you and your wife for being cherub counselors! It was a stimulating and unforgettable experience on the teen side at least.

We have been working on logistics and should have better information next week. Since I am going to be gone May 21-26th, I decided to update you so far.

We have a problem with September 5th as our Friends group has reserved the room we would use to set up for their annual fall book sale. If push comes to shove, we can schedule the video conference at the University on the 5th. Meanwhile, our technical crew is corresponding with Seattle Public Library to determine all possible dates.

I know your schedule becomes less flexible as September proceeds, but could we work with a date up until September 20th? We could either combine the video conference with book discussions on September 9th or 16th or schedule it separately within that period. It would be scheduled for an evening. Please remember we are two hours ahead of Pacific Time.

Agreed on $200 to cover my expenses (prep’n, dinner out, gas) for teleconference.

For your interest, I am enclosing brochures from the past three years to illustrate the flavor of our programming.

I will forward information as it becomes available. In the meantime, please let me know if a slightly later date would work for the video conferencing.

Best,

[Signature]

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Hi Liz,

Per our discussions, Recorded Books has recently received word that Columbia Public Library in Columbia, Missouri has selected Ivan Doig's WHISTLING SEASON for their One Book, One Community program. To drum up publicity for the promotion, the local community radio station, KOPN, will be broadcasting half-hour snippets of our unabridged recording. KOPN will run the snippets 24 consecutive days, broadcasting the unabridged recording in its entirety from beginning to end.

For more information on the "One Book" program, go to http://www.loc.gov/loc/cfbook/one-book.html.

For more information on KOPN, go to http://kopn.org/.

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Dear Doyne--

Oho, a Cherub on the horizon. We more than likely did lay eyes on one another during the ‘62 Institute, when Carol and I were counselors (and although we didn’t know it at the time, prospective mates) in the journalism program.

Some quick business: how about penciling in Friday, September 5, for videoconferencing. I still have a bit of flexibility that month, so let me know as soon as you can if that will work.

The Columbia newspapers and radio stations: sure, glad to talk to them closer to the time.

I hear you about the delights of Columbia; the schedule isn’t listening. We’ll see.

Best wishes,
Mr. Ivan Doig  
17277 15th Avenue NW  
Shoreline WA 98177  

Dear Mr. Doig:  

It was delightful to visit with you yesterday afternoon on the phone. I am still mourning your tight fall schedule. The trip would be a wonderful excursion for you and your wife.  

Columbia is a beautiful small city centered on light industry – education (two colleges and the flagship campus of the state university), medicine (five hospitals), and insurance (four main/regional offices). We are located at the northern edge of the Ozarks with rolling hills and lots of trees. If your schedule became more flexible, we could meet you at the Kansas City airport and whisk you to Columbia where you could either stay at a charming bed and breakfast west of the library on Broadway or at a hotel.  

I feel we have barely missed meeting in the past. I attended Northwestern's high school institute during the summer of 1962 in the radio/tv/film program and visited Decatur several times in the 60’s with a college roommate.  

Your book has made me think a lot about my mother's family who moved from Montana in 1907, due to loss of the silver mine claim and my grandfather’s fatal illness.  

I will explore the possibility of videoconferencing during September and update you with the information. What date would work best for you?  

You will also very likely be contacted by Columbia’s two newspapers and two of the radio stations. They are members of our task force and provide valuable publicity for our program.  

Again, if your schedule loosens up, please consider Columbia as a getaway! June is beautiful here; July and August are less so.  

Sincerely yours,  
Doyne McKenzie, One Read Co-Chair  
Collection Development Manager  

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TO: Mr. Ivan Doig

FAX #: 206-542-6658

FROM: Freddy Velez

RE: 2008 One Read Book Invitation

Dear Mr. Doig:

On behalf of Ms. Blankenship I am sending you a fax for an invitation that was emailed to us. It was addressed to you. Please feel free to get in touch with Ms. Blankenship if you have any questions regarding this invitation.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Freddy Velez
Publicity Assistant
Velez, Freddy (HTP-NYC)

From: Velez, Freddy (HTP-NYC)  
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2008 12:38 PM  
To: Velez, Freddy (HTP-NYC)  
Subject: RE: Contact from Doyne McKenzie through the HarcourtBooks.com website

-----Original Message-----
From: Doyne McKenzie [mailto:dmckenzie@dbrl.org]  
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2008 3:13 PM  
To: Hamilton, Stephen P. (HTP-SDG)  
CC: 'Sally Abromovich'  
Subject: RE: Contact from Doyne McKenzie through the HarcourtBooks.com website

Dear Steve:

This is breaking news -- The Whistling Season has been chosen as the 2008 One Read Book for our two county regional library. We would like to make contact with Ivan Doig regarding the possibility of his coming to Columbia in September as part of our 4-week long programming about the book.

Information on our One Read program can be reached at oneread.dbrl.org. You may view our programs since its inception in 2002.

I have not heard from the person to whom you were forwarding my query.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Best,

Doyne McKenzie, One Read Co-Chair  
Collection Development Manager  
Daniel Boone Regional Library  
100 West Broadway  
Columbia, MO 65203  
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-----Original Message-----
From: Hamilton, Stephen P. (HTP-SDG) [mailto:Stephen.Hamilton@harcourt.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 10:17 AM  
To: dmckenzie@dbrl.org  
Subject: RE: Contact from Doyne McKenzie through the HarcourtBooks.com website

Hello, Doyne,

Thank you for contacting us to invite Ivan Doig to your One Read program. I've forwarded your request to someone here who should be able to answer your question, and expect that they will get back to you very shortly. In the event that they don't respond this week, please send me another email and I'll pursue it with them.

Thank you!

Steve Hamilton  
Internet Marketing Manager  
Harcourt Trade Publishers

-----Original Message-----
From: dmckenzie@dbrl.org [mailto:dmckenzie@dbrl.org]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 7:42 AM  
To: Tradewebmaster  
Subject: Contact from Doyne McKenzie through the HarcourtBooks.com website

I am co-chair of the One Read community wide reading program for Daniel Boone Regional
Library in Columbia, MO. Ivan Doig's The Whistling Season is one of the finalists for the 2008 One Read selection. I would like to know the possibility of Mr. Doig's appearance in Missouri during September or October 2008 as part of our 4 week block of programming around the final book. The public voting will end April 18th. We will know which book has been chosen at that time.

4/23 phone conversation w/ Doyne: told her I couldn't give any real hope of getting to Columbia, unless some stroke of Harcourt scheduling made it possible. She asked about possibility of a video interview, I said I'd consider that, suggested King Co. Library system or Seattle Public. Sent her copy of Deadwood discussion talk, bio & pic.
Lessons on Community Are Found
in the Rooms of Our Childhood

By Cathy Salter

For each of us, there comes a time when as a child, we make the momentous
journey from the insular familiarity of family to the community of an elementary school. Because my father was a career Air Force officer, the elementary schools that I attended were located within the bounds of the particular military base at which my father was currently stationed. Whenever he was reassigned in a new location, my sisters and I changed not only houses, but schools as well. Thus, when September rolled around, my classmates were a totally new population.

Then, in 1958 my father was transferred to the Pentagon and for the next four years, I experienced life in a classic American suburb. Our home was in the northern Virginia community of McLean, not far from Washington, D.C. My 8th grade year, I attended a relatively new high school with a mixture of kids—some new to the area like me, and others who had lived in the same neighborhood and attended school together since kindergarten.

For me, the perennial new kid on the block, the idea of attending the first eight grades with the same roster of kids in the same neighborhood school building was a concept I could hardly fathom. That first fall of my life in suburban America, I envied my new friendship circle their deep roots in the community and entered McLean High’s spirited academic world eager to fit into.

All this month, community-wide discussions and events are scheduled for the Daniel Boone Library’s One Read selection, Ivan Doig’s “The Whistling Season.” The author—a former ranch hand, newspaperman and magazine editor who was born in White Sulphur Springs, Montana—had the following to say after “The Whistling Season” was selected as Boone County’s 2008 One Read:

“My narrator in ‘The Whistling Season,’ Paul Milliron, educator and bookman and graduate of a one-room school that he was, would have fully known the value of a community read, all the way from its linguistic beginnings. ‘Communitas,’ the root of our usage of ‘community’—in Paul’s well thumbed Latin-to-English dictionary, these several meanings of ‘communitas’ are given: ‘sharing, partnership, social ties, fellowship, togetherness.’ What better rewards could readers and writers alike ask for, than the common ground of literary fellowship through reading.”

Reviewing Doig’s novel for a recent discussion group at Ashland’s library, I recalled my own early school settings where many of my life’s earliest lessons were learned. In Doig’s novel, Paul Milliron points out that the Marais Coulee schoolyard of his seventh grade school year (1909-1910) was divided like a continent of “brawling nationalities”—the Slavs (the Stoyanovs and Drobney brothers) don’t get along with the Swedes (the Johannsons and Myrdals), and the proverbial bully (Eddie Turley) doesn’t
get along with anyone. In this one-room community comprised of the children of Montana dryland farmers, immigrants, and migrant project people, “grudge fights” took on the status of “nationality brawls.”

While early twentieth century one-room schools were largely rural worlds unto their own, they also offered children a window on a larger world through the subject of geography. In the opening pages of “The Whistling Season,” Paul, age 13, is sitting with his father and two younger brothers at the kitchen table. Doig points out that Paul is doing his geography assignment.

In 1987, my father sent me a 1915 Pennsylvania edition of “Dodge’s Advanced Geography,” first published in 1904 by Rand McNally & Co. Paul may very well have been studying from an earlier Montana edition of the same geography text. In an attached note, Dad explained that his older brother Bob wanted Kit and me to have it. “It was issued to your Uncle Bob around 1917 at Cooney Town, a one-room school in West Finley Township, PA—not too far from Wheeling, WV. Bob (82), along with his brother Harry (87) and sisters Hazel (90) and Pansey (84) were four of the fourteen students in the one-room school—eight grades.

“I remember spending hours poring over this book, more than 50 years ago,” Dad recalled in his note. “The pictures leaped off the pages when I looked at it last week. Geography was a major part of our curriculum in those days, along with arithmetic, history and grammar.”

Dad’s 1987 recollections of the worlds within that well-thumbed 1915 geography book are mirrored by Paul in “The Whistling Season” when as Montana’s State Superintendent of Schools, he returns home in 1957 to Marais Coulee, faced with the dilemma of having to determine the fate of the state’s one-room schools.

“Childhood,” Paul reflects as he ponders his decision, “is the one story that stands by itself in every soul…. As surely as a compass needle knows north, that is what draws me to these remindful rooms, as if the answer I need at the end of the day is written in the dust that carpets them.”

The “Whistling Season” is one read not to be missed.
2008 One Read program calendar

One Read, a communitywide reading program sponsored by the Title IIIB Reading Initiative and the American Library Association’s One Book, One Community reading program, will present a free, community-wide book discussion every month. For more information, call 651-930-0022.

March 7: "The Whipping Season" by Sherman Alexie

April 4: "The Whipping Season" soilbtek book broadcast

May 2: "The Whipping Season" radio

June 6: "The Whipping Season" radio

July 4: "The Whipping Season" radio

August 8: "The Whipping Season" radio

September 5: "The Whipping Season" radio

October 3: "The Whipping Season" radio

November 7: "The Whipping Season" radio

December 5: "The Whipping Season" radio

One Read calendar at www.columbiacitylibrary.com. For more information, call 651-930-0022.

"The Whipping Season" is a novel by Sherman Alexie, a Pojokancho (Spokane/Cayuse) Native American. Alexie’s work has been described as both a celebration and an accusation of Indian life today.

First-ever book discussion series includes readings of a novel with Alexie, radio programs, book clubs, and a soilbtek book broadcast. The discussions, directed and moderated by Sherman, will focus on the content of the book, the author’s personality and life, and the book’s place in the world.

First book discussion: "The Whipping Season" soilbtek book broadcast

Wednesday, March 7, 2008 at 7:30 PM

At the Traverse Inn, 2801 University Ave. NE, Minneapolis

 objetivo: correo electrónico

Raza and delivered a powerful message about native american culture, its history, family living, and the place of the earth in the native culture.

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Visual Arts

Leslie Geary

Niche

A weekly peak at an area artist

It’s also been three on a course," she says. "I don’t think of myself as a Tiger— I’m not sacrificing for my work," she laughs. "Who wants to be a Tiger?" Geary, who calls herself an "avant-garde" style of per son, says the only piece she really loves is in her large home studio.

"I’m kind of half realist’s model and half artist’s model," says a woman who is seated in front of a canvas. "The other woman is the one that gets her hair done," she says, "The other woman is the one that gets her hair done." Geary is sitting in her large home studio.

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One Read is a community-wide reading project sponsored by the Library and local businesses.

This year's book is "The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig, and people all over Mid-Missouri are reading and talking about it.

Check out your copy today and join your friends and neighbors for book discussions and other events during September.

See pages 4-11 for a listing of programs and more about the book and author.

Or, visit ONERead.DBRL.ORG.
From the Director

Congratulations and thank you are due to Frances Bush who is celebrating 40 years of service to the patrons of DBRL! While attending high school, Frances chose to do an internship at the library, then located on 7th Street in downtown Columbia. Library Director Gene Martin was so impressed with Frances that he hired her to work in the Circulation Department.

Frances joined the Outreach staff in 1981, when the library started the Books by Mail service. During that time, she helped mail close to 20,000 items and worked with 2,000 Books by Mail patrons. Since then, Frances has provided a wide range of library services to our Outreach patrons and continues to hold down the command center in the Outreach Department. I am grateful that Frances has devoted her talents to our organization for 40 years!

I would also like to thank Patsy Craghead who served as a DBRL Trustee from the Callaway County Library District for 12 years. A recently retired media specialist for the Missouri School for the Deaf, Patsy also worked at the Callaway and Columbia Public Libraries early in her work life. I have greatly enjoyed working with Patsy in all of these capacities. She is a tireless advocate for libraries and has been a joy to work with over the years. She remains on the Friends of the Callaway County Public Library board.

Let me introduce Shawn Cockrum as our new board member, filling the position vacated by Patsy. Shawn lives in New Bloomfield and is director for the Missouri Migrant Education and English Language Learning Program. He is a former New Bloomfield School Board member. I know he will be a great asset to the board with his work and volunteer background.

Shawn’s first official meeting was a special Friday night and Saturday morning board training session. Part of this training was in preparation for strategic planning the board will begin in September. It is time for the regional board to revisit our library service priorities and methods for delivery. The Ellen Miller Group of Lenexa, Kansas will be leading the process. A specialist in library planning, Ellen began her career as a librarian with the Library of Congress and has served as a Friend and trustee, and she is the co-author of “Library Board Strategic Guide: Going to the Next Level.”

The members of the DBRL Board of Trustees collectively govern the library system by setting policies and making budget decisions. They also act as library advocates, promoting the important role libraries play in strengthening our community and educating citizens. I am grateful to all 19 of them for the time they volunteer to DBRL.

Melissa Carr

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

All Daniel Boone Regional Library facilities will be CLOSED:
- Sunday, August 31 & Monday, September 1
- Thursday, November 27

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NEW WEB SITE PREVIEW IN SEPTEMBER

We will soon unveil our new web site, which we hope will be more useful and easier to use. Responding to user requests and usage patterns, we have built the new web site with the intent that the most important features will be more easily accessible. Searching the catalog, accessing your library account, and finding information and reading suggestions are now much more prominently displayed on the home page.

We are also developing new content and features. We will have a new section of subject guides with links and resources on popular topics like business, health, law, music and sports and current topics like the election.

Our collection of electronic resources is also being expanded and reorganized. The new web site will make it easier to discover and access our subscription resources like HeritageQuest for genealogy, EBSCOhost for magazines and newspaper articles and NoveList for authors, titles and reviews. To make it easier to find something to read, you will be able to sign up for e-mail newsletters with recommendations in your favorite genres, and, with the Online Book Clubs service, you can receive short, daily excerpts from popular books to help you decide if you would like to read more.

Please check our web site, www.dbrl.org, early in September for more information and a special preview of the new site. Please share any comments or suggestions by visiting the contact page of our web site or by sending an e-mail to comments@dbrl.org.

PLAYAWAYS: SELF-CONTAINED AUDIOBOOKS

This fall, we are adding Playaways, a new way to listen to audiobooks. Playaways are small audio players pre-loaded with one audiobook. You check out the player, use your own headphones to listen (or purchase a set from us for $1.50), then return the player. This is a simple way to listen to audiobooks in a very portable format. Playaway titles will primarily be the newest fiction releases. Look for more information at your library or posted on www.dbrl.org when Playaways are available. This project is partially funded by the Friends of the Columbia Public Library.

NEW RESOURCES ON WWW.DBRL.ORG

Our online resources, which you’ll find at www.dbrl.org/db, offer everything from magazine and newspaper articles to auto repair information and practice tests. Following is a little bit about some of our newest additions.

CultureGrams Online is a great social studies tool with maps, photo galleries, an index of famous people with short biographies and recipes for each of the countries of the world.

Books and Authors offers information about titles, authors and genres, and allows you to create your own “reading room” for saving personal book lists, reviews, book searches, etc.

Dance in Video & Opera in Video feature streaming video of dance and opera productions and documentaries of the most influential performers and companies of the 20th century.

OneSource Business Browser provides profiles and in-depth information on U.S. and international companies.

Tumble Book Library is a collection of animated, talking picture books created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to books that kids can read or listen to on the computer, including such favorites as “The Paper Bag Princess” and “Jack and the Beanstalk” for younger kids and “Black Beauty” for older children.

Value Line Investment Survey offers full-page reports, analyst commentaries and rankings of stocks.

World Book Online Reference Center contains every article from the 22-volume print encyclopedia plus multimedia, maps and editor-reviewed web sites.
Join in One READ 2008!

*One Read*, is now in its seventh year. This comprehensive program involves cities, counties, media, schools and businesses in encouraging adults of all ages to read one book and participate in thought-provoking discussion and activities.

The idea of having as many people as possible read a single book originated in Seattle. It has since spread to many other cities and some whole states. Credit for the original idea is given to Nancy Pearl, a Seattle librarian. “It’s based on the idea of community. My idea was that people would come together who would never come together any other way. Literature brings them together because a book touches them,” she said.

Here’s what this year’s author had to say about participating in One Read:

My narrator in “The Whistling Season,” Paul Milliron, educator and bookman and graduate of a one-room school that he was, would have fully known the value of a community read, all the way from its linguistic beginnings. “Communitas,” the root of our usage of “community”—in Paul’s well-thumbed Latin-to-English dictionary, these several meanings of “communitas” are given: “sharing, partnership, social ties, fellowship, togetherness.” What better rewards could readers and writer alike ask for, than the common ground of literary fellowship through reading?

Regards, Ivan Doig

Choosing the Book and the Runner-Up

Each winter, the public submits suggestions for next year’s book. In January, a panel of community members reviews the suggestions, narrowing that list down to 10 titles, and then chooses two or three books to present for a public vote.

This past April, 560 people voted and chose this book over “Three Cups of Tea,” by Greg Mortenson & David Oliver Relin, a nonfiction book about Mortenson’s efforts building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

“Three Cups of Tea” author Greg Mortenson will be visiting Columbia in September as part of MU’s Summer Reading program. His lecture and a handful of other programs related to this runner-up title are listed amongst the other One Read programs in our calendar.
About the Book

"Can't cook, but doesn't bite." It is only the line atop a classified advertisement in a weekly newspaper, that of "an A-1 housekeeper, sound morals, exceptional disposition" seeking to relocate to Montana early in the twentieth century. But for young Paul Milliron, his two younger brothers and his widower father, and his rambunctious fellow students in their one-room school, it spells abracadabra.

Paul is the voice of the book: a bit wry, contemplative, and literally bedeviled by dreams...[He has become] the state superintendent of education, and at the vantage point of 1957, strapped for budget...[there are] powerful political pressures on him to "consolidate" the rural one-room schools, which will be the death knell of those perky idiosyncratic little institutions such as the one that produced him at Marias Coulee.

Before his crucial convocation of rural educators to give them his decision, though, he impulsively drives out to Marias Coulee...There the story begins, with Paul swept back in memory to 1910 when the Milliron family's hard-bargained new housekeeper, Rose Llewellynn, and her unannounced brother step down from the train, "bringing several kinds of education to the waiting four of us."

—from the author, originally published by Powell's Books (excerpted)

About the Author

Ivan Doig was born in White Sulphur Springs, Montana, growing up along the Rocky Mountain Front where much of his writing takes place. His first book, "This House of Sky," was a finalist for the National Book Award in 1979. Doig is a former ranch hand, newspaperman and magazine editor. He lives in Seattle with his wife Carol.

Videoconference With Ivan Doig

Tuesday, September 23, 7 p.m.

In Columbia: Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
In Fulton: William Woods Library Auditorium

One Read author Ivan Doig will join us for a talk and discussion tonight live via satellite from Seattle, Washington. Due to the publication this October of his next book, "The Eleventh Man," he won't be able to visit in person, but he will take your questions at this videoconference.

One Read 2008 "The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig
In Columbia

Book Talk With the Mayor and Mrs. Hindman
Wednesday, September 3, 6:30-8 p.m.
Newcomer School, Shelter Gardens
Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman and his wife Axie will discuss the book in this replica one-room schoolhouse.

Book Talk With Tribune Columnist Bill Clark
Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
Columnist and amateur historian Bill Clark has written about one-room schoolhouses as part of Columbia’s history.

Book Talk With the One Read Co-Chairs
Monday, September 8, 10 a.m.
Columbia Public Library, Virginia G. Young Room
Discuss the book with Sally Abromovich & Doyne McKenzie.

Runner-Up Book Talk With Curt Morgret
Monday, September 15, 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
Curt Morgret, a One Read panelist, will discuss “Three Cups of Tea” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

Book Talk With Library Board Members
Tuesday, September 16, Noon
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
Discuss with DBRL Board President Terry Higgins and board members Marie Glaze and David Webber.

One Read Panel Discussion
Thursday, September 18, 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
KFRU’s David Lile will moderate a discussion with Wayne Anderson, MU psychology dept.; David Shenker, MU classics dept.; Tim Lloyd, of KBXR; and historian Dianne Hart Miller.

In Columbia

Book Talk With Dr. Robert Boon
Thursday, September 25, 6-7 p.m.
Columbia College, Landers English Parlor in Missouri Hall
Dr. Robert Boon, professor of literature at Columbia College, will take a critical look at Doig’s writing style.

“The Whistling Season” Goes to College
Tuesday, September 30, 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
Panelists are Brad Lookingbill, Columbia College prof. of history; Leslie Willey, Stephens English dept. & Children’s School; and Sarah Barber, Ph.D. English candidate at MU.

In Fulton

First Wednesday Book Discussion
Wednesday, September 3, Noon-1 p.m
Callaway County Public Library, Friends Room
Discuss the book at this monthly Fulton gathering.

Runner-Up Book Talk With Dr. Barney Forsythe
Tuesday, September 9, 7-8 p.m.
Callaway County Public Library, Friends Room
Dr. Barney Forsythe, President of Westminster College, will discuss “Three Cups of Tea” by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin, and Dr. Sardar Sherzad will discuss growing up in the Afghan school system.

In Ashland

Book Talk With Charlie Campbell
Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m.
SoBoCo Public Library
Former Ashland mayor Dr. Charlie Campbell attended the one-room Liberty School in Benton County, MO. He also helped his father, president of the board of education, to consolidate rural schools in the 1950s.

One Read 2008 "The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig
**BOOK DISCUSSIONS & MOVIES**

**In Hallsville**

**Book Talk With Teacher Ruby Robinson**  
**Thursday, September 11, 7-8 p.m.**  
Hallsville City Hall  
Ruby Robinson is a retired teacher who taught in one-room schools. Come to discuss the book and reminisce.

**In Harrisburg**

**Book Talk With Representative Paul Quinn**  
**Tuesday, September 16, 7-8 p.m.**  
Harrisburg Community VFW Hall  
Discuss the book with 9th District State Representative Paul Quinn. Like Oliver Milliron in the book, Rep. Quinn is a widower who raised five children. He'll discuss the Milliron family dynamics.

**In Holts Summit**

**Holts Summit Book Talk**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 7-8 p.m.**  
Central Bank, Holts Summit  
Come talk about the book and your own school memories.

**In Sturgeon**

**Book Talk With Representative Paul Quinn**  
**Monday, September 8, 7-8 p.m.**  
Sturgeon High School Library  
Discuss the book with 9th District State Rep. Paul Quinn.

**In Williamsburg**

**Book Talk and Stargazing**  
**With Commissioner Fritz and Professor Kyger**  
**Friday, September 26, 7-8 p.m.**  
Crane's Museum, Williamsburg  
Callaway County Presiding Commissioner Lee Fritz will lead a discussion and professor Joe Kyger from William Woods will demonstrate WWU's new telescope.

**Movie in Columbia**

**Documentary: “To Be and To Have”**  
**Monday, September 22, 6 p.m.**  
Ragtag Cinema, 10 Hitt St.  
This intimate portrait of a one-room schoolhouse in rural France, centers on teacher George Lopez, who nurtures ages 3-11 in school subjects and life lessons. Free screening

**Movies at William Woods, in Fulton**

**Documentary: “Death of the Dream”**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 7 p.m.**  
William Woods Library Auditorium  
History professor Steve Hageman will present this documentary about homesteading, family farming, life on the prairie and the decline of that lifestyle.

**Documentary: “Horse Drawn Loose Haying”**  
**Monday, September 15, 7 p.m.**  
William Woods Library Auditorium  
See how Montana ranchers used to put up hay using draft horses and the “Beaver Slide.” Hosted by Linda McClaren, of WWU’s equestrian studies division.

**Clint Eastwood’s “Unforgiven”**  
**Tuesday, September 16, 7 p.m.**  
William Woods Library Auditorium  
Greg Smith, of WWU’s English and film depts., will host a viewing of this 1992 Oscar-winning revisionist Western set in the harsh landscape of the American West at the turn of the century.

**Documentary: “The Homestead Years”**  
**Tuesday, September 30 · 7 p.m.**  
William Woods Library Auditorium  
This is the story of the homestead years, told with figures, facts, music and poetry, hosted by Linda McClaren, of WWU’s equestrian studies division.

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Audiobooks on 89.5FM/KOPN

**“The Whistling Season” Audiobook Broadcast**
Every weekday, 1-2 p.m., September 2-17
Tune in to hear the audiobook version of Ivan Doig’s “The Whistling Season” in hour-long segments.

**“This House of Sky” Audiobook Broadcast**
Mondays, September 8, 15 & 22, 10-11 p.m.
“This House of Sky” is Ivan Doig’s nonfiction rendering of his Montana youth. Hear an abridged audio version of the memoir read by Doig himself, in three segments.

Stories on 89.5FM/KOPN

**The Half Pint Half Hour**
Every Tuesday in September, 4:30-5 p.m.
Tune in for readings from children’s books related to One Read, including selections from “Farmer Boy,” “The Courage of Sara Noble” and “Caddie Woodlawn.”

Music on 89.5FM/KOPN

**Music of the Spheres**
Monday, September 8, 11 p.m.-2 a.m.
“Uncommon Light” host Jeff Wheeler will introduce you to astrophysicist Dr. Fiorella Terezi’s music generated by star clusters and galaxies.

**Rootin’ Tootin’ Cowboy Radio**
Sunday, September 14, Noon-3 p.m.
The Radio Ranger presents a bona fide cowboy show full of quirky cowboy songs, lingo and ropin’ and wranglin’ good times.

Litanies on the Penny Whistle
Sunday, September 14, 3-5 p.m.
Carol Goodnick, host of “Strike the Gay Harp,” brings us live and recorded music on the penny whistle, an instrument that brings Scotland and Ireland and Montana highlands closer together.

Hepcat’s Harmonica Holiday
Thursday, September 25, 3-3:30 p.m.
Host Rosetta Stone will feature whistling and harmonica tunes during the first hour of “Hepcat’s Holiday.”

Live Music

**An Old-Fashioned Music Program**
Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, North Terrace (outside)
Alan Nellis, professional musician and musicologist, and guests will perform and discuss the music of 1909-1910.

**Music With Alan Nellis**
Thursday, September 18, 7-8 p.m.
Callaway Senior Center, 531 Commons Dr., Fulton
Alan Nellis and the Callaway Community Singers will perform and discuss popular music of 1909-1910. Enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream social before the show.

In Harmony
Friday, September 26, 7 p.m.
Cherry Street Artisan, Downtown Columbia
Enjoy the songs and harmonies popular in 1910, as sung by the Boonslick Chordbusters & Heart of Missouri Sweet Adelines.
Enter the Regional One Read Art Show
This art contest is open to anyone of any age in Mid-Missouri. The theme is "Beneath a Prairie Sky." Submit art by September 22 to your library or bookmobile. One entry per artist. Visit oneread.dbrl.org for full guidelines.

Art & Theater in Columbia

Schoolhouse Miniatures Display
Throughout September
Columbia Public Library, Children’s Area
Presented by Dick and Sarah Klingbeil, of Treasure Hill Doll House Miniatures in Fulton.

Boone County One-Room Schoolhouses
Opening: Thursday, September 11, 7 p.m.
Exhibit on display September 11-October 20
Walters-Boone County Historical Museum,
3801 Ponderosa St., Columbia
A talk by director and curator Deborah Slade Thompson opens this exhibit of pictures of Boone County one-room schools. Museum open hours: Wed.-Sun., 12:30-4:30 p.m.

One Read Art Show: “Beneath a Prairie Sky”
Friday, September 26-Sunday, September 28
Cherry Street Artisan, Downtown Columbia

One Read on Stage
Saturday and Sunday, September 27 & 28, 12:30-1 p.m.
Columbia Festival of the Arts, Literary Arts Stage,
Government Building, Courthouse Square
Enjoy a scene from the book performed by members of Performing Arts in Children’s Education (PACE).

Art in Fulton

William Woods Student Art Exhibit Opening:
“Beneath a Prairie Sky”
Wednesday, September 17, 4-7 p.m.
William Woods Kemper Center for the Arts, Fulton
Art professors Terry Martin and Jane Mudd will open this student exhibit interpreting the book in mixed media.

One Read Art Show: “Beneath a Prairie Sky”
Monday, September 29-Friday, October 10
Callaway County Public Library, Fulton

Art in Ashland

One Read Art Show: “Beneath a Prairie Sky”
Monday, September 29-Friday, October 3
SoBoCo Library and Ashland Area Businesses
The show in Ashland is cosponsored by the Southern Boone Chamber of Commerce.
### PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

#### Radio Presentations on 89.5FM/KOPN

**One Read News**  
*Tuesday, September 2, 5-6 p.m.*  
“News at Five” host Steve Spellman will give overviews and interviews as we gear up for One Read events.

**Women’s Issues, Women’s Voices in “The Whistling Season”**  
*Thursday, September 11, 7-8 p.m.*  
“Women’s Issues, Women’s Voices” hosts will focus on the history of housekeeping and compare the early 20th century woman to her modern counterpart.

**“Evening Edition” Explores Social Issues in Afghanistan**  
*Tuesday, September 16, 6-7 p.m.*  
Inspired by “Three Cups of Tea,” the runner-up title, host Mark Haim will explore the political and social upheaval Greg Mortenson faces building schools in Afghanistan.

**“Your Health Matters”**  
*Wednesday, September 24, 6-7 p.m.*  
Inspired by the prize-fighting tucked into “The Whistling Season,” host Jeff Frey will discuss sports and head trauma with neurosurgeon Dr. Chris Wolf.

**“Farm and Fiddle”**  
*Wednesday, September 24, 7-8 p.m.*  
Learn about water use and agricultural issues related to the book.

**“Public Affairs” One Read Panel Discussion**  
*Thursday, September 25, 5-6 p.m.*  
Compare and contrast Doig’s nonfiction memoir, “This House of Sky,” with the “The Whistling Season.”

**Women’s Settlement of the Western States**  
*Thursday, September 25, 7-8 p.m.*  
During “Women’s Issues, Women’s Voices,” we will discuss female settlement of the western states, exploring gender issues, the teaching profession and frontier traditions.

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#### Presentations in Fulton

**Black One-Room Schoolhouses in Missouri**  
*Thursday, September 4, 7 p.m.*  
William Woods Library Auditorium  
History professor Brett Rodgers will share his research into black one-room schoolhouses in Mid-Missouri.

**Studying the Stars**  
*Monday, September 22, 8 p.m.*  
William Woods Campus, location TBA  
Professor Joe Kyger will use WWU’s powerful new telescope to provide a tour of the skies, weather permitting.

**Horse Power**  
*Wednesday, September 24, 7 p.m.*  
William Woods Library Auditorium  
Laura Ward, of WWU’s equestrian studies division, will tell us all about horse power during the years 1880-1920.

**One-Room Schoolhouse Panel Discussion**  
*Thursday, September 25, 7-8 p.m.*  
Callaway County Public Library, Friends Room  
Robert Seelinger, Sarah Klingbeil, Chaplain Jane Smith and Nancy Lewis will reminisce and share stories about thier one-room schoolhouse experiences.

**The One-Room Schoolhouse**  
*Monday, September 29, 4 p.m.*  
William Woods Library Auditorium  
Betsy Tutt, education professor, will discuss the unique qualities of education in the American one-room schoolhouse of the early 1900s.

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#### Presentation in Callaway County

**Farming Through the Years**  
*Sunday, August 31, 2-5 p.m.*  
Terra Bella Farm, 1303 State Road M, near Auxvasse  
Local farmers will show and discuss antique farm tools and agricultural methods at the beautiful, historic Terra Bella. Sponsored by 89.5FM/KOPN.
Presentations in Columbia

Greg Mortenson Lecture, MU Summer Reading
Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.
Jesse Auditorium, MU Campus, Columbia
One Read runner-up, "Three Cups of Tea" is also MU's Summer Reading selection. Co-author Greg Mortenson will talk about building schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan and answer questions. Tickets: free for MU students or $10, at MSA/GPC box office or Ticketmaster.

KOPN Discussion About Education
Wednesday, September 17, 6:30-8 p.m.
Newcomer School at Shelter Gardens
KOPN/89.5FM will bring together teachers, students and texts from various educational backgrounds to discuss schools and community. We will also collect pennies for Pennies for Peace, part of the Central Asia Institute founded by author Greg Mortenson.

Oral Histories of One-Room Schoolhouses
Friday, September 19, 9 a.m.-Noon
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
If you have recollections of attending a one-room schoolhouse, please come share and save them for posterity. Staff of the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection will conduct and preserve these short interviews. Call 443-3161 for an appointment time.

Life in Columbia 1900-1909
Wednesday, September 24, 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
William Stolz will show us life in Columbia and Boone County at the beginning of the 20th century, as depicted in photos, letters, diaries and oral histories held by the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia.

Comet Night
Thursday, September 25, 7 p.m. (viewing begins 6:15 p.m.)
Rock Bridge High School Planetarium
Learn about comets with astronomy teacher Roy Morris. Come early or stay after for viewings with the big telescope, weather permitting. Space is limited; call 443-3161 to register beginning September 8.

Astronomy Day at Rock Bridge High
Saturday, September 27, 6 p.m.
Rock Bridge High School Planetarium
Astronomy teacher Roy Morris will offer more viewings with the telescope, weather permitting.

School Term in the River Hills
Monday, September 29, 7 p.m.
Columbia Public Library, Friends Room
Celebrated local author Betty Cook Rottmann will share her light-hearted account of a city girl's adventurous year teaching in a one-room rural Missouri school in 1941.

Presentation in Ashland

The Annie Alpha Hart Lewis One-Room Schoolhouse Collection
Monday, September 15, 7-8 p.m.
Southern Boone County Senior Center, 406 Douglas Dr.
Dianne Hart Miller will talk about her great aunt Annie Alpha Hart Lewis and her collection of pictures of Boone County one-room schoolhouses. Lewis was a teacher in Columbia and the first female superintendent of Boone County schools (1943 to 1951). Cosponsored by the newly formed Southern Boone County Historical Society.

One Read 2008  "The Whistling Season" by Ivan Doig
All three libraries in the DBRL system offer regularly occurring story times for various ages, which are listed below. We also have other programs for families with young children, so be sure to look through the general calendar pages that follow.

**Columbia Public Library**

**Rhymes and Rhythms for Pre-walkers**

10-10:30 a.m.  ▶ September 12, 29, October 6, 20, November 3, 17
6:30-7 p.m. ▶ September 22, October 14, November 11

Join us for songs, rhymes, movements and activities for the youngest among us. This program is for babies that are not yet walking confidently on their own. Parental participation is a must.

**Rhymes and Rhythms for Walkers**

Wednesdays ▶ 6:30-7 p.m. ▶ September 3, 24, October 8, 29, November 5, 19
Fridays ▶ 9:30-10 a.m. OR 10:30-11 a.m. ▶ September 5, 19, October 3, 17, November 7, 21

Join us for songs, fingerplays, flannelboards and big books just right for children younger than 24 months who are walking confidently on their own. Parental participation is a must.

**Time for Twos**

Thursdays ▶ 9:30-10 a.m. OR 10:30-11 a.m.

September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20

We will tell stories, sing songs and do activities with you and your 2-year-old.

**Family Fun Night**

Tuesdays ▶ 6:30-7 p.m.

September 23, October 7, 21, November 4, 18

Bring your family for a relaxed evening program where we’ll read stories, sing songs and do an activity. Ages 2-5.

**Family Story Time**

Tuesdays ▶ 9:30-10 a.m. OR 10:30-11 a.m.

September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18

Wednesdays ▶ 9:30-10 a.m.

September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19

Ages 3-5 and parents will enjoy stories, songs and puppets.
Callaway County Public Library

The Beginning Years
Mondays ▶ 6:30-7 p.m.
September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24
Bring your baby, age birth to 24 months, for an evening of songs, rhymes and activities. Parental participation is a must.

Terrific Twos
Mondays ▶ 10-10:30 a.m. OR 6:30-7 p.m.
September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24
Join us for songs, stories and activities for ages 24-36 months. Parental participation is a must.

Spanish/English Story Time
Tuesdays ▶ 6-6:30 p.m. ▶ September 23, October 28, November 25
Join us for stories, rhymes and more in Spanish and English. Families with children ages 2-6.
Cosponsored by University Extension.
Venga a la biblioteca para cuentos, rimas, y más en Español e Inglés. Edades 2-6.

Preschool Story Time
Tuesdays ▶ 10-10:30 a.m. OR 6:30-7 p.m.
September 9 (No 10 a.m. session), 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, 25
Bring your preschooler for stories, fingerplays, videos and simple crafts. Ages 3-5.
Parental participation is encouraged.

Southern Boone County Public Library

Family Story Time
Mondays ▶ 10-10:30 a.m.
September 8, 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24
Come join us for stories, songs and activities at the library. Ages 3-5.

Dial-A-Story is new each week!

In the Columbia area, call 817-7177 to hear a story for kids.
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<td>You’ll get a free copy of “The Lightning Thief” when you register beginning today for the book discussion taking place September 25. Ages 9-13.</td>
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<td>Join us to discuss the One Read book, “The Whistling Season” by Ivan Doig. At this program you can pick up a copy of “Abraham” to be discussed October 1.</td>
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<td>Don’t miss this opportunity to see Jupiter, the King of the Planets, and the solar system’s largest storm, the Great Red Spot. We’ll talk about Jupiter and the spot, adding the latest news about yet another red spot, called Junior, discovered last spring. If the weather is clear, we’ll head outside to view Jupiter and the beautiful crescent moon through a telescope. The landing site of the first Apollo moon mission will easily be in view until about 9:30 p.m. Hosted by Val Germann and cosponsored by the Central Missouri Astronomical Association. Enter through the Gene Martin Secret Garden, west end of main parking lot.</td>
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<td>Drop by the library with your friends to play DDR, Guitar Hero II or collectible card games like Magic: The Gathering or Yu-Gi-Oh. Ages 13-18.</td>
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<td>This month’s theme: Apples and School Bells. TRYPS is Columbia’s professional theater group for young audiences. At this free workshop, ages 12 and younger will participate in original plays, improvisation, sing-alongs, puppetry and poetry.</td>
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<td>Join library staff for stories and activities during the Ashland Fall Festival. Story times begin at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.</td>
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<td>If you’re a friend, relative or grandparent caring for a child age 5 or younger, then F.R.O.G.S. is for you. We meet each month to teach adults and kids about safety, health, emotional and social development, language, play, etc. A specialist from Educare Boone County leads the sessions. Registration begins Tuesday, September 2.</td>
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Reading to Rover ▶ 5:30-7:30 p.m. Program Room, Children’s Area
Your child will read for 15 minutes to a dog from Ann Gafke’s Teacher’s Pet Therapy Dogs while a handler oversees them. This is a fun and unique way to help improve children’s literacy skills. All dogs are certified with Therapy Dogs International. Kindergarten age and older.

Tue 9

Kindersongs: Brian and Terri Kinder ▶ 10-10:45 a.m.
Brian and Terri weave together stories and music that stir the imagination with tales drawn from their own lives and those of their family and friends. Their songs bring young and old together as everyone laughs, sings, dances and claps along with the music. You can learn more about them and hear some of their music at www.kindersongs.com. Families.

Kindersongs: Brian and Terri Kinder ▶ 7-7:45 p.m.
Program Room, Children’s Area
See Callaway program. Families.

“What Good Is Journalism?” ▶ 7 p.m. Friends Room
The School of Journalism at the University of Missouri is celebrating its centennial this week. To share in this celebration, the library is hosting a discussion with George Kennedy and Daryl Moen, both former editors of the Columbia Missourian and editors of the book “What Good Is Journalism? How Reporters and Editors Are Saving America’s Way of Life.” Their book highlights the important roles that journalism plays in a democracy.

Wed 10

Dividing Perennials ▶ 7-8 p.m. Friends Room
Are the daisies, hostas, day lilies, iris or peonies in your garden overcrowded? Would you like to share a piece with a friend? Come learn when is the best time to divide flowering perennials and how to do it. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions.

AARP Driver Safety Workshop ▶ 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Friends Room
This is a two-day workshop designed to help you cope with the driving challenges that come as you get older. Instructors from American Association of Retired People (AARP) will teach you how to compensate for changes in vision, hearing and reaction time; what to do if confronted with an aggressive driver; how medications may affect driving and more. There is a $10 fee, payable at the door, to cover the cost of the workbook and materials. The workshop will continue on Thursday, September 11 at the same time. Registration begins Friday, August 22.

Bill Mize Concert ▶ 7-8 p.m. Friends Room
Applauded by critics and guitar enthusiasts alike for his composition, tone, emotion and smooth “multi-part” style, Tennessee guitarist Bill Mize is a past winner of the National Fingerstyle Guitar Competition in Winfield, Kansas. Mize also received a Grammy Award for his collaboration with David Holt on the recording “Stellaluna,” as well as being featured on the popular guitar compilations “Windham Hill Guitar Sampler” and “Masters of the Acoustic Guitar” by Narada Records. His original music is difficult to peg but has been described as varying from delicate Appalachian highland melodies to greasy Memphis grooves. Vintage Guitar magazine writes, “...an amazing touch, killer tone, and a sense of taste that can’t be beat.” Registration begins Tuesday, September 2.
Scooby-Doo, Where Are You? ◀ 11-11:45 a.m.  
Today marks the anniversary of the 1969 debut of everybody's favorite "scaredy dog," Scooby-Doo, and his sidekick, Shaggy. Come to the library to help Scooby and Shaggy unravel a mystery through games, stories and activities. You're sure to be awarded a Scooby Snack for a job well done. Ages 5 and older.

Eating for a Healthy Heart and Body ◀ 10:30 a.m. Friends Room  
Learn about heart-healthy foods, meal planning, fiber recommendations and other topics related to healthful eating. Presented by Carolyn Skelton, co-director of Optimus: The Center for Health. Cosponsored by the Central Missouri Dietetics Association.

Picnic in the Garden ◀ 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Gene Martin Secret Garden  
Drop by with your picnic basket and enjoy your lunch outside in the Secret Garden while you listen to our staff read aloud some of their favorite stories. In case of rain, the program will be canceled.

Lessons in Prehistory: Big Eddy and the Lower Sac River Valley ◀ 2 p.m. Friends Room  
The Big Eddy archeological site was discovered in 1983 when a group of archaeologists surveying the Sac River valley spotted Native American artifacts washing out of a steep embankment. In 1997, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hired archaeologists from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University) to excavate the site. The unearthed area offers a glimpse of more than 10,000 years of nearly constant occupation by Native Americans. Guest speaker Dr. Neal Lopinot, professor at MSU, will speak about this archaeological treasure trove during Missouri Archaeology Month. Cosponsored by the Show Me Science Alliance.

Nice Work If You Can Get It: Comic Artists in the Digital Age ◀ 2 p.m. Friends Room  
In conjunction with the special exhibit "Alley Oop: 75 Years of the Comic World of V.T. Hamlin" at the University of Missouri, we will host a panel of young up-and-coming cartoonists, including Ted May, Sacha Mardou, Matt Kindt and Jeff Zwirek, who will share their experiences as cartoonists in this digital world. Kristin Schwain, Associate Professor of Art History at the University of Missouri, will moderate the panel. Cosponsored by the Special Collections, Archives and Rare Books Division at UMC. The artists will have copies of their works for sale.

Connecting With Your Child Through Music ◀ 9:30-10 a.m. OR 10:30-11 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.-Noon Program Room, Children's Area  
Connect with your infant or toddler through music as you learn activities based on folk and traditional songs and rhymes. Music educator Margaret Waddell will lead you and your child in activities that are known to help memory, language, and physical and emotional development in children. Choose the session that's right for your child: 9:30 a.m. is for walking toddlers up to 24 mos., 10:30 a.m. for 24-36 mos., 11:30 a.m. for infants not yet walking. Registration begins Tuesday, September 2.
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**The Lightning Thief** Book Discussion
- **7-8 p.m.** Program Room, Children’s Area
Rick Riordan’s Percy Jackson and the Olympians series has topped bestseller charts and won the hearts of Missouri students who awarded the 2007-2008 Mark Twain Award to “The Lightning Thief.” Join us for activities and discussions related to this spin on Greek mythology set in modern times. Ages 9-13. Register and pick up your free copy of the book beginning September 2.

**COL**

**Movie and Discussion: “Kilowatt Ours”**
- **7 p.m.** Friends Room
Come see the award-winning documentary “Kilowatt Ours.” You’ll learn a lot about how Americans use energy, the impact of our current habits and how we can start making relatively comfortable changes that would have a huge result. There will be opportunity for discussion following the film. Cosponsored by the Columbia Climate Change Coalition and the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County.

**Fri 26**

**The Importance of Eating Your Vegetables**
- **10-10:30 a.m.** Program Room, Children’s Area
Kids will listen to stories and do activities that teach them to recognize a variety of vegetables and learn about how they help us grow, stay healthy and even help us see in the dark. Taste testing included! Cosponsored with University of Missouri Extension and presented by Sara Placke, nutrition educator. Ages 3-5 with a parent. Registration begins Tuesday, September 16.

**COL**

**Puzzle Party**
- **2-4 p.m.** Program Room, Children’s Area
We’ll have puzzles of all kinds for all ages and supplies for your family to make your own puzzles to take home.

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**Teen Game Night**
- **6:30-8:30 p.m.**
Come rock out at the library! We’ll have DDR and Guitar Hero II up and running. So, bring your friends and show us your favorite dance moves or your best guitar riffs. Ages 13-18.

**Sat 27**

**Family Read Aloud**
- **11-11:30 a.m.** Program Room, Children’s Area
At this monthly program, we will read to you. That’s it. Really. No songs, no puppets or crafts, sometimes even no pictures. Just come settle in to listen to chapters from classic children’s books and newer favorites. Families, recommended for ages 5 and older, much older if you like, because you’re never too old to enjoy a good read aloud.

**Sun 28**

**Get Fancy Like Nancy**
- **2-3 p.m.** Program Room, Children’s Area
Do you like to be fancy like Nancy of the Jane O’Conner books? Wear your boas, top hats and other dress-up costumes. You’ll make our own posh accessories and practice royal struts and waves. Afterwards, we’ll read from one of the “Fancy Nancy” books while you enjoy some refreshments. Ages 4-8 with a parent. Registration begins Tuesday, September 16.

**Mon 29**

**Trees Are Terrific**
- **7-8 p.m.** Program Room, Children’s Area
Learn about all the amazing things trees do for us and why they’re important to have around. We’ll read a story together and then craft our own tree. Presented by Missouri Department of Conservation educator Betsy Blake. Families, ages 5 and older. Registration begins Tuesday, September 16.

**Tue 30**

**DDR and Guitar Hero II**
- **7-8 p.m.** Program Room, Children’s Area
Be the rock star you were meant to be. Come boogie down with DDR and play Guitar Hero II. Snacks provided. Ages 13-18.
Great Family Stories
What are the family stories you tell over and over? Maybe you have a memorable story about a great family meal. Or, maybe a meal gone awry. Whatever your stories may be, we're hoping you'll share them with us and with your community as a part of Family Stories Month in November. All of our libraries will have Family Story Cards available throughout the month of October for you to use to share your stories. You can write your story, or draw an illustration of it, or both. The theme is Feasting at the Family Fable. If you're a tech-savvy family, you can share your stories online at www.dbrl.org/familystories. All stories and pictures entered by October 31 will be displayed in the libraries or online.

First Wednesday Book Discussion ➤ Noon-1 p.m. Friends Room
Bring a snack and join us to discuss “Abraham” by Bruce Feiler. At a moment when the world is asking, “Can the religions get along?” one figure stands out as the shared ancestor of Jews, Christians and Muslims: Abraham. Feiler, bestselling author of “Walking the Bible,” set out on a personal quest to better understand the biblical patriarch. Traveling in war zones, climbing through caves and ancient shrines, and sitting down with the world’s leading religious minds, Feiler uncovers fascinating, little-known details of the man who defines faith for half the world. At this program, you may pick up a copy of “In a Dry Season” by Peter Robinson, to be discussed November 5.

Family DDR ➤ 6:30-7:30 p.m. Program Room, Children’s Area
You’ve seen the older kids dancing, now come learn some moves and show us what the younger set and moms and dads can do. Ages 6-12 with a parent.

Also Reads ➤ Noon-1 p.m. Friends Room
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Party With the Stars ➤ 7-9 p.m. Program Room, Children’s Area
Join us this evening to say “goodbye” for another year to the beautiful star pattern known as the Summer Triangle where we’ll see the Ring Nebula, an exploding star and the beautiful blue and gold star Alberio. Jupiter will also be just visible as it gets dark. By this time, we will know for sure the fate of Jupiter’s new Red Spot Junior and whether or not it has combined with the Great Red Spot. Hosted by Val Germann and cosponsored by the Central Missouri Astronomical Association. Enter through the Gene Martin Secret Garden, west end of main parking lot.

Teen Gaming ➤ 2-4 p.m.
Drop by the library with your friends to play DDR, Guitar Hero II or collectible card games like Magic: The Gathering or Yu-Gi-Oh. Ages 13-18.

TRYPS Theater: Live at Eleven ➤ 11 a.m.-Noon Program Room, Children’s Area
This month’s theme: Pumpkins and Jack-o’-Lanterns. TRYPS is Columbia’s professional theater group for young audiences. At this free workshop, ages 12 and younger will participate in original plays, improvisation, sing-alongs, puppetry and poetry.
**October General Calendar**

**Saturday, October 4**

**Where Does Intelligent Design Stand Today?** 2 p.m. Friends Room
It has been over a decade since Intelligent Design (ID) first attracted attention with a claim of being an intellectually substantial alternative to evolution. Today, it is still the centerpiece of a cultural and political movement in the media spotlight. Truman State University physicist Dr. Taner Edis, author of "The Ghost in the Universe: God in Light of Modern Science" and co-editor of "Why Intelligent Design Fails," will describe where the ID movement stands today and provide an opportunity for discussion. Cosponsored by the Show-Me Science Alliance.

**Sunday, October 5**

**Tunes at Two** 2-3 p.m. Reading Balcony
Local musicians provide a musical backdrop at the Columbia Public Library on the first Sunday of every month. This month we present John White, Amber Gaddy and David Cavins on fiddle, banjo and guitar.

**Monday, October 6**

**Register for “Twilight” Book Discussions**
Pick up your free copy of "Twilight" beginning today and join us for a discussion in Fulton November 11, in Columbia November 12 or in Ashland November 18. Teens.

**Tuesday, October 7**

**Reading to Fido** 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Read to a dog from the Show Me Canines therapy group. This is a unique and fun way to help improve children's literacy skills. All dogs are certified by Therapy Dogs International and overseen by a handler during the reading sessions. Kindergarten age and older.

**Thursday, October 9**

**Planting Spring-Flowering Bulbs** 7-8 p.m. Friends Room
Plan now for a beautiful display of flowering bulbs next spring. You'll learn which bulbs are best for our area and when to plant them. We'll also discuss where to plant bulbs, including how to force them in a pot. Master Gardeners will be available to answer your gardening questions.

**Digital TV Is Coming** 10:30 a.m. OR 7 p.m. Friends Room
Got questions about digital TV? A local TV broadcaster will answer your questions about the switch to digital television. In Boone County, almost one in five households is receiving analog-only signals and are at risk of losing a television signal on February 17, 2009. Broadcasters want to ensure that this doesn't happen by informing viewers of the options they have to guarantee their television is equipped to receive the new digital signals. (If you can't come to the program, information is also available online at www.DTVanswers.com.)

**From Me With Love** 7-8 p.m. Program Room, Children’s Area
Make cool gifts out of recycled books, tins, and other odds and ends. We'll pull together resources to help you get creative and prepare for the holidays with some fresh and low-cost gift ideas. We promise, there's not a lame idea in the bunch. Ages 10 and older. Registration begins Tuesday, September 30.

**Friday, October 10**

**Genealogy Help** 3-5 p.m.
SoBoCo staff member and genealogist Tim Dollens will teach you how to trace your ancestors using two genealogy databases the library makes available to you for free: Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest.

**Saturday, October 11**

**“Library Mouse”** 11-11:45 a.m.
Sam, the mouse from Daniel Kirk's “Library Mouse,” is shy and creative. He writes and illustrates his own stories, which he places on the shelves with the other library books. Join us to hear the story, and then try out your own creative writing skills. Ages 6-12 with a parent.
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Thu 16 Cal Movie: “War of the Worlds” ▶ 6:30-8:30 p.m.
To celebrate Teen Read Week, bring your friends for a screening of this classic science fiction film from 1953, based on H.G. Wells’ novel about the invasion of the Earth by Martians. The panic and destruction described in the book and the famous 1938 radio drama are equally chilling when translated to the cinema. (Not Rated; 85 minutes). Teens.

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Col Candidate Forum ▶ 7 p.m. Friends Room
This public forum will feature candidates for State Representative in Districts 21, 24 and 25. Cosponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County. Coffee at 6:30 p.m.

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Sat 18 Col Beginning Genealogy ▶ 10 a.m.-Noon Training Center
Researching your ancestors or your family history? Genealogist Tim Dollens can assist you with your genealogy questions and help guide your search. Because there will be time for hands-on computer research, space is limited. Registration begins Wednesday, October 1.
Mon 20
Sweet Wednesday Concert ➤ 7-8 p.m. Friends Room
Songwriters Dave Falk and Lisa Housman perform as Sweet Wednesday, an acoustic duo featuring vocals, guitar, harmonica and mandolin. They have won numerous songwriting awards, including first place in the Great American Song Contest, first place in the Dallas Songwriting Competition and runner-up in the John Lennon Song Contest. Characters that make appearances in their songs include a traveling dog, a grandmother with a secret crush on James Bond and some rats named Grumpy, Sleepy and Sister Heartache. Their fun, engaging show has played to crowds at wide-ranging venues from coffeehouses at folkly haunts like Club Passim in Cambridge to raucous bars, intellectual college campuses, and the wedding of a couple whose first date was a Dave & Lisa show. You can see pictures and listen to samples online at www.sweetwednesday.com. Registration begins Tuesday, October 14.

Tue 21
Reading to Rex ➤ 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Your child can read to a dog from the Show Me Canines therapy group. This is a unique and fun way to help improve children’s literacy skills. All dogs are certified by Therapy Dogs International and overseen by a handler during the reading sessions. Kindergarten age and older.

Wed 22
Music and Movement ➤ 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Children learn to make music by listening and experimenting. Bring your family to hear stories about music, experiment with instruments and craft your own music-makers to take home.

COL Parent Workshop: I’m Stressing Out My Family! ➤ 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friends Room
Join us for a discussion about how stress affects our lives and our children’s lives. As parents, our reaction to stress sends strong messages to our children. Presenter Rachel Jones will discuss the many stressors parents experience and suggest ways to achieve a better balance. This will be an interactive discussion that will challenge you to begin managing your stress in healthier ways. Rachel Jones, M.Ed. is a community mental health supervisor at Burrell Behavioral Health Child and Adolescent Clinic. Cosponsored by the Parent Education Committee. Registration begins Tuesday, October 7.

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This public forum will feature candidates for State Senate District 19 and Boone County Administrator. Cosponsored by the League of Women Voters of Columbia-Boone County. Coffee at 6:30 p.m.

Fri 24
Family Game Night ➤ 6:30-8:30 p.m.
You’ve seen the older kids showing off their dance moves and guitar skills, now it’s your turn. We’ll have DDR and Guitar Hero II set up for ages 6-12 and parents.
Sat **25**
**COL** Family Read Aloud ▶ 11-11:30 a.m. Program Room, Children’s Area
At this monthly program, we will read to you. That’s it. Really. No songs, no puppets or crafts, sometimes even no pictures. Just come settle in to listen to chapters from classic children’s books, longer picture books and newer favorites. All you need are your ears. We’ll also gather related books you might want to check out. Families, recommended for ages 5 and older, much older if you like, because you’re never too old to enjoy a good read aloud.

Mon **27**
**COL** Discovery Time ▶ 9:30-11 a.m. Program Room, Children’s Area
Bring your little one for some quality parent/child time. Meet other parents and children, read to your little one and get ideas for activities you can do at home to develop your child’s learning skills. Ages 1-4.

Tue **28**
**COL** Courthouse Research ▶ 2 p.m. Friends Room
Courthouse records are a treasure trove for people doing genealogical research. Anne Carmichael Miller, past president of the Genealogical Society of Central Missouri and graduate of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, will unravel the mysteries of using these records and demonstrate their value to genealogists.

**COL** “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” ▶ 6:30-7 p.m. Program Room, Children’s Area
Revisit the classic 1966 animated special “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown” in which Charles Schulz’s Peanuts gang celebrates Halloween. Linus hopes that, finally, he will be visited by The Great Pumpkin, while Charlie Brown is invited to a Halloween party. Costumes welcome. Families.

**COL** Bob Collins on the Legacy of the Reagan Years ▶ 7 p.m. Friends Room
If you’re interested in the American political scene, you’ll enjoy hearing Professor Bob Collins talk about his book “Transforming America: Politics and Culture During the Reagan Years.” The very popular Professor Collins teaches courses in recent U.S. history at the University of Missouri. His research interests are U.S. public policy and political economy. Publisher’s Weekly says that “Collins allows the most famous champion of conservatism to emerge as a character in a scene, showing how he was but one part of the cultural forces which ultimately gave birth to the culturally and politically polarized America of today.”

Thu **30**
**COL** Investing in Bonds ▶ 7 p.m. Friends Room
If you’ve never invested in bonds and would like to learn about it, here is an opportunity to ask questions of some local experts. Hanna Klachko, representing local investment clubs, and J. R. Lawless of Edward Jones will take the mystery out of the process and explain how bonds work. Registration begins Wednesday, October 1.

Fri **31**
**COL** Not-Too-Creepy Movies for Moms and Dads and Me ▶ 9:30-10 a.m. Program Room, Children’s Area
Come enjoy several not-so-scary monster movies based on children’s literature. Showing this session: “Leonardo, the Terrible Monster,” “Dark, Dark Tale” and “Where the Wild Things Are.” Costumes welcome. Ages 3-5 with a parent.
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**TRYSPS Theater: Live at Eleven** 11 a.m.-Noon Program Room, Children’s Area
This month’s theme: Pilgrims and Native Americans. TRYSPS is Columbia’s professional theater group for young audiences. At this free workshop, ages 12 and younger will participate in original plays, improvisation, sing-alongs, puppetry and poetry.

**Diabetes and Diet** 2 p.m. Friends Room
Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body’s ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood glucose (sugar) to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Nearly 21 million children and adults in the U.S. have diabetes. It is the fifth deadliest disease in the U.S., and it has no cure. Registered diabeticians will teach you about the risks associated with the disease and how diet can affect it. Cosponsored by the Central Missouri Dietetics Association.

**Tunes at Two** 2-3 p.m. Reading Balcony
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**Columbia Philatelic Society Stamp Show** 1-4:30 p.m. Friends Room
Come see what stamp collecting is all about. Members of Columbia's Philatelic Society will display stamps from many countries and topical collections covering a variety of subjects. You can browse the displays and ask questions all afternoon. And bring the kids to visit a special children’s table with free stamps to take home.

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**Dealing With Holiday Stress** 7-8 p.m. Friends Room
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Sat 8

Food Stories Galore ▶ 11-11:45 a.m.

November is National Peanut Butter Lovers’ Month. Since it is also a traditional time for feasting, join us for stories and activities about food. Ages 5 and older.

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Tue 11

“Twilight” Book Discussion ▶ 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Stephenie Meyer’s “Twilight” features vampires, werewolves and everyday teen drama. Whether you are new to this popular series or its biggest fan, come talk about “Twilight” before it hits the big screen. Teens. Register and pick up your free copy of the book beginning Monday, October 6.

Reading and Tasting: “Crunch!” ▶ 7 p.m. Friends Room

Join local author Dirk Burhans for a book signing and potato chip tasting as he reads from his book, “Crunch! A History of the Great American Potato Chip.” In addition to free samples of offbeat potato chip brands, the author’s collection of vintage potato chip packaging and memorabilia will also be on display. “Crunch!” tells the story of this crispy, salty treat, from the early sales of locally made chips at corner groceries, county fairs and cafes, to the mass marketing and corporate consolidation of the modern snack food industry. “Crunch!” also uncovers a dark side of potato chip history, including a federal investigation of the snack food industry in the 1990s following widespread allegations of antitrust activity, illegal buyouts and predatory pricing. Burhans has a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Missouri and has worked as an avian ecologist, graphic artist and part-time musician.
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Fri 21
**SBC** Teen Game Night ▶ 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Come rock out at the library! Tonight we’ll have DDR and Guitar Hero II up and running. So, bring your friends and show us your favorite dance moves or your best guitar riffs. Ages 13-18.

Sat 22
**COL** Tellabration! for Families ▶ 11-11:45 a.m.
**Program Room, Children’s Area**
Tellabration! is a worldwide day of storytelling. Members of Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytelling will share stories and songs with your family.

**COL** Tellabration! Night ▶ 7-9 p.m.
Cherry Street Artisan, 111 S. 9th St.
Tellabration! is a worldwide day of storytelling. This free performance will feature local tellers from the Mid-Missouri Organization of Storytelling. Come relax and enjoy a rare evening of live storytelling suitable for adults and teens.

Mon 24
**COL** Connecting With Your Child Through Music ▶ 9:30-10 a.m. OR 10:30-11 a.m.
**Program Room, Children’s Area**
Connect with your 3-5-year-old through music as you learn activities based on folk and traditional songs and rhymes. Music educator Margaret Waddell will lead you and your child in activities that are known to help memory, language, and physical and emotional development. Registration begins Tuesday, November 11.

**COL** Singing Games and Circle Dances ▶ 7-7:45 p.m. **Program Room, Children’s Area**
Connect with your 5-8-year-old through music as you play singing games and do circle dances. Music educator Margaret Waddell will lead you and your child in activities that are known to help memory, language, and physical and emotional development in children. Registration begins Tuesday, November 11.

Wed 26
**COL** Family Game Day ▶ 10-11:30 a.m. OR 2-3:30 p.m. **Program Room, Children’s Area**
Come share some quality board game time with your family or try out some dance moves with DDR. We’ll have puzzles, games and dancing galore.

Fri 28
**COL** Yarn Party ▶ 2-4 p.m.
**Program Room, Children’s Area**
Do you like to knit, crochet or make crafts with yarn? We’ll help you start a scarf, make a yarn doll or create your own project to give as a gift or keep for yourself. Families, ages 6 and older.

**SBC** Board Games for the Bored ▶ 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
If you’re having a post-Thanksgiving boredom attack, drop in the library anytime today to play some board games with your friends.

Sat 29
**COL** Family Read Aloud ▶ 11-11:30 a.m. **Program Room, Children’s Area**
At this monthly program, we will read to you. That’s it. Really. No songs, no puppets or crafts, sometimes even no pictures. Just come settle in to listen to chapters from classic children’s books and newer favorites. Families, recommended for ages 5 and older, much older if you like, because you’re never too old to enjoy a good read aloud.
Basic Mac Skills
Monday, October 13  ▶  1:30-3 p.m.
Tuesday, September 16 & Wednesday, November 12  ▶  6:30-8 p.m.
This class will guide you through the basics of Mac OS X. We will talk about the essentials of using your Mac, including Apple's integrated software for e-mail, Internet, music, photos, etc., and how to customize your computer to your own particular needs. There will also be time to answer your questions.

Drop-in Internet & Computer Help
Every Tuesday  ▶  Noon-1:30 p.m.
Need to learn how to fill out an online job application? Set up an e-mail account? Find something on the web? Use the library's web site? Bring your questions to this weekly drop-in session, and we will help. You can also use this time for self-guided study with our interactive tutorials.

How to Set Up and Use Free E-mail
Wednesday, October 22  ▶  2:30 p.m.
You don't need to have Internet access at home to have an e-mail account. The library offers free access to the web. You just need to sign up with one of the many free commercial e-mail services. We will teach you how to set up an account or how to use the one you already have.

Internet Basics
Tuesday, October 28  ▶  2:30 p.m.  Tuesdays, September 23 & November 25  ▶  7-8:30 p.m.
Feeling lost on the web? We will get back to the basics of the Internet: how to navigate the web using a browser and perform simple searches to find the information you are seeking.

Drop-in Online Job Application Assistance
Every Tuesday  ▶  9:30-11:30 a.m.
Are you trying to fill out a job application on the Internet? Perhaps you are working on your résumé? Every Tuesday, this drop-in session offers you the extra computer time you may need to fill out online applications and staff on hand to offer basic computer assistance.

Spam, Scams and Spyware, Oh My!
Thursday, October 16  ▶  2:30 p.m.
Viruses are not the only danger on the Internet. Learn how to avoid scams and hoaxes that could be harmful to your bank account or phone bill and how to avoid or minimize spam. Discover what spyware is and how it can affect your computer. Learn the best practices for having a safe Internet experience.
The Online Library
Wednesday, September 17  ➤  7-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 5  ➤  2-3:30 p.m.
The library provides free access to a variety of high-quality Internet databases that cardholders can use for study, in-depth research or practical help. In this hands-on class, learn how to use online auto repair manuals, legal forms, genealogy databases, full-text encyclopedias, archives of newspapers and magazines, plus much more.

Self-Guided Computer Tutorials
Morning Sessions  ➤  9:30-11:30 a.m.
  Wednesdays, September 3, October 1, November 5
  Thursdays, September 4, October 9, November 13

Afternoon Sessions  ➤  2-4 p.m.
  Wednesdays, September 3, 17, October 1, 15, 29, November 12, 26
  Thursdays, September 11, 25, October 9, 23, November 6, 20

Evening Sessions  ➤  6:30-8:30 p.m.
  Tuesdays, September 9, October 14, November 11
  Wednesdays, September 10, 24, October 8, 22, November 5, 19

Please bring headphones or purchase a set for $1.50.

Learn at your own pace with these self-guided tutorials on the Windows operating system. An instructor will be present to get you started and to answer questions. You can choose any topic at any of the times above.
If you’re brand new to computers, start with the Mouse Tutorial. Or, pick from these lessons:

- Basic Skills
- Computer Basics
- Exploring the Web
- Outlook Express Basics
- Files and Folders
- Basic Word Processing
- Intermediate Word Processing
- Basic Spreadsheets
- Intermediate Spreadsheets
- Basic Presentations
- Intermediate Presentations
- What’s New in Windows Vista

Callaway County Public Library

Self-Guided Computer Tutorials
Every Tuesday September 9-October 28, November 18 & 25  ➤  9:30-11:30 a.m.

Please bring headphones or purchase a set for $1.50.
See description and list of topics above.

Computer classes are intended for adults and teens. Call 817-7170 to register for all Columbia classes except Tuesday drop-ins.
Registration begins:
August 26 for September classes
September 22 for October classes
October 21 for November classes

Computer classes are intended for adults and teens. Call 642-7261 to register for computer classes in Fulton.
Registration begins two weeks before each session.
One Read in outreach communities Read more on page 4.

Book Talk With Rep. Paul Quinn
Monday, September 8 • 7-8 p.m.
Sturgeon High School Library

Holts Summit Book Talk
Tuesday, September 23 • 7-8 p.m.
Central Bank, Holts Summit

Book Talk With Teacher Ruby Robinson
Thursday, September 11 • 7-8 p.m.
Halls City Hall

Book Talk and Stargazing
With Commissioner Fritz and Professor Kyger
Friday, September 26 • 7-8 p.m.
Crane’s Museum, Williamsburg

Book Talk With Rep. Paul Quinn
Tuesday, September 16 • 7-8 p.m.
Harrisburg Community VFW Hall

Friends of the Callaway County Public Library Book Sale
Saturday, October 18 • 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  Callaway County Public Library Friends Room
Come by the library and buy a good book at a great price! All proceeds benefit library programs and services. In preparation for the sale, we will be accepting donations of gently used books at the library September 18 through October 17.

For more information: (573) 642-7261 • ccplfriends.dbrl.org

Friends of the Columbia Public Library

The Friends of the Library resell donated books, with all proceeds going to support the library. Books are on sale every Tuesday from noon-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. in the lobby. In addition, don’t miss the following special sales:

Annual Fall Book Sale Hardbacks $1  Paperbacks 50¢
Saturday, September 6 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  (Reserved for Friends members only until noon; join for $5 at the door.)
Sunday, September 7 • 1-5 p.m.  Monday, September 8 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
There will also be music CDs, audiobooks, videos and special finds priced as marked.

First Tuesday Sale: Reference Books, Textbooks & Foreign Languages  •  September 2 • Noon-7 p.m.
First Tuesday Sale: Oldies & Classics •  October 7 & 8 • Noon-7 p.m. both days
First Tuesday Sale: Cookbooks •  November 4 • Noon-7 p.m.

Children’s Book Sale Hardbacks 50¢  Paperbacks 25¢
Saturday, October 18 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  Sunday, October 19 • 1-4 p.m.
Find fabulous bargains on children’s books including special finds priced as marked.

For more information: (573) 817-7110 • DBRLFriends@yahoo.com • cplfriends.dbrl.org
**Bookmobile Schedule**

**Bookmobile hours are 1:30-7 p.m.**
*Except: Columbia, 1:30-6 p.m., North County Shopping Center, Paris Rd. (Rt. B) near Gerbes*

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**Youth outreach Bookmobile**

- **Blind Boone Community Center**
  301 North Providence Rd., Columbia
  Second & Fourth Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.
  September 9, 23, October 14, 28, November 11, 25

- **Bear Creek Neighborhood**
  Elleta Boulevard, Columbia
  First & Third Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.
  September 2, 16, October 7, 21, November 4, 18

- **Columbia/Boone County Health Dept.**
  1005 West Worley, Columbia
  Second Friday, 9-11:45 a.m. OR 2-4:45 p.m.
  September 12, October 10, November 14
  Third Friday, 2-4:45 p.m.
  September 19, October 17, November 21

Contact bookmobile and outreach staff by phone at 1-800-324-4806 or by e-mail at outreach@dbrl.org.
Daniel Boone Regional Library
P.O. Box 1267
Columbia, MO 65205-1267

Callaway County Public Library
710 Court Street • Fulton, MO 65251
(573) 642-7261, TTY (573) 642-0662
Open: 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday • 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday & Saturday

Columbia Public Library
100 West Broadway • Columbia, MO 65203
(573) 443-3161, TTY (573) 443-6027, 1-800-324-4806
Open: 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday • 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday • 1-5 p.m., Sunday

Southern Boone County Public Library
117 East Broadway • Ashland, MO 65010
(573) 657-7378
Open: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday • 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday & Saturday

Bookmobile & Outreach Department
P.O. Box 1267 • Columbia, MO 65205-1267
1-800-324-4806 • outreach@dbrl.org
When I visit the back corners of my life again after so long a time, littlest things jump out first. The oilcloth, tiny blue windmills on white squares, worn to colorless smears at our four places at the kitchen table. Our father’s pungent coffee, so strong it was almost ambulatory, which he gulped down from suppers until bedtime and then slept serenely as a sphinx. The pesky wind, the one element we could count on at Marias Coulee, whistling into some weather-cracked cranny of this house as it invited in.

A writer’s season

This year’s One Read author Ivan Doig talks about education, decent behavior and the big, dry West.

By ARNIE NELSON of the Tribune’s staff

Ivan Doig is a favorite of Tribune readers. This year’s One Read author, Doig is known for his memoirs and novels about growing up in Montana and his time spent in Hollywood. His latest novel, "The Whistling Season," is a semi-autobiographical account of his family’s time spent in the Pacific Northwest.

Newspaper in Seattle, the author changed his name to Ivan Reed Doig and moved to the city. His novel, "The Whistling Season," is set in the 1930s and features a family from Montana who moves to Seattle to make a new life.

The Whistling Season

A novel

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The Whistling Season

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Singer postpones tour

Former Village People lead singer Victor Willis is recovering from cancer surgery and has postponed his tour. Willis, the band’s original guitarist, is recovering in a Los Angeles hospital after surgery to remove tumors from his thyroid.

Reporter shares baby drama

Lisa Logan, the chief foreign correspondent for CBS News, has welcomed a baby daughter with her husband, the actor and director Ben Stiller. The couple announced the birth on Twitter.

Spears poses with baby

Weekly after giving birth, Britney Spears and her newborn son, Jayden James Federline, pose for pictures in Los Angeles. Spears and her estranged husband, Kevin Federline, welcomed their son in 2005.
Author Ivan Doig talks about education, decent behavior and the big, dry West
Continued from Page 1C
Tribe University: The themes in this book that required much research were many, everything from life in a one-room schoolhouse to drilling farming techniques to early 20th century sports. Do those themes reflect things interesting to you, or are they included for story line purposes?

Doig: Some of it is fact; payroll for instance. The sports - I often researched popular sports books about sports events because the majority of my research is done and I’m working with information that’s already been tabulated. I had to use no other than the story line to draw interest.

Tribe: You say that you decided to become a writer to escape a future of being a ranch hand. Is that right? But when did storytelling enter into your life?

Doig: I set out to be a reporter. I was interested in journalism, and I took it a long while, more than a lot of other people. I studied music in the making of it as a profession and as a hobby. My pastime is playing music, I was told. I guess I could write a novel.

Tribe: You are one of the only ranch hand and ranch cook. What was that like?

Doig: My father had an eight-year education, my mother had a nine-year education at a one-room school. My mother had that education plus a year and a half of high

Performing Arts

One REAL 2008
One REAL, a communitywide reading program for adults, is held at the lar:one branch Regional Library. The task is "The部部长," by Sam Doig. In "Whipping Desert," the author explores cowboy life by focusing on a family of men in rural western Kansas. Three brothers and their widowed father required to respond to a nonexistent fan who was writing a book about their lives.

The library and One REAL committee members are planning a variety of activities including reading, short and long reading book discussions, panel discussions, musical events, movies, plays, art exhibits, the author, and a discussion of the author’s book. "Cups of Coffee" by Greg Morrison and David Heith.

For more details about the REAL program, visit wwwREAL.org or call the Columbia Public Library at 577-4451.

For more information on Doig, visit the Real web site at www.realkc.org.

Tribe University: The real farming technique was with which it was taught to farmers.

Doig: I’m not a professional educator, but I was aware of some that were good to the education system and offered for the first time some 35 years ago.

Tribe: The "Whipping Desert" is a fact or are you making up the chorus of one-room schoolhouse teachers — too bad, kids? It’s a real cultural resource.

Doig: I’m not a professional educator, but I was aware of some of the schools in our community and offered for the first time some 35 years ago.

Tribe University: You decided to be a writer because of what had been done to the author’s education system in this country, and I think that even now, elementary schools are still the same.

Doig: I’ve been interested in the kind of unprofessional school board meetings, in the case of the ethics that are required for the unprofessional board meetings.

Tribe: You have been here in the 70s, but you ended up giving those kids separate courses. I can’t remember anything of that from my own childhood in Montana, but I can tell you the entire country where I grew up was described as being of these national norms. Scandinavian, Norwegian and Swedish. It was a joke, but there were people with what we called Midland accents. But I don’t think I’ve seen those in my own lifetime. But I think that I’ve seen more of that in the last 20 years than I have in the past 20 years.

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I like that formula. Your mom and I will need to employ it upwards, sometime soon (but not yet).

On Jun 25, 2009, at 9:21 AM, Lisa_Clemens@cargill.com wrote:

7-0 is the new 50. I, of course, am working on the new 30. Lisa

From: cdfoig@comcast.net [mailto:cdfoig@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2009 11:18 AM
To: Clemens, Lisa - Lisa_Clemens@cargill.com
Subject: Re: Fans of Ivan

Such a coincidence, Lisa! I just finished reading Jamie Ford's novel, and enjoyed it a lot. Hope you will, too. I believe he's had much success with it, which is a good sign in the current economic climate. I've not met him but Ivan liked him.

Ivan a "hip Seattlite"? I thought he was just a nice guy who mostly stays home and stares into space, bless his heart. He'll celebrate the big 7-0 on Saturday. I asked him what he wanted, and he said a party for his writer and artist friends. So we we're gonna do it, noontime and picnic fashion. I invited just enough to populate the deck. Two of them, David Williams and Tony Angell, have brand new books out, both nonfiction. We know quite a few excellent writers who don't dare fiction.

Good to hear from you, Lisa. Best to Jerry, too. Carol

On Jun 25, 2009, at 8:41 AM, Lisa_Clemens@cargill.com wrote:

Hi Carol and Ivan. Last night I went to a book reading by Jamie Ford, author of Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet (such a great title). As you know the book takes place in Seattle, where he grew up. Lives in MT now. I had a chance to exchange a few words with him afterward. He said he met Ivan about a year ago. Mentioned it's funny how a guy born in the middle of ??? in MT has turned into such a "hip Seattleite." Anyhow, I am looking forward to reading his book. It's about a strong bond/friendship between a young (12 or so?) Chinese-Amer boy, Henry, and Jap-Amer girl, Keiko, during 1940s; her disappearance (the internment). Years later, Henry, 50, comes across clothes and other belongings in the basement of Panama Hotel, some of which he believes are Keiko's. I get the impression he is still I love with her. Must reconcile his past and future...

Mentioned his publisher is Random House and sounds like he has great relationship there.

Lisa Clemens

Director of Investor Relations
Dear Ivan and Carol:

_The Eleventh Man_ is a compelling page turner with many surprises. The suspense at the end is particularly gripping – Walt and I could not stop reading until we found what happened to Ben. And what an unexpected twist!

Walt and I started listening to the ELibrary version but I ended reading to him because we wanted to linger over the delightful phrases and your use of language.

We both loved the book. Good for you – yet another winner.

With admiration,

Jean and Walt
February 15, 2009

Mr. Ivan C. Doig
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Dear Mr. Doig,

My name is Daniel Fox and I work in higher education. I write to you with a very special request and it is my hope that you will read and consider my appeal in earnest. I'm a Montana kid – born in Great Falls, raised on a farm near Chester on the highline and received my undergraduate educated at Montana State University. I have dedicated my life to working in higher education for the past 18 years. The man that I have worked for over the past four years Dr. Harold R. Cheuvront will be retiring this summer from the Colorado School of Mines (CSM). Harold has spent the past 35 years of his life leading the Student Affairs divisions at Montana Tech in Butte, MT and CSM in Golden, CO.

This man has been a dedicated and selfless servant to literally thousands of students and staff during his tenure as a Registrar, Dean and Vice President of Student Affairs. He has been particularly influential in my life as a mentor, supervisor, colleague and friend. He is a consummate professional – humble, hardworking, ethical, challenging and supportive. More importantly though, he is an even better person - always having the institutions' and students’ needs at the forefront of any decision he makes. He truly cares about all of his staff as people rather than mere assets and has always attended to the needs of his wife and family as well.

I have been pondering for months about what would be a proper retirement gift befitting a man who I admire, respect greatly and feel honored to call a true friend. He and I were speaking one day about my uncle, Norman A. Fox who was a western novel writer from Montana in the 1940's and 1950's. Harold mentioned that his favorite books of all time (This House of Sky, English Creek and Ride with Me Mariah Montana) were written by you. He asked if I had ever read any of your works and I indicated that This House of Sky was practically required reading for all real Montanans. At that moment I knew I had finally found some semblance of an idea for a retirement gift suitable to bestow on this fine man.

I began to look online for first editions of the three aforementioned books and particularly for This House of Sky, his favorite among favorites. I have had some limited success in finding the book(s) that I sought but I was hoping that you might entertain the idea of writing a personal inscription inside one of the books mentioned above. I know that this would mean a great deal to a man who admires your writings greatly and rarely (if ever) asks for anything for himself. I am more than willing to pay any costs associated with this unique proposal if you would be so kind and indulge my request. I realize that I am intruding upon your privacy and asking a personal favor of you and have little to offer in return beyond monetary compensation. However as one Montanan to another, I do genuinely offer the following: You have my word if I can ever be of assistance to you, your family and/or friends, I will do everything within my ability to fully comply with your request. In this day and age a man’s word doesn’t always mean that much, but I was raised to believe that giving one’s word truly means something as does offering to assist others when called upon. This is why I work in higher education and I have watched Harold Cheuvront practice this very same belief every day that I have worked for him.
It is my sincere hope that you will consider and grant my request in any way that you see fit. If you have any further questions, concerns or comments please don’t hesitate to contact me at any time: Home Address/phone: Daniel P. Fox 8659 W. 49th Cir, Arvada, CO 80002; 303.807.0211; Work Address/phone: 1600 Maple ST. Parker Student Center #218, Golden CO 80401-1884, 303.273.3050; email address: dan_fox@is.mines.edu. I truly appreciate your time and consideration of my request and look forward to hearing back from you in the near future.

Best regards,

Daniel P. Fox, Ph.D.
Director of Student Life
Colorado School of Mines
Dear Ivan:

I hope this finds you well and writing up a storm.

Lynn Stegner and I are putting together an anthology tentatively entitled “Western Identity Revisited,” a collection that we feel will make an important contribution to an understanding of the distinctiveness of Western literature. Our specific interest is in an examination of the identity of the West by Western writers past and present, regional idiosyncrasies we think are fascinating in their special characteristics and continuous in their evolution.

Half of the anthology will contain pieces by the vanguards of Western literature, writers like Wallace Stegner, Dorothy Johnson, A.B. Guthrie, Mary Austen, Bernard DeVoto, to name only a few. The other half will be made up of contemporary Western writers, and we are hoping that you will consider being a part of that group and contribute a piece that explores issues like how the West has shaped you as a person, what does it mean to be a Westerner, to what extent do Western myths create Western realities and visa versa, or anything else that you might want to say about the turf and the culture.

We have submitted a grant application for this project to Humanities Montana, and plan to submit to more organizations, and we have solicited publishing interest from Little Brown, and of course we will be approaching other publishers as well. We will compensate all contributors with equal shares of whatever advance or royalties we manage to secure, and will contact you again as soon as definitive arrangements have been made. At this point we are just hoping for an expression of your interest and perhaps a commitment in principle to be one of the participants.

So far, we have what we feel to be an impressive list of writers who have expressed a willingness to contribute something, and we're not finished soliciting yet. But here's who has committed in principle so far:

Page Stegner (Adios Amigos: Tales of Sustenance and Purification in the American West, Wallace Stegner's West, Marking the Sparrow's Fall: The Making of the American West, among others)
Fred Turner (Culture of Hope: A New Birth of the Classical Spirit, Redemption)
Ken Lincoln (Sing with the Heart of a Bear: Fusions of Native and American Poetry, 1890-1999, Cormac McCarthy: American Canticles)
Ron Hansen (Exiles, Marriette in Ecstasy, Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford)
Larry Watson (Montana 1948, White Crosses)
Gary Ferguson (The World's Greatest Nature Myths, Decade of the Wolf, Hawks Rest: A Season in the Remote Heart of Yellowstone )
Kevin Canty (Into the Great Wide Open, Winslow in Love)
David Romtvedt (Poet Laureate for Wyoming)
Pete Fromm (Indian Creek Chronicles, As Cool as I Am, The Tall Uncut)
C.J. Box (Open Season, Free Fire, Blood Trail, etc.)
Debra Magpie Earling (Perma Red)
Beth Loffreda (Losing Matt Shepherd)
Dan Aadland (Sketches from a Ranch: Memoirs of a Montana Rancher)
Jim Hepworth (Resist Much Obey Little: Remembering Ed Abbey, Stealing Glances: Three Interviews with Wallace Stegner)
Philip Fradkin (Sagebrush Country: Land and the American West, Wildest Alaska: Journeys of Great Peril in Lituya Bay)
Tom Groneberg (The Secret Life of Cowboys, One Good Horse)
John Daniel (Rogue River Journal: A Winter Alone, Winter Creek: One Writer's Natural History)
Jonis Agee (The River Wife: A Novel, Sweet Eyes)
Allison Adelle Hedge Coke (Blood Run, Dog Road Woman)
Salley Denton (American Massacre: The Tragedy at Mountain Meadows, September 1857, Faith and Betrayal: A Pioneer Woman's Passage in the American West)
Blair Fuller (A Far Place, Art in the Blood: Seven Generations of American Artists in the Fuller Family)
John Clayton (The Cowboy Girl: The Life of Caroline Lockhart)
Tami Haaland (Breath in Every Room)
Laura Pritchett (Hell's Bottom, Colorado, Sky Bridge: A Novel)

Russell Rowland is the author of two novels, In Open Spaces (HarperCollins, 2002) and The Watershed Years (Riverbend, 2007). He teaches creative writing at Montana State University in Billings, Montana, and is the fiction editor of a new online publication, Stone's Throw Magazine. Lynn Stegner is the author of four novels, Undertow (Baskerville, 1993), Fata Morgana (Baskerville, 1995), Piper’s at the Gates of Dawn (University Press of New England, 2000; winner of the Faulkner Society’s Gold Medal for best novella) and Because a Fire was in My Head (University of Nebraska Press, 2007; winner of the Faulkner Society’s Gold Medal for best novel, a Literary Venture Selection, and a New York Times Editor’s Choice.) She teaches fiction writing in the continuing studies program at Stanford University.

Looking forward to hearing from you. If you are interested, I'd appreciate if you'd provide an e-mail address, provided you have one of course, as most of our correspondence will take place through that medium.

With all best wishes,

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January 26, 2009

Mr. Ivan Doig
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Dear Mr. Doig:

I received your address with help from a friend of yours in Hamilton, Montana – Russ Lawrence at the Chapter One Book Store. I’ve been trying to reach you through your publicist at Harcourt in Boston, Taryn Roeder, for about two weeks, to no avail. Mr. Lawrence suggested we try writing you at this address.

I’m enclosing a letter from filmmaker Andrea Kalin inviting you to voice a few lines as writer Vardis Fisher in her new film, *Soul of a People*, on the Federal Writers’ Project. I’m also enclosing a DVD capsule of the film, so you can see its “look.”

I understand from your website that you’re writing at the moment, and we don’t wish to interrupt your creative routine. What we’re requesting would take no more than one hour of your time, and you’d add immeasurably to the first full documentary look at one of the WPA’s most under-reported programs.

We’d find a recording studio there in Seattle and send you script lines and context in advance. Other writers have agreed to join us on the film – including Richard Ford as Jim Thompson, James McBride as Ralph Ellison, and Amy Bloom as Anzia Yezierska. Alice Walker is very interested in joining us as Zora Neale Hurston if we can work out the scheduling. We’d love it if you’d be our Vardis Fisher.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience – our optimum window for recording is the latter half of February.

I may best be reached on my cell phone at (317) 513-6046 or by e-mail at maura@sparkmedia.org. The office number here is (202) 463-6154.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Maura Pierce
Spark Media
January 26, 2009

Mr. Ivan Doig
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Dear Mr. Doig:

I am writing to invite you to join us in making a major documentary feature about America in a time of great crisis. **Soul of a People: Writing America’s Story** chronicles The Federal Writers’ Project, the most extraordinary, yet least known of the New Deal work-relief programs, and the ragtag bunch of plucky writers who created the country’s first true-to-life self-portrait during the depths of the Great Depression. Their warts-and-all national biography – the American Guide series – was both praised as a masterpiece of Americana by writers like John Steinbeck and made the target of a communist witch hunt by the first House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC).

**Soul of a People,** produced in close association with the Library of Congress and Smithsonian Networks, is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and will be narrated by Oscar-nominee Patricia Clarkson.

The lynchpin conflict of the film is the clash between the advocates of the Federal Writers’ Project, including its national director Henry Alsberg, and those forces arrayed against them. The Project’s primary foe was Congressman Martin Dies of Texas, who investigated the Writers’ Project for “un-American” elements.

Please consider joining us as the voice of Vardis Fisher, a key character in this story. Vardis is Idaho’s premier novelist, a loner and a freethinker who rebelled against his Mormon upbringing. He’s a Westerner dragged into this New Deal project bristling all the way. Fired from teaching, his novels ignored by the Eastern establishment, he’s incensed by pop culture and injustice. Now given a chance to present Idaho in a true voice, he seizes it and makes the WPA guide to Idaho the focus of the national spotlight when he almost single-handedly completes it first in the series of WPA guides.

From your work, I know that you could convey Fisher’s acerbic wit and complexity. And we’ve heard your voice, particularly your delivery of Norman McLean’s “A River Runs Through It” on audio.
Ivan Doig
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You would be joining a stunning cast of characters, including Chicago icon Studs Terkel (filmed in 2006) and legendary activist Stetson Kennedy, who worked with Zora Neale Hurston in Florida; renowned commentators Doug Brinkley, David Bradley, Maryemma Graham and Dagoberto Gilb; and firsthand accounts from some of the other iconic writers on the Project, like Richard Wright, Ralph Ellison, Jim Thompson, and John Cheever – all virtually unknown when they were poor and joined the Writers’ Project, which enabled them to write some of America’s best-known fiction and poetry.

Your participation would help us foster a public dialogue about American identity, critical in the current charged cultural climate. We understand the demands on your time, so we would structure the voiceover session not to exceed one hour and to take place at your convenience and in a studio of your choice. Our optimum window to record is the latter half of February.

The film is set for national broadcast in the spring with an outreach rollout that guarantees screenings in museums, libraries and community centers across the country. We are enclosing a promotional DVD for your review. (One of my earlier films, Partners of the Heart, narrated by Morgan Freeman, received the Eric Barnouw award for Best History Documentary and was the season favorite on PBS' American Experience.)

Please let us know if you would join us. I would be happy to answer any questions you have, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Andrea Kalin
Director and Co-Producer
Soul of A People: Writing America’s Story
Mr. Ivan Doig  
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December 2, 2008  

Dear Mr. Doig,

Lacking any better way to contact you and tell you how much I’ve been enjoying your books, I am resorting to this method – no permission really needed at all. I just hope Harcourt will forward this!

My son lives in Seattle. He married a girl whose forbears came from Montana – once Irish miners from the Butte area. In September, I flew out to see them and my grandchildren. Having no good book to occupy me on the journey and flying across the northern tier of the US on a crystal-clear day, I kept looking down as the landscape unfolded under the plane – trying to figure out from the looks of “badlands,” mountain ranges, etc. where I might possibly be. You know what Montana looks like from the air! It was hard to see anything resembling towns or roads and I kept wondering where people bought groceries, went to school, found a hospital and other practical things.

In the guest room at my son’s house, I ran across “This House of Sky” on a bookshelf and became engrossed in it. Your age and mine are almost the same, but I was brought up in rather heavily populated parts of the East Coast, so our childhood experiences were worlds apart. Loved that book, so I bought “Dancing at the Rascal Fair” and read it while I was on a boat going up the coast of Norway. Loved that as well and had a difficult time tearing myself away from the story of Angus, Anna, Adair and Rob unfolding in my cabin even though there was spectacular scenery going by when I stood on deck. Many places along the Norwegian coast could give Montana a run for its money in terms of being REMOTE, and that’s what I loved about it.

Today I finished “The Whistling Season” and have become such a fan of your writing. The one room schoolhouse took me back to that plane flight in September. I loved the image of the horses’ paths all leading to the school. I went to high school in Maine – one which had a boarding population consisting of wealthy kids from many different states, but also “townies” and a third group of kids who came from towns in Maine too small or remote to have their own high schools, so those kids also boarded. Montana and northern Maine aren’t too dissimilar! It made for a wonderful mix across all social strata, although I think I see the positive side of it better at 68 than I did at 16!

Well, I just wanted to let you know that your writing has given me such pleasure – your obvious enjoyment of words and quotations – your depiction of life in a part of the US so foreign to me. I was a science major in college – ended up reading so slowly to digest the details in scientific text books that I gradually lost pleasure in reading. Then I became a mother and working woman with little time to read, but now, finally, I’m back to reading for the sheer joy of it!

Before discovering your books about Montana, I discovered James Welch’s “Fools Crow” and “The Heartsong of Charging Elk.” I was reading “Heartsong” when my daughter got married in France in 2002 and I ended up climbing into the bathtub in the middle of the night to finish the book so I wouldn’t keep anyone else in the hotel room awake!

Thanks so much,

Mimi Ashcraft
Hello Ms. Roeder -

I would like to inquire whether Ivan Doig would be interested in participating in a documentary on the Federal Writers Project (FWP) of the 1930s.

The film is called "Soul of a People: Writing America's Story" and will be narrated by Oscar-nominee Patricia Clarkson. It's funded by the NEH and produced by Andrea Kalin (www.sparkmedia.org), who produced, among other films, "Partners of the Heart," narrated by Morgan Freeman, which won several awards and was later made into an HBO drama.

"Soul" will dramatize the writers of the FWP, among them Richard Wright, Zora Neale Hurston, Jim Thompson, Ralph Ellison, and the western writer Vardis Fisher. We would like to know whether Mr. Doig would be interested in voicing a few lines of script as Vardis Fisher. Our time frame is February; we would find a recording studio most convenient to him. (Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Richard Ford will be the voice of Jim Thompson.)

If you provide an address, I would be pleased to mail more specific material for Mr. Doig's review. If you think it's best I contact Mr. Doig directly via e-mail or phone, I would happy to do that as well. Please provide his contact information. His website indicates he is writing at present.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,
Maura Pierce

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Dear Ivan:

We met several years ago at a dinner hosted by our mutual friends David Laskin and Kate O’Neill. I have fond memories of that evening; just this morning, while arranging a lunch date with David, I learned he’ll be seeing you tomorrow evening, and so I’ve asked him to hand-deliver this invitation on my behalf.

In the fall of 2007, Richard Hugo House launched a new program: The Hugo Literary Series. The impetus behind this series was the creation of new literary work, and so Hugo House commissioned writers to generate an original piece on a set theme, and then come to Seattle to premiere it in front of an audience. In our first two years we’ve invited 24 writers including Rick Moody, Aimee Bender, Matt Ruff, Jack Hitt, Ellen Forney, Marie Howe, Sherman Alexie, Michelle Tea, Pam Houston, Richard Rodriguez and others—to write on themes as varied as translation, heroism, avatars, road trips, and personal injury—and they actually said yes.

Looking forward to our third year, I would love it if you would consider joining us for the second event of the 2009-10 series. This will occur the weekend of November 20, 2009, and the theme will be “Visiting Hours.”

Visiting hours: 9am to 9pm for general patients, two hours a day in the psych ward, Sundays and a metal detector at the detention center. Institutions that create rules for visiting hours give us some idea of what to expect when we’re inside. But what of those other visits—Thanksgiving with the family every year at one p.m.; the kids’ unsupervised visits with the other parent; or an unexpected encounter with an old flame at the 20th High School Reunion. How do we behave when the hours are flexible and there is no plate of Plexiglas to shield us?

I’d like to invite you to write an original short piece (2500 words or so) or prepare a talk on whatever aspect of the theme captures your imagination. We will wine you and dine you, plus pay $2000 in exchange for which we ask that you write the work, present it at a reading on Friday night and also agree to participate in a 2 ½ -3 hour workshop (a writing class, a seminar, or a program of your own devising) the following day.

A little history: Richard Hugo House was founded in 1997 by three women with a dream of starting up a center where writers and readers could find each other. Writers could discover audiences and students; students could learn how to launch themselves into bolder work and
publication; children as young as 8 could get started on a lifetime of writing; teenagers could find community; writers could win residencies; hundreds of different groups (small, large and ad hoc) could use our theater or cabaret for their chapbook release parties, slams, evenings of Surrealist-inspired dream interpretation, the latest in experimental writing, and—oh, yes—regular old readings.

Twelve years later, the dream is reality and Hugo House is thriving. We would be so grateful and honored if you agreed to be our guest here.

The event will occur the weekend of November 20-21, 2009. The Hugo House theater, where you will read, seats approximately 250.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Ivan Doig  
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Dear Mr. Doig:

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the Chairman of the Missouri River Natural Resources Committee 2009 Conference and BiOP Forum to be held in Billings, Montana on March 25-27, 2009. The MRNRC is a consortium of State Fish and Wildlife agencies from the seven-mainstem Missouri River Basin states (Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri). My “day” job is Chief of the Fish Management Bureau at Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Helena. I was given your address by the staff at the Montana Historical Society.

The MRNRC originally formed in 1987 so that Fish and Wildlife agencies in the basin could speak with a common voice when dealing with the federal government (particularly the Corps of Engineers) on operation of their mainstem Missouri River Reservoirs. The conference each year attracts policy makers and researchers from around the basin to discuss efforts at natural resource conservation. The “BiOP Forum” part of the conference refers to efforts to recover Endangered species (pallid sturgeon, least tern, piping plover) under the direction of the Biological Opinion which was issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The conference was held in Nebraska last year and had 318 attendees.

The conference lasts 2 ½ days, from the morning of March 25 to noon on the 27th. I am writing to ask if you might be interested in speaking at our conference. I have read your book “Bucking the Sun” which revolves around the human, political and engineering aspects of the construction of Ft. Peck Dam. For us fish biologists, this is a topic that we don’t hear much about. Most of us have worked around dams at some point in our careers and come to appreciate them on some level, even if we do not like their impacts to aquatic life! In any event, I thought that hearing you speak on any aspect of Ft. Peck construction would be fascinating for our group. Many of the folks will be coming from out of state and having you as a speaker would also give us some real local flavor. There would be several opportunities for you to speak—during the plenary session on Wednesday morning, during the luncheon on Wednesday and Thursday, or in the evening at the banquet on Thursday.
If this is something that might be of interest to you, I would be happy to fit you in at whatever time fits your schedule. We also offer honoraria to speakers such as you to cover your travel costs.

Thank you for considering this request. You may respond in writing if you wish, or by email (dskaar@mt.gov) or phone (406-444-7409).

Sincerely,

Don Skaar
Chairman
Missouri River Natural Resources Committee