Miles City Celebrates Release of *The Best Gift: Montana’s Carnegie Libraries*

The Montana History Foundation invites you to an event to celebrate the just released book *The Best Gift: Montana’s Carnegie Libraries*. Books will be available for purchase and author Kate Hampton will be on hand to sign copies.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, August 25th, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Range Riders Museum in Miles City.

*The Best Gift: Montana’s Carnegie Libraries* profiles the 17 libraries built across Montana between 1901 and 1922 with the help of funding provided by Andrew Carnegie. Carnegie believed a community library to be of singular importance to its citizens. Through his generosity, and the work of local communities, those libraries were constructed. Fifteen of them still stand today and nine continue to serve their communities as libraries, including Miles City Public Library.

Architectural Historian Kate Hampton tells the stories of how each of Montana’s Carnegie Libraries were built, while photographer Tom Ferris provides the images to capture the details of each individual structure. The stories and photos are complemented by historical photographs and architectural renderings.

Books are $19.95 and will be available for sale at the event. Cash or check only, please.

*The Best Gift: Montana’s Carnegie Libraries* is also available now at local bookstores or online at Amazon.com. For wholesale inquiries contact Farcountry Press at 1-800-821-3874.

Proceeds from the sale of the book go towards library preservation in Montana.

For more information on the event, please contact Melissa Jensen at The Montana History Foundation at (406) 449-3770.

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