

Darby Doll Dispatch

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Darby Library American Girl Book and Doll Club

The 2013/2014 School Year Club Meet and Greet Party

By Miss Kay

We've all had a wonderful summer but can hardly wait for the American Girl Book and Doll Club Meet and Greet party!

The Meet and Greet party is scheduled for Friday, October 4, 2013 at 3:00 pm at the Darby Community Library.

All girls and boys, in all grades, who enjoy reading, dolls, teddy bears, or other toys are welcome to attend. Parents are also invited.

We will talk about what we did this summer and share books we read over the summer.

Attendees should bring their doll, bear or toy dressed or decorated for

Halloween. We will vote on the best dressed and award a prize!

We love crafts too so during the Meet and Greet party, we will make Trick-or-Treat bags for ourselves and our dolls.

Refreshments will be served at the Meet and Greet Party. And we will reveal a REALLY BIG surprise – see The Doll Fairy article in this issue.

The 2013/2014 school year is looking like a really fun time for the Darby Library American Girl Book and Doll Club! Tell your friends and family to join us Friday, October 4 for the Meet and Greet Party.

The Doll Fairy

By Miss Kay

The Doll Fairy is coming to Darby! She will have a representative at the Meet

and Greet party and every single meeting all year! And who is the doll fairy? No one knows for sure but she is very loving and very generous!

At every meeting of the Darby club, any attendee who DOES NOT have an American Girl doll, may place her name in a special box where the Doll Fairy's representative sits. At the end of the school year, Miss Wendy will draw a name from the box and that person wins a real American Girl doll from the Doll Fairy!

If you do not have an American Girl doll, you can enter your name every single meeting. That means you will have up to eight chances to win an American Girl doll! And all you have to do is come to the meetings and enter your name!

If you have an American Girl doll but have a sister or friend who does not, encourage them to come to the Darby American Girl Book and Doll Club meetings, every first Friday after school.

Member Profile

By Miss Kay

These are the participants in the Darby Library American Girl Book and Doll Club last year: Gracie, Bella, Marie, Annie, Emmy, Lily, Sophia, Liz, Samantha, Kenzee, Anna, Kellyonia, and Kiera.

In this column, we will write a little story about one of our members. We will share a photo of her and how old she is, what grade she is in, and how long she has been a member of the club. The story will include favorite books, hobbies, sports, and school subjects.

This column will be a fun way to get to know each other and share fun information about each other.

Summer's Summer

By Summer Elise Flores

For those of you who have not met me yet, I am an American Girl doll and the Ambassador to Montana from the Lakeland Library American Girl Book and Doll Club in Lakeland, Florida.

I am so happy to be in Montana and would like to use this column to tell you of my adventures in the great Northwest.

I have been very busy this summer since I arrived in Montana on June 19 from our sister club in Lakeland.

I wrote to my friends in Lakeland the next day to let them know I safely arrived and sent a picture of myself with an outside thermometer. The girls in the Lakeland club could hardly believe the temperature was only 54 on the 20th of June!



Shortly after my arrival, I got to meet two foals, born this spring, just north of Darby. Both foals came over to the fence to make friends. Too cute!

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On June 23, I went to the Darby Community Library for the first time. I helped Miss Kay set up the Darby Library American Girl Book and Doll Club area in the Library. I brought a Florida doll with me and a bunch of letters from Lakeland club members. I also set up a notebook to hold letters and pictures both to and from the Lakeland club, and our animal friends.

We also set out a tiny photo album with pictures of the Darby club members. Miss Kitty, from the Lakeland club, has sent pictures of their members and we will have a photo album of the Lakeland club at the Darby library very soon.



Miss Kay had to go to Missoula on June 24 to be interviewed by KPAX News about the Darby Doll, Toy, and Teddy Bear Show and Sale, and I got to go too! I was on the morning, noon, and evening news and I sent the Internet link to the Lakeland club so they could see me too. It's like being a movie star!



I finally got to meet many of the girls from our club at the Darby Doll, Toy, and Teddy Bear Show and Sale on June 28 and 29. I hosted the Darby American Girl Book and Doll Club exhibit table with several other American Girls. My favorite part was the Awards Ceremony when the club members selected prizes they had won last year.



Miss Kay let me work in the vegetable garden, do a little cooking, and read some books too. Celebrating for Independence Day was lots of fun, especially since I had a new outfit to wear.



And speaking of outfits, we went to Sassy Sew in Hamilton and I got a brand new western outfit. My black and red western style dress has a belt, a cowboy hat and the coolest “cow hide” boots. I even have a cute black stick horse!



The next adventure was a trip to the Oregon coast. I am the only American Girl doll from Florida that has seen both the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. It's a lot colder at the Pacific than the Atlantic! I had to wear a jacket the whole time! I couldn't play with my beach ball – the wind kept blowing it away. I wish I had a kite. It was fun watching people fly kites, build sand castles, and play with dogs.



In addition to hosting the Darby doll show, I also went to the Billings doll show in August. There were zillions of dolls and bears, clothes and furniture. I got to meet a lot of really nice people and they loved hearing my story about our sister clubs. I also told them about Darby, our ambassador doll to Florida..



I have also been able to attend the Kalispell Shinning Mountain Doll Club meeting a couple of times. That's a nice group of ladies and they all fused over me!

The adult doll collectors in the Bitterroot Valley don't have a formal club, but they meet at the Dairy Queen in Hamilton. I have gotten to go to that fun meeting too. Nothing like sharing a Blizzard with doll friends!

I am really getting excited for the Darby Library American Girl Book and Doll Club Meet and Greet party. Fortunately

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the time will just fly because I have more ambassador duties! I'm going to doll shows in Lewiston, ID and Nampa (Boise) ID over the next two weeks.

I will be writing this column in every issue of the Darby Doll Dispatch. In the October issue, I'll tell you all about the doll shows in Idaho, and the Meet and Greet party.

Animal Friends Adventures

By Albert, the alligator

Have you met Roscoe? Benny? Becca? Olivia? Buffy? And that's just a few of our Animal Friends. Check the notebook in the American Girl area of the library for letters to, from and about these characters.

My name is Albert. I am an alligator. I traveled on foot all the way from Lakeland, FL. Roscoe is a raccoon who traveled with me the last leg of the trip and decided to stay in Montana. Roscoe and I live at Lake Como. My new home is in a marshy area near Lake Como in a beaver lodge.



The marshy area was created by Benny, a beaver, and his family when they built a dam.

When Benny found out that I was coming to Montana, Benny offered me a place to live. Benny, his family, and I constructed a huge room in Benny's

lodge for me. It even has a pass-through window so this winter I can simply stick my nose out to catch fish!

Benny has a daughter, Becca, who is young and adventuresome and decided she wanted to go to Florida. Becca flew, by way of Olivia, an osprey. Becca now lives in a lodge hidden in the rushes of Lake Morton, right by the Lakeland library and near the willow tree where her friend Sofie, a squirrel, lives. Olivia has made friends with other Osprey in Florida too.



Oh, and Buffy is a bison from Yellowstone. He met Becca and Olivia when they stopped for a rest and decided he wanted to see Florida too. He had to walk – no way was Olivia going to try to carry him too!



This menagerie seems to just keep growing! To keep up with their adventures, check this column every month and also read their letters in the notebook at the library.

Feature Article

By Darby AG Club Members

This column is reserved for Darby club members to write articles for this newsletter. Write your article and give it to Miss Wendy or Miss Kay. If you have

pictures that you would like to include, provide digital or hard copies.

Your articles can be true stories or fiction. You may also submit poems, songs, jokes, artwork, or photos you have taken.

This is your newsletter so if you want something more or different included, just let us know!

Photo of the Month

Submitted by Miss Kay

This helmet is a salesman sample, given to my husband by a motorcycle dealer. It fit Summer perfectly! My husband had this blue leather and let me have a large piece to make Summer's jacket and chaps. They have tiny fringe on the front, back, sleeves and down the sides of the chaps. I cut a

zipper out of a child's jacket that I bought at a thrift store. Summer's boots are actually doll ice skates I bought at the doll show in Billings, and pulled off



the blades. I've had the wooden motorcycle for a long time and it looks really cute in the picture.

Calendar of Events

Day	Date	Event – Theme	Time	Location
Friday	October 4	AG Club - Meet and Greet, Halloween	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	November 1	AG Club - Fancy Nancy	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	December 6	AG Club - Teddy Bears	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	January 3	AG Club – Clothes Swap	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	February 7	AG Club - Mardi gras	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	March 7	AG Club - Circus	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	April 4	AG Club - Lewis and Clark	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library
Friday	May 2	AG Club - Cinco de Mayo	3:00 to 4:00	Darby Library

To add events to the calendar, call or email Miss Kay at 406-360-7214, schrader1501@blackfoot.net