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## Take Our Library Survey!

Three ways to share your thoughts:

- the QR code below will take you to it
- come by, chat with us in person then fill it out
- complete it online at the address below

Many thanks! We value your ideas and feedback.

## Library Survey

### Help Us Plan for the Library's Future

What do you love? What needs improving? How can the Library grow to better serve our community? Your feedback will inform our planning and help guide decisions about services, spaces and programs.

To participate in the Community Survey, scan the QR code. Or, come chat with us in person and fill out the survey!

- 9–11, Tuesdays; 1–3, Fridays, in the South Lobby
- Or, take the Survey online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRMGJBR>
- Join us for a hands-on workshop where you create your own vision of a great day at the Library with simple design tools we provide. All ages welcome!
- 4–5:30, Tues., Feb. 4 & 11; 6–7:30, Fri., Feb. 13; 6:30–8, Wed., Feb. 18, in the CO+LAB



## Explore the CO+LAB

The **CO+LAB** is our all-ages technology, arts, crafts and multimedia makerspace. February's calendar lists this month's schedule. Registration is required for all programs. All you need to know is at [explorelearncreate.org](http://explorelearncreate.org).

### NEW Wise Wonders Library Pass

Use your Library card to check out a FREE Wise Wonders Science and Discovery Museum pass – good for one visit for a family of 4 anytime during the month you borrow it. Pick it up in person during CO+LAB open hours; you must be 18+; one pass per cardholder every three months; 10 passes/month (first come, first served). Sponsored by the Friends of Billings Public Library.

## Arts & Photography

### February in Montana History

We are featuring a variety of images from the Montana History Portal with the keyword "February" in their description..

- February 1–28, Montana Room Digital Display

### Yellowstone Portrait Painters

Watch the artists work in their preferred medium to paint, draw or sculpt a live model.

- 10am–12:30pm, Saturday, February 14, under the Oculus

## Friday Night Fun!

### Curling with Billings Curling Club

It's the first day of the Winter Olympics! Join us for a hands-on introduction to the sport of curling with the Billings Curling Club. Try out equipment; learn how the game is played!

- 5:30–7pm, Friday, February 7, in the Community Room

### Movie Night: "How to Train Your Dragon" (2025)

Live action! Relax, watch the movie and color!

- 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, February 13, in the Community Room

### Twilight Appreciation Night! (2009, PG-13)

Watch the movie "Twilight: New Moon" with us while enjoying themed treats and a trivia contest! Stay the whole movie and enter a drawing for a Twilight themed prize!

- 5:30pm, Friday, February 20, in the Community Room

### Cardboard Box Fort Building Night!

Box fort builders! We'll provide the boxes, you provide the imagination. Let's fill the Community Room with your fabulous creations!

- 6–7pm, Friday, February 27, in the Community Room

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## in February...

### BPL Film Pass at Art House

Your Library card reserves a movie ticket for 1–2 and can be used all month, but tickets are held for only one week.

- ticket pickup at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

### One Book Billings

Register to join a discussion group and receive a free copy of "Holding Fire" by Bryce Andrews. For more info and to register, visit <https://www.billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings>

### Memory Café

For adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. We'll socialize and enjoy an activity together. To RSVP or for info, call (406) 259–3111.

- 10:30–12:30, Tuesday, February 3, in the Community Room

### Hunting in Montana

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks staff shares what is required to hunt here, how to sign up for hunter education classes, and explains Montana hunting regulations for the different species you can hunt.

- 5:30–6:30, Tuesday, February 3, in the Community Room

### Winter Sowing Workshop

Join the Billings Community Seed Library. Learn how to prepare and plant seeds in outdoor sowing containers. Please bring a clean, one gallon milk jug.

- noon, Wednesday, February 4, in the Community Room

### iHablar Conmigo!

Diverse activities in Spanish! All skill levels.

- 3:30–4:30pm, Thursdays, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

### Beginning Genealogy

Learn what's accessed through the Library's online resources and more. Pre-register.

- 6pm, Thursday, February 5, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

### Qigong & Tai Chi

#### Open Practice

- 5:30pm, Thursdays, in the Community Room

### Friends Book Sale

Stock up at the Friends of the Billings Library Valentine Pop-Up Book Sale!

- 9–2, Saturday, February 7, in the Book Nook

### Fiber Arts Group

Join our String Theory Fiber Arts Group.

- 10–11am, Saturday, February 7, in the Teen Corner

### D&D for Grown-ups

Info at [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov).

- noon–4pm, every Saturday, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

### Senior & Adult Art Group

Join Bonny Beth Luhman from Stickman

Studios to learn pine needle basket weaving. Preregister through the Library's calendar or (406) 657–8255.

- 9:30–11:30am, Monday, Feb. 9, in the CO+LAB

### Grow with Google Classes

Beginning Digital Skills for Everyday Tasks.

- 10am, Tuesday, February 10, Google Basics (need Google account)

- 3pm, Thursday, February 12, both in the Computer Classroom

### Creative Writing Group

- 6–7:30pm, Tuesdays, Feb. 10 & 24, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

### Adult Sensory Story Time

A program designed for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

- noon, Tuesday, February 17, in the Community Room

### Books & Brews Group

We're discussing "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides.

- 12:30–1:30pm, Tuesday, Feb. 17, at Rockets Wraps and Subs

### Tagging Buddies

Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter makes free engraved ID tags for your animals.

- 4–5pm, Friday, February 20, in the South Lobby

### Prairie Handspinners

Watch us speed spinning in the 2026 Spin Together competition.

- 12–4, Saturday, Feb. 21,
- 10–2, Saturday, Feb. 28, under the Oculus

### Walk-In Notary Hour

- 3–4pm, Saturday, February 21, in Study Room 1

### Turning Page BOOK Group

To register, please email us [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov).

- 6:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the Yellowstone Board Room

# FEbruary

Please visit the Calendar on our website for the most current information.



Find us on Facebook



and billingslibrary on Instagram.

<b>1</b> Tech Café tech help for adults now offered by appointment Call 247-8691 or email <a href="mailto:majorc@billingsmt.gov">majorc@billingsmt.gov</a> to make an appointment.	<b>2</b> NEW Take & Make Love Bug <b>Diaper Drive for Baby Boutique</b> February 2-28 <b>One Book Billings</b> Registration begins	<b>3</b> 9-11 Survey Chat Daycare Story Time 9:15-9:45am Story Time 10-11am 10:30-12:30 <b>Memory Café</b> 4-5pm <b>Tween Art Club</b> 5:30-6:30 <b>Program</b> Hunting in Montana 6-7pm <b>Mini Makers</b>	<b>4</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>noon Workshop</b> Winter Sowing 4pm <b>Teen Democracy Project</b> 4-5:30 <b>Workshop</b> Imagine BPL's Future <b>Trekkies</b> on hiatus	<b>5</b> Story Time 10-11am 3pm <b>Class: Google Google Basics</b> Books & Babies 3:15pm 3:30 <b>iHablar Conmigo!</b> 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi 5:30-7:30 <b>Teen Thursday</b> 6pm <b>Workshop</b> Beginning Genealogy	<b>6</b> <b>1-3 Survey Chat</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm <b>5:30-7pm Friday Fun</b> Curling with Billings Curling Club	<b>9-2 Friends Book Sale</b> <b>10 Fiber Arts Group</b> Books & Babies 10:15am 12-2pm <b>TEEN D&amp;D</b> 12-4pm <b>Adult D&amp;D</b> Paws to Read 1-2pm Krafty Kids 2-3pm 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D 3-4 <b>Escape Room</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30-11:30 <b>Senior &amp; Adult Art Group</b> Sponsored in part by a grant from the Montana Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. Chinese Story Time 3:30	<b>10</b> 9-11 Survey Chat Daycare Story Time 9:15-9:45am Story Time 10-11am 3pm <b>Class: Google</b> 4-5pm <b>Tween Art Club</b> 6-7:30 <b>3D Print Cert.</b> 6-7:30pm Writing Grp	<b>11</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>4pm Meeting TAB/Democracy Project</b> 4-5:30 <b>Workshop</b> Imagine BPL's Future	<b>12</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>Noon Lib. Board Mtg.</b> 3pm <b>Class: Google</b> Books & Babies 3:15pm 3:30 <b>iHablar Conmigo!</b> 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi 5:30-7:30 <b>Teen Thursday</b>	<b>13</b> <b>1-3 Survey Chat</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm Spanish Story Time 4pm <b>5:30-7:30 Friday Fun</b> How to Train Your Dragon Movie Night <b>6-7:30pm Workshop</b> Imagine BPL's Future	<b>10</b> 12-30 <b>Yellowstone Portrait Painters</b> Books & Babies 10:15am 12-2pm <b>TEEN D&amp;D</b> 12-4pm <b>Adult D&amp;D</b> 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D 3-4 <b>ASL Social Hour</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm 3-4:30 <b>Charlie Cart: Beets</b>
<b>15</b> <b>The Library Show</b> is on Billings Community Cable TV Channel 7 Please check their website <a href="http://www.comm7tv.com">www.comm7tv.com</a> for our weekly schedule.	<b>16</b> <b>Presidents' Day Library CLOSED</b>	<b>17</b> 9-11 Survey Chat Daycare Story Time 9:15-9:45am Story Time 10-11am <b>noon Adult Sensory Story Time</b> 12:30-1:30 <b>Book Club</b> Rockets Wraps & Subs 4-5pm <b>Tween Art Club</b>	<b>18</b> Story Time 10-11am Paws to Read 3-4pm <b>4pm Teen Democracy Project</b> 6:30-8pm <b>Workshop</b> Imagine BPL's Future	<b>19</b> Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm 3:30 <b>iHablar Conmigo!</b> 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi 5:30-7:30 <b>Teen Thursday</b>	<b>20</b> 10:30-11:30 <b>Mini Makers</b> (in the Craft Corner) <b>1-3 Survey Chat</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm <b>4-5 Tagging Buddies</b> 5:30pm Friday Night Fun Twilight Appreciation Movie Night	<b>21</b> Books & Babies 10:15am 12-4 <b>Spin Together</b> 12-2pm <b>TEEN D&amp;D</b> 12-4pm <b>Adult D&amp;D</b> Krafty Kids 2-3pm 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D 3-4 <b>Walk-in Notary</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm 3-4:30 <b>Glowforge Cert.</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Online Program</b> An evening with Tracy McIntyre, Administrator of the Montana Council of Cooperatives, an organization that unites, promotes and strengthens Montana's cooperative community. • 6:30pm, Thursday, February 26, online	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9-11 Survey Chat Daycare Story Time 9:15-9:45am Story Time 10-11am 4-5pm <b>Tween Art Club</b> 6-7:30pm Writing Grp 6-7:30 <b>Button Making</b>	<b>25</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>4pm Meeting TAB/Democracy Project</b> 6:30pm <b>Turning Page Book Group</b>	<b>26</b> Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm 3:30 <b>iHablar Conmigo!</b> 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi 5:30-7:30 <b>Teen Thursday</b> 6:30pm <b>Program</b> MT Council of Cooperatives	<b>27</b> <b>1-3 Survey Chat</b> Game On! 3-4:45pm 4-5 Cat Tales <b>6-7pm Friday Night Fun</b> Cardboard Box Building	<b>28</b> Books & Babies 10:15am 10-2 <b>Spin Together</b> 12-2pm <b>TEEN D&amp;D</b> 12-4pm <b>Adult D&amp;D</b> 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D Game On! 3-4:45pm 3pm <b>Teen Book Club</b> <b>Family Reading ends TODAY!</b>

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## For Kids, Tweens & Families

Contact the Children's Department by emailing [kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov).

### Take & Make Craft Kit: Love Bug

- available beginning Monday, February 2, Children's Desk

### FREE Tree (real to plant at home) Program

Register your child by March 15 at [explorelearncreate.org](http://explorelearncreate.org) to pick up a free real tree at the Library the week of Earth Day.

### Adventures in Story Time

Themes: Shapes, Hugs & Kisses, Friends and Books

- 10am, Tuesdays & Thursdays (ages 3-6), in the Story Tower
- 10am, Wednesdays (ages 2-3), in the Story Tower

### Books & Babies (ages 0-2)

- Classic:** 3:15pm, Thursdays, in the Story Tower
- Music Edition:** 10:15am, Saturdays, in the Story Tower

### Daycare Story Time (for toddlers and preschoolers)

A special session of Story Time geared towards daycares.

- 9:15-9:45am, Tuesdays, in the 2nd Floor Teen Area

### Chinese Story Time! (for preschool & up)

Enjoy stories, songs and more in Chinese. All levels welcome.

- 3:30pm, Monday, February 9, in the Story Tower

### Spanish Story Time! (for preschool & up)

Enjoy stories, songs and more in Spanish. All levels welcome.

- 4pm, Friday, February 13, in the Story Tower

### Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens (ages 9-12)

- 4-5pm, Tuesdays, in the Children's Craft Corner

### Krafty Kids: Art Club For Kids (ages 6-9)

- 2-3pm, Saturdays, February 7 & 21, Children's Craft Corner

### Game On! Games & Legos!

- 3-4:45pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner

### Paws to Read with a Therapy Dog

\*Each child MUST register on the day of the program.

Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals (dogs)

- 1-2pm, Saturday, February 7, in the Story Tower

Read with Pet Partner Therapy Animals (dogs)

- 3-4pm, Wednesday, February 18, in the Story Tower

### Cat Tales with Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter Cats

\*Each child MUST register on the day of the program.

- 4-5pm, Friday, February 27, in the Story Tower

## Family Reading Program

Read for 20 days; return your program postcard to the Children's Desk for a book, coupons from local businesses (as supplies last) and an entry into a drawing for a special grand prize. Thanks to our sponsor, Texas Roadhouse!

- program's last day is Saturday, February 28

### Diaper Drive for Baby Boutique

**Baby Boutique** is in the basement of St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral.

Their biggest needs currently are pull-ups and wipes; but any size donations are welcome.

- drop off in the Children's Department through February

### ASL Social Hour

Are you interested in meeting people who know or are learning American Sign Language? All skill levels, ages, hearing, hard of hearing and D/deaf people are welcome.

- 3-4pm, Saturday, February 14, in the Story Tower

## Just for TEENS

### Teen Thursdays (registration required)

Hang out, play games, use equipment or try a new featured activity.

- 5:30-7:30pm, Thursdays, in the CO+LAB

February 5: Embroidery

February 12: Chocolate Covered Strawberries

February 19: DIY Stickers

February 26: Soul Movie Night

### Democracy Project

Teen-led, nonpartisan program that empowers teens to address community needs through civic engagement.

- 4pm, Wednesdays, through February, in the Teen Corner

### TAB Meeting/Democracy Project

Monthly meeting for Teen Advisory Board members and Democracy Project participants.

- 4pm, Wednesday, February 11, in the Teen Corner

### Dungeons & Dragons

#### TEEN D&D (ages 13-18) (registration required)

- noon-2pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1

#### Tween D&D (ages 10-13) (registration required)

- 2:30-4:30pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1

### Freadom Book Club: "All American Boys"

Register online to borrow a free copy of the book and join us for food and discussion with a guest from Roots of Unity.

- 3pm, Saturday, February 28, in the CO+LAB

## Library Hours

Monday-Friday 9am-8pm  
Saturday 9am-5pm  
Sunday Closed

## 24/7 Express Lockers

Downtown, Lockwood the Heights and West End!

## Helpful Information

### Phone numbers (all begin 406-)

Library: 657-8258

CO+LAB: 208-8861

Express Lockers: 281-3628

Bookmobile: 657-3091

Senior/Homebound: 657-8255

Foundation: 237-6149

Friends of the Library: 237-6170