

Billings PUBLIC LIBRARY

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- YouTube: bit.ly/2UU0Jq5
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/
- Calendar: billings.librarycalendar.com/events/month

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Happy, Happy New Year!

Join us for another busy month...

- Friday Nights Funs for everyone every Friday!
- Our annual Family Reading Program kicks off!
- Learn to make something in the CO+LAB!
- and, share your thoughts on the Library Survey

Library Survey

Help Shape the Future of Your Library

We're planning for the future of Billings Public Library, and you're part of it. We want to hear from you about what you love, what you'd like to see improved, and how the Library can grow to better serve our community in the years ahead. Your feedback will inform our planning and help guide decisions about services, spaces and programs. Whether you visit often or only occasionally, your perspective matters.

To participate in the Community Survey, scan the QR code:

Or, take the Survey online:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRMGJBR>



Explore the CO+LAB

The CO+LAB is our all-ages technology, arts, crafts and multimedia makerspace. January's calendar lists this month's schedule. Registration is required for all programs. All you need to know is at explorelearncreate.org. Stop by soon and try something new in the new year!

Arts & Photography

Images with "January" in their Description

We selected a variety of images from the Montana History Portal's collection.

- January 1–31, 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, January 10, under the Oculus

Friday Night Fun!

Resolution Jar Craft

It's time for new beginnings. Your Resolution Jar will be filled with pretty stars representing hopes and goals for you to unwrap and read whenever you need a boost.

- 6–7pm, Friday, January 2, in the Community Room

Movie Night: "The Goonies" (1985, PG)

A group of teenagers finds a treasure map but must overcome booby traps, natural obstructions and a gang of desperate thieves in their race for the loot.

- 6pm, Friday, January 9, in the Community Room

The Great Duck Hunt

After picking up your clues in the Community Room, scour the Library from top to bottom to find all the ducks' hiding places. Find 14 out of 15 to be entered in to win a prize!

- 5:30pm, Friday, January 16, in the Community Room

Silent (Reading) Night

Ssshhh! Enjoy reading in comfortable silence with fellow bookworms.

- 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, January 23, in the Community Room

Experience a Soundbath led by HarmoniSounds

Surrounded by the warm acoustics of crystal bowls, gongs, chimes and gentle frequencies, participants will be guided into deep relaxation and mindful stillness. This 60-minute event is open to ages 18 and older. Registration is required; you will be asked to sign a waiver before beginning. A single-use eye mask will be provided. For more information and to register, visit the Library Calendar.

- 6–7pm, Friday, January 30, in the Community Room

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in January...

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

Crochet and Knit Hour

We share patterns, techniques, local events and more. All ages and skill levels!

- 10–11am, Saturday, January 3, in the Teen Corner

D&D for Grown-ups

For more info and to ask about seat availability, email refdesk@billingsmt.gov.

- noon–4pm, every Saturday, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room
Jan. 10: Yellowstone Board Room

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, January 6, in the Community Room

Crochet Socks Class

Learn sock crocheting with Library staff. (For crocheters who know basic stitches.)

- 2pm, Tuesdays, January 6 & 13, in the Upstairs Teen Area

United Federation of Trek

A group of Star Trek fans get together!

- 5:30pm, Wednesday, January 7, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Grow with Google Class

Google Basics for beginners

- 3pm, Thursday, January 8, in the Computer Classroom

iHablar Conmigo!

Diverse activities in Spanish! All skill levels.

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

Qigong & Tai Chi Open Practice

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

OBB Presentation

Local journalist and educator, Jaci Webb, will discuss "The Eleventh Man" by Ivan Doig. More info: <https://www.billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings>

- 1pm, Saturday, January 10, in the Community Room

Grow with Google Session

Google account required.

- 11am, Tuesday, January 13, in the Computer Classroom

Creative Writing Group

Practice your craft and meet fellow writers!

- 6–7:30pm, Tuesday, January 13, Yellowstone Board Room

- 6–7:30, Tuesday, January 27, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Tagging Buddies

Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter makes free engraved ID tags for your animals. And, learn how to care and interact with different types of animals.

- 4–5pm, Friday, January 16, in the South Lobby

Complicated Book Club

Come discuss Erich Fromm's seminal work, "Escape from Freedom."

- 10am–noon, Saturday, January 17, in the Yellowstone Board Room

Walk-In Notary Hour

Limit 1–2 stamps/person. You may make an appointment (406) 247–8691.

- 3–4pm, Saturday, January 17, in Study Room 1

Adult Sensory Story Time

A welcoming and interactive program designed especially for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

- noon, Tuesday, January 20, in the Community Room

Books & Brews Group

We're discussing "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley. Mention the book club at This House of Books and save 20%!

- 12:30–1:30pm, Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Rollhouse Bakery

History of Montana Laws

A presentation by Franklin Runge from the Montana Law Library. This is a virtual program presented by the Montana Library Network. View at the Library or from your home.

- 6:30pm, Monday, January 26, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Turning Page Book Group

We're discussing "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean. Info or to sign up, email refdesk@billingsmt.gov

- 6:30pm, Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Yellowstone Board Room

JaNuary

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



Find us on Facebook



and billingslibrary on Instagram.

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New Years Day Library CLOSED

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Game On! 3-4:45pm
6-7pm Friday Fun Resolution Jar Craft
NEW Take & Make Snowman Mittens

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10-11 Knit & Crochet Books & Babies 10:15am
12-2pm TEEN D&D
12-4pm Adult D&D Paws to Read 1-2pm
Krafty Kids 2-3pm
2:30-4:30 Tween D&D Game On! 3-4:45pm
3-4 Escape Room

4

Tech Café
tech help for adults now offered by appointment
Call 247-8691 or email majorc@billingsmt.gov to make an appointment.

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No Senior & Adult Art Group

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Daycare Story Time 9:15am
Story Time 10-11am
10:30-12:30 Memory Café
2pm Beginner Crochet Socks Class
4-5pm Tween Art Club
6-7pm Mini Makers

7

Story Time 10-11am
4pm Teen Democracy Project
5:30pm Trekkies

8 Story Time 10-11am
Noon Lib. Board Mtg.
3pm Class: Google Google Basics Books & Babies 3:15pm
3:30 ¡Hablar Conmigo!
5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi
5:30-7:30 Teen Thursday

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Game On! 3-4:45pm
Spanish Story Time 4pm
6pm Friday Night Fun Movie: "The Goonies"

10-12:30 Yellowstone Portrait Painters Books & Babies 10:15am
12-4pm Adult D&D
12-2pm TEEN D&D 1pm OBB Program
2:30-4:30 Tween D&D Game On! 3-4:45pm
3-4 ASL Social Hour 3-4:30 Cricut Stickers

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Chinese Story Time 3:30

13

Daycare Story Time 9:15am
Story Time 10-11am
11am Class: Google
2pm Beginner Crochet Socks Class
4-5pm Tween Art Club
6-7:30pm Writing Grp
6-7:30 Sewing Basics

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Story Time 10-11am
3-4 Paws to Read
4pm Meeting TAB/Democracy Project

15 Story Time 10-11am
Books & Babies 3:15pm
3:30 ¡Hablar Conmigo!
5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi
5:30-7:30 Teen Thursday

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10:30-12 Create Along
Game On! 3-4:45pm
4-5 Tagging Buddies
5:30pm Friday Night Fun The Great Duck Hunt

10-12 Discussion Complicated Book Group Books & Babies 10:15am
12-2pm TEEN D&D
12-4pm Adult D&D Krafty Kids 2-3pm
2:30-4:30 Tween D&D 3-4 Walk-in Notary Game On! 3-4:45pm
3-4:30 Charlie Cart: Taste Winter Squash

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The Library Show is on Billings Community Cable TV Channel 7
Please check their website www.comm7tv.com for our weekly schedule.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day Library CLOSED

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Daycare Story Time 9:15am
Story Time 10-11am
noon Adult Sensory Story Time
12:30-1:30 Book Club Rollhouse Bakery
4-5pm Tween Art Club Family Reading Program begins TODAY!

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Story Time 10am
Paws to Read 3-4pm
4pm Teen Democracy Project

22 Story Time 10-11am
Books & Babies 3:15pm
3:30 ¡Hablar Conmigo!
5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi
5:30-7:30 Teen Thursday

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10:30-12 Mini Makers
Game On! 3-4:45pm
4-5 Cat Tales
5:30-7:30 Friday Fun Silent (Reading) Night

24 Books & Babies 10:15am
12-2pm TEEN D&D
12-4pm Adult D&D 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D Game On! 3-4:45pm
3-4:30 Glowforge Puzzle Making

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6:30pm Program History of Montana Laws

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Daycare Story Time 9:15am
Story Time 10-11am
4-5pm Tween Art Club
6-7:30pm Writing Grp
6-7 Soundbooth Intro

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Story Time 10-11am
3-4 Paws to Read
4pm Teen Democracy Project
6:30pm Turning Page Book Group

29 Story Time 10-11am
Books & Babies 3:15pm
3:30 ¡Hablar Conmigo!
5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi
5:30-7:30 Teen Thursday

30

Game On! 3-4:45pm
6-7pm Friday Fun Experience a Soundbath

31 Books & Babies 10:15am
12-2pm TEEN D&D
12-4pm Adult D&D 2:30-4:30 Tween D&D Game On! 3-4:45pm
3pm Teen Book Club

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

For Kids, Tweens & Families

Contact the Children's Department by emailing kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov.

Take & Make Craft Kit: Snowman Mittens

- available beginning Friday, January 2, Children's Desk

Adventures in Story Time

This month's themes: Snow, Snowmen, Penguins and Yetis.

- 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

Spanish Story Time! (for preschool & up)

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

- 4pm, Friday, January 9, in the Story Tower

Chinese Story Time! (for preschool & up)

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

- 3:30pm, Monday, January 12, in the Story Tower

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

Get creative with us! No registration unless specifically noted.

- 2-3pm, Saturdays, January 3 & 17, Children's Craft Corner

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

Create new projects every week! No pre-registration needed.

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

Game On! Games & Legos!

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

Practice Reading Skills with Dogs & Cats

Each child MUST be registered on the day of the program.

Paws to Read with a Therapy Dog

Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals (dogs)

- 1-2pm, Saturday, January 3, in the Story Tower

Read with Pet Partner Therapy Animals (dogs)

- 3-4pm, Wednesday, January 21, in the Story Tower

Cat Tales with Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter Cats

- 4-5pm, Friday, January 23, in the Story Tower

Family Reading Program

Family Reading encourages families to develop the habit of reading aloud together. Pick up a Family Reading postcard at the Children's Desk and initial a stocking cap on the postcard for every day the family reads together for 20 minutes. A family is 2 people, with one person being 12 or younger. Once a family has read for 20 days return the 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. Family Reading is sponsored by Texas Roadhouse.

- Tuesday, January 20-Saturday, February 28

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, January 11, 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
 - January 8: Pepperoni Rolls
 - January 15: The Mighty Duck Movie Night
 - January 22: Fuse Beads
 - January 29: Bob Ross Painting Night

Democracy Project

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

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

TAB Meeting/Democracy Project

For Teen Advisory Board members and Democracy Project participants.

- 4pm, Wednesday, January 14, 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

Freedom Book Club: "The Perks of Being a Wallflower"

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

- 3pm, Saturday, January 31, 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

Webpage

www.billingslibrary.org

Calendar

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For Children & Families

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-6)

Tuesdays, 10 am

Thursdays, 10 am

Daycare Story Time (for toddlers and preschoolers)