

We have a variety of Book Clubs meeting monthly online.  
Join one and discuss your thoughts with fellow readers!

## Food for Thought returns!

- choose from 20 conversation hosts leading engaging discussions
- hearty appetizers, a dessert plus a cocktail making experience
- 6–7:30pm, Wednesday, June 9, and Thursday, June 10

### You'll always find us online:

- Website: [www.billingslibrary.org](http://www.billingslibrary.org)
- YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2UU0Jq5>
- Twitter: @BillingsLibrary
- Instagram: [www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/](http://www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/)

## Save the Date(s)!

The Billings Public Library Foundation's Food for Thought is back...virtually...

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, June 9, and Thursday, June 10**, for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual **Food for Thought, an Evening of Great Conversation**. This popular event will feature 20 conversations (10 each evening) led by a variety of experts from Montana historians, a political strategist to entrepreneurs and an archaeologist! Each will lead an engaging discussion on a timely and important topic. Plus, Food for Thought is also about the **delicious food** so included in the ticket price will be a delivery of hearty appetizers, a dessert, plus ingredients for your cocktail making experience led by Blind Bison Bartenders. Tickets go on sale on the Foundation's website on May 12.

We will be holding the event virtually via Zoom. Not comfortable yet with this new format? Do not fear—we have Zoom Tutors ready and willing to walk you through the free Zoom process. Please reach out (call or email) and we'll set up a convenient time to teach you how easy it is—really!

Lend an ear, pose a question, make a friend, hoist a glass and learn something new—all in support of the Billings Public Library Foundation. For more information go to [www.billingslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.billingslibraryfoundation.org) or call 237-6149.



## One Book Billings Wrap Up

One Book Billings is wrapping up its season. To sign up for a virtual discussion group, choose from the hosts/times/dates below and email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) or call 657-8290 to confirm your choice. You will need to include your name and email address. Participants will receive a Zoom meeting link for the session selected, so must download Zoom to participate.

- online discussions are May 3–6, Zoom
- Cindy: 5:30pm, Monday, May 3
- Bernie Q: 7pm, Monday, May 3
- Cheryle: 4pm, Tuesday, May 4
- Bernie R./Roger: 7pm, Tuesday, May 4
- Kris: 6pm, Wednesday, May 5
- Corby: 5:30pm, Thursday, May 6
- Jen: 7pm, Thursday, May 6

Join us for a program with Yellowstone National Park wolf biologist Doug Smith.

- 1pm, Saturday, May 8, Zoom

## Children's Digital Resources

Children's has a variety of fun and interactive learning resources on our website at <https://billingslibrary.org/395/Children>. A wealth of material can be accessed on these pages: Learning Resources, STEM Resources, Arts and Cultural Resources and Research Databases.

For parents wanting to support their children in homeschooling or digital learning, take a look at our [Homeschooling and At-Home Learning page](#) for guidance, tips and tricks to get started homeschooling or support your child in their virtual classroom.

Curbside Pickup available Monday–Friday, 11am–5pm

## Billings Public Library NEWSLETTER—No. 159, May, 2021

### IN MAY...

#### Take & Make May Day Basket

Celebrate May by making a May Day Basket. Suitable for adults, teens and older children on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration necessary. Available while supplies last. For more info, email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov).

- available Monday, May 3  
pickup curbside & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Help Desk

**Thank you, Friends of the Library!** The Take & Make kits that we have provided have been funded, in part, by the Friends of the Library. We are grateful for their support.

#### Great Billings Book Hunt: The Asian American Experience

May is Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month. We'll explore books that reflect this rich history and culture—historical fiction or modern life, books set in America or Hawaii, New Guinea, Japan or New Zealand. Look for histories or travelogues, and books by Asian American and Pacific Islander authors: Celeste Ng, Amy Tan, Lisa See, Viet Than Nguyen, and Ocean Vuong.

Sign up anytime by going to <https://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/>

- challenge open May 1–31

## Exhibits Visiting the Library

The Yellowstone Historic Preservation Board is a local entity that focuses on preserving the past. The month of May celebrates Preservation month. This year the Board's focus is on teaching the public about the Board itself and the process of the National Register. Learn more about local historic preservation efforts during the month of May by viewing the YHPB Preservation exhibit.

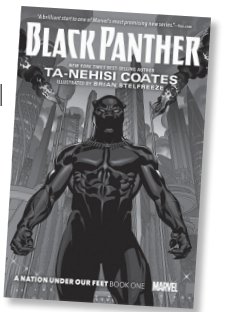
- Tuesday, May 4–Tuesday, May 18
- Tuesday, May 25–Friday, June 25

## SOS: Send Our Seniors Mail

rite a note or letter, draw a picture or decorate a coloring sheet. Drop it off at the Library using our curbside service or in the book drop. They will be distributed by our Senior Outreach Department. To participate remotely, please visit our website for instructions: [www.billingslibrary.org/sosmail](http://www.billingslibrary.org/sosmail).

#### Graphics Book Group

Our intergenerational book group features selections from our Graphic Novel Book Kits and Freeding ebooks.



In May, we are discussing "Black Panther, volume 1: A Nation Under Our Feet," by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Copies are available to check out at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Help Desk now! Please call 657-8290 or email us at [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) to sign up.

- 7pm, Wednesday, May 5, online

#### LitCentric Book Group

This month we're reading "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. We meet virtually via Zoom. To sign up, email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov).

- 7pm, Tuesday, May 25

#### Turning Page Book Group

Please email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) for information on May's book and to sign up for our online discussion.

- 7pm, Wednesday, May 26

#### Genealogy Room

The Yellowstone Genealogy Foundation has opened the Genealogy Room at the Library! Come use the room and get help from the YGF volunteers.

- 1–3pm, Mondays–Thursdays

# In May @ your Billings Public Library!

April showers bring May flowers...		 <p>Please visit our website for the most current information.</p>			 Find us on Facebook  We're BillingsLibrary on Twitter  and billingslibrary on Instagram.	<b>1</b>  <b>Happy May Day!</b>
<b>2</b> 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7	<b>3</b> Pickup begins TODAY! • Take & Make May Day Basket	<b>4</b> Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30 am 7:30pm Library Show Channel 7	<b>5</b> Pickup begins TODAY! • This Week's Story Time Craft Supplies 12:30pm Library Show Channel 7 7pm Graphic Novel Book Group	<b>6</b> Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm 8pm Library Show Channel 7	<b>7</b> Story Time in Español on YouTube 10:30 am	<b>8</b> 1pm Program~Zoom One Book Billings Doug Smith, Yellowstone National Park wolf biologist
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<b>30</b> 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7	<b>31</b> <b>Memorial Day Library CLOSED</b>					
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>

## For Kids, Tweens & Families

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

### Adventures in Story Time

In this ongoing weekly video edition, your child will enjoy books, songs and a craft designed around a theme. Each weekly video is a chance to practice reading readiness skills like listening during stories, letter awareness and predicting.

Supplies for the craft featured in the weekly videos are available for pickup through curbside. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. A new craft is available weekly on Wednesday. Themes in May include: Plants and Camping.

- 10:30am, Tuesdays, May 4 & 11 on the Library's YouTube channel

Please note: Adventures in Story Time and Craft will be on break May 18 & 25. Join us for new videos beginning June 1.

### Books & Babies

This weekly video series includes stories, rhymes, and finger plays intended to foster a love of reading at an early age and build important early literacy skills.

- 3pm, Thursdays, May 6 & 13 on the Library's YouTube channel

Please note: Books & Babies will be on break May 20 & 27. Join us for new videos beginning June 3.

### Story Time in Español

¡La biblioteca pública de Billings ahora ofrece La Hora de Lectura en español! Join us for Story Time in Spanish. MSU-B student Justin, who learned Spanish while living in Argentina, will share favorite picture books written in Spanish. Join us as we explore the Spanish language.

- 10:30am, Fridays, May 7 & 21 on the Library's YouTube channel

### Visit Our Virtual Story Tower!

Do you miss hanging out in our Story Tower? Here's your chance to visit it virtually! Head to Story Tower on the Children's page for fun games, videos, songs and other learning activities. New adventures every month!

## Just for TEENS

### TEEN TAKE-AWAY KITS

Create your own wind chime with May's kit. No registration required. Available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pick up from the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Help Desk or curbside service.

### OUTDOOR BOOK CLUB (ages 13-17)

Enjoy the warm weather and join us for our upcoming summer program, *Picnic in the Park!* Sign up early and help choose the first book. Snacks and exciting conversations will be provided. First meeting will happen mid-June. Visit [billingslibrary.org/396/Teens](http://billingslibrary.org/396/Teens) to learn more.

### BPL TEEN BLOG (ages 13 & up)

Interested in blogging? Want to share your thoughts about books or other topics? Become a blog contributor by visiting [billingslibrary.org/497/BPL-Teen-Blog](http://billingslibrary.org/497/BPL-Teen-Blog). Read other posts by local teens!

### MURAL ARTISTS WANTED

The Billings Public Library TECH Lab is getting a makeover! TEEN artists can submit a design and help paint a new mural on our TECH Lab tower. Designs should be based on the themes "Teen Life," "Technology," "Reading" or other relevant topics. Creativity encouraged! All artwork must be approved before painting. ADULT artists willing to act as mentors are also welcome to join us.

### SUGGEST A BOOK

Tell us what books you want to see in the Library! Have you been looking for a certain Young Adult book that we don't have yet? Email Vanessa at [justicev@billingsmt.gov](mailto:justicev@billingsmt.gov) with your suggestions. People of all ages can contribute, but items must be suitable for our TEEN SECTION. There is no suggestion limit, however we cannot guarantee that every title will be purchased.

Books suggested through email will not be placed on hold for you. If you would like to Request an Item and have it placed on hold for you when it arrives, please use the REQUEST AN ITEM form on our website (these requests are limited to 5 per month per person).

### Library Hours

Monday-Friday 10am-6pm  
Saturday & Sunday Closed

### Curbside Pickup Hours

Monday-Friday 11am-5pm

### Helpful Information

#### Phone numbers

Library: 657-8258  
Bookmobile: 657-3091  
Senior/Homebound: 657-8255  
Foundation: 237-6149  
Friends of the Library: 237-6170

**Webpage** [www.billingslibrary.org](http://www.billingslibrary.org)

**Email** [refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us](mailto:refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us)

### For Children & Families

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	Our building is now open.
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