It’s Our 10th Anniversary! Happy Birthday, Billings Public Library!
Our beautiful downtown branch turns 10 years old! We're celebrating!!

Panel Discussion: The Making of an Icon
A rare glimpse into the challenges and triumphs behind our award-winning facility.
• 6:30–7:30pm, Thursday, February 1, in the Community Room

BPL’s Birthday Bash!
Dance, enjoy delicious birthday cake and sing Happy Birthday to our Library.
• 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, February 2, in the Community Room

Tours of the Facility:
A rare glimpse into the challenges and triumphs behind our award-winning facility.
• 11am & 5pm, Thursday, February 1, before the panel discussion
• 5pm, Friday, February 2, preceding our Birthday Bash

It’s Library Lovers Month!
February is National Library Lovers Month! Visit one of our service desks for a paper heart to express your thoughts about our Library. Or, you can share the love online: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/D7LLB6H We’ll display your messages in the Library all month! Celebrate our love of libraries!

Pick Up a FREE Gun Lock
In collaboration with Riverstone Health, we are offering FREE gun locks to our patrons. This effort aims to promote responsible gun ownership and prevent accidental firearm incidents in our community. These easy-to-use locks provide an added layer of security, especially in households with children. While supplies last.

Friends Pop-Up Book Sale!
It’s another Pop-Up Book Sale brought to you by the Friends of the Billings Library. Find great deals! All purchases support BPL programs and services!
• 9am–2pm, Saturday, February 3, in the Book Nook

Genealogy 101 Series
Family history research led by experts from the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum. Registration required at president@yellowstonegenealogy.org. Each session meets at 10am, Saturdays, 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.
• Feb. 3, Familysearch.org is a free website with records, images and more.
• Feb. 10, DNA test or not? Learn about home computer genealogy software

Friday Night Fun
A Night at the Opera: movie and mask making
Craft dazzling opera and carnivale masks while the “Phantom of the Opera” (PG-13) serenades us. Masks and decorating supplies provided.
• doors open at 5pm, Friday, February 9, in the Community Room

Winter-Weather Trivia Night with Miller Robson
Special guest, KTVO Meteorologist Miller Robson, will challenge us with winter or weather themed questions. Prizes for winning groups. Sign-up on our Calendar.
• 6pm, Friday, February 16, in the Community Room

Zodiac Night
Stations will offer information on the different zodiac houses, resources to find your sun sign, and local updates regarding the April solar eclipse.
• 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, February 23, under the Oculus

In February...

BPL Film Pass
Register online on the Library’s calendar to claim a movie ticket for any regular showing at the Babcock Theater or Art House Cinema! Tickets are limited and registration is required.
• ticket pickup at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

Take & Make: Paper Roses
Craft flowers that will never fade! Each kit makes five roses. While supplies last.
• pickup begins Thursday, February 1, at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

¡Hablar Conmigo!
Diverse activities, all in Spanish!
• 3:30pm, Thursdays except Feb. 15, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Qigong & Tai Chi
Internal arts that confer health benefits.
• 5:30pm, Thursdays in February, Feb. 8, 13 & 22, Community Room

Crochet and Knit Hour
Join us! Knit, crochet or do other fiber art
• 10am, Saturday, February 3, in the Popular Materials Area

D & D for Grown-ups
A bi-monthly Spanish Conversation Group
• 6pm, Tuesdays, February 6 & 20, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Memory Café
For adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. To RSVP or for info, call Suzanne at (406) 259–3111.
• 10:30am, Tuesday, February 6, in the Community Room

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United Federation of Trek
A group of Star Trek fans get together!
• 5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Commuter Coffee and Cocoa Giveaway
Bike, walk, bus or rollerblade? Join the Bike library for coffee and hot cocoa in celebration of winter commuting!
• 7am–8:30pm, Friday, February 9, Downtown MET Transfer Station

ASL Social Hour
Our goal is to foster a safe and open community for those interested in American Sign Language. Create new relationships. All skill levels, ages, hearing, hard of hearing and D/deaf people are welcome.
• 3–4pm, Saturday, February 10, in the Story Tower

Senior & Adult Art Group
Join Bonnie Beth Luhman, Stickman Studios, for the art of painting on textured plaster surfaces. No experience needed. Supplies provided. Preregister through the Library’s calendar or (406) 657–8255.
• 9:30–11:30am, Monday, Feb. 12, in the Community Room

Creative Writing Group
Write with others and share your ideas!
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One Book Billings RESCHEDULED: Cara Chamberlain
• 1pm, Saturday, February 3, in the Community Room

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• February 5–29

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For Kids, Tweens & Families
Contact the Children’s Department by emailing kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov
Take & Make Heart Weaving Craft Kit
first come, first served. No registration needed.
• available beginning Thursday, Feb. 1, Children’s Desk
Adventures in Story Time, in the Story Tower
Themes include penguins, pets, hugs & kisses, manners and frogs!
• 10–11am, Tuesdays & Thursdays (ages 3–6)
• 10–11am, Wednesdays (ages 2–3)
Books & Babies
• Classic: 1:15pm, Thursdays
• Music Edition: 10:15am, Saturdays
Daycare Story Time
• (for toddlers and preschoolers)
A special session of Story Time geared towards daycares.
• 9:15am, Tuesdays, 2nd Floor Teen Area
¡Hora de Cuentos en Español!
• (for preschool & up)
Enjoy stories, songs and more in Spanish! All levels welcome.
• 4pm, Friday, February 2, in the Story Tower
Chinese Story Time!
• (for preschool & up)
Enjoy stories, songs and more in Chinese. All levels welcome.
• 3pm, Monday, February 12, in the Story Tower
Game On! Games & Legos!
• 3–4:45pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner
Krafty Kids: Art Club for Kids
• Registration required and opens two weeks prior to each meeting. Call (406) 657-8256 or go to our online calendar
• 2–3pm, Saturdays, February 3 & 17, Craft Corner
Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens
• Explore art concepts. No pre-registration is required.
• 4–5pm, every Tuesday, Children’s Craft Corner
Bring Your Own Grownup (BYOG)
• (ages 5–12)
Families, make a macrame hanging plant holder together.
An adult is required for each registered child. Come make knots!
• 3pm, Wednesday, February 28, in the Community Room

Paws to Read: Practice Reading Skills
There are two sessions each month! Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one therapy dog. Space is limited.
• Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals
• 11am–noon, Saturday, February 3, in the Story Tower
Read with Pet Therapist Animals
• 3–4pm, Wednesday, February 21, in the Story Tower
Our Annual Family Reading Program!
Family reading encourages families to develop the habit of reading aloud together. Pick up a postcard at the Children’s Desk and initial it for every day the family reads together for 20 minutes.
Family = 2 people, with one person being 12 or younger. Once a family has read for 20 days, return the postcard for a book, coupons from local businesses and an entry into a drawing for a special grand prize. Many thanks to our sponsors: Fuddrucker’s, This House of Books and ZooMontana.
• program ends Thursday, February 29

Just for TEENS
TECH Lab: The TECH Lab remains closed for upgrades and cleaning. For info on the project, visit https://www.billingslibrary.org/396/TEENS Thanks for your patience!
TEENS4TEENS (ages 13–17)
Utahna Payne facilitates the group. All teens who join this social group will be accepted, respected and welcomed.
• 3–5:30pm, Tuesdays, through February, in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room
D&D CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE
TEEN D&D (ages 13–17)
• noon–2pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1
TWEEN D&D (ages 10–13)
• 2:30–4:30pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1
TEEN TECHIES (6–12 grades)
Learn the (very!) basics of Arduino Coding using Uno and breadboards to light LEDs in new and interesting ways! All supplies provided. Class size is limited; please register early!
• 4–5pm, Tuesdays, starting February 27, in the Computer Classroom

Library Hours
Monday 9am–8pm
Tuesday 9am–5pm
Wednesday 9am–8pm
Thursday 9am–5pm
Friday 9am–5pm
Saturday Closed
24/7 Express Lockers
Downtown, locked and in the Heights

Helpful Information
Phone numbers (all begin 406–)
Library: 657–8258
Express Lockers: 281–3628
Bookmobile: 657–3091
Senior/“Homebound” 657–8255
Foundation: 237–649
Friends of the Library: 237–6710
Webpage www.billingslibrary.org
Calendar: billingslibrarycalendar.com
Email teensdesk@billingsmt.gov

For Children & Families
Preschool Story Time (ages 3–6)
• Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10–11am
Sunday Story Time (ages 6–9)
• Sundays, 10–11am
Tiny Tales (ages 3–5)
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