

We're warm and welcoming!

Stop by this month to listen to beautiful music, create a fun craft, watch a film, practice your Spanish or American Sign Language—and, of course, access our many books, CDs, DVDs, etc.!

Happy Holidays to You and Yours!

You'll always find us online:

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

Billings Public Library NEWSLETTER — No. 190, December 2023

An Abundance of Festivities! In December...

Holiday Food Drive

Our annual Holiday Food Drive helps us warm the hearts and tables of our community. Non-perishable food items are distributed by Billings Family Service.

- runs through December, place items in the bins inside our entrance

Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale

It's the perfect opportunity to find unique gifts for the bibliophiles in your life!

- 9am–2pm, Saturday, December 9, in the Book Nook

Big Sky Holiday Chorus

Joy to all as classic holiday tunes are performed in rich barbershop harmony.

- 2pm, Saturday, December 9, under the Oculus

Christmas with Juliette Angelo!

Enjoy festive holiday music and some originals by this exciting singer/songwriter!

- 2–3:30pm, Saturday, December 16, under the Oculus

Paint a Pointillism Snowman

Paint a snowman using pointillism — use small, distinct dots of color to make an image. The BPL Bike Library joins the Children's Department for this fun craft!

- 2–4pm, Friday, December 22, under the Oculus

Kids' Books to Movies (shown at 2pm in the Story Tower)

- "Little Mermaid," Tuesday, December 26
- "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile," Wednesday, December 27
- "Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie," Thursday, December 28
- "Paddington," Friday, December 29

Friday Night Events

ArtWalk with Jordan Pehler

Come meet this great artist and Billings educator for the last ArtWalk of 2023!

- 5–9pm, Friday, December 1, under the Oculus

Holiday Music with Dylan Petit

Born-and-raised Billings's musician Dylan Petit will perform holiday music.

- 6–7pm, Friday, December 8, under the Oculus

Silent (Reading) Night

Enjoy comfortable silence, cozy atmosphere and quiet snacks with fellow bookworms.

- 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, December 15, in the Community Room

A Longmire Christmas with Craig Johnson!

He will read the Christmas story, sign autographs and share stories of Sheriff Longmire.

- 6–7:30pm, Friday, December 22, in the Community Room

Carol-oke, Christmas Caroling Karaoke-Style!

Share your singing talents and win prizes.

- 5:30pm, Friday, December 22, in 2nd Floor Teen Corner

"Rudolph's Shiny New Year"

Movie and snacks run about 1 hour. After the movie, take home a coloring activity.

- 6pm, Friday, December 29, in the Community Room

NEW Lockwood Express Locker Opens Dec. 1!

Our newest 24/7 Library Express Locker is conveniently located outside the SCL Health/Intermountain Clinic in Lockwood. This round-the-clock Library access was made possible by the Billings Public Library Foundation, Montana Sulphur, the Charles M. Bair Family Trust and Intermountain Health.

BPL Film Pass

Use your library card to catch a movie! Register online on the Library's calendar to claim a movie ticket for any regular showing at the Babcock Theater! Tickets are limited and registration is required.

- online registration begins Fri., Dec. 1, ticket pickup at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

Take & Make Kit

Transform old, damaged library books into colorful Christmas and holiday trees! Each kit contains enough supplies to build and decorate two trees. While supplies last.

- kit pickup begins Friday, December 1, at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

Crochet and Knit Hour

Join us to knit, crochet or do other fiber art. All ages and levels are welcome!

- 10–11 am, Saturday, December 4, in the Community Room

D & D for Grown-ups

Please call (406) 657-8290 for more info.

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

United Federation of Trek

A group of Star Trek fans get together, watch an episode and discuss!

- 5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the Community Room

¡Hablar Conmigo!

Use your Spanish speaking skills! We choose as a group what we will do each week. Join in at any time!

- 3:30, all Thursdays except Dec. 28, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Qigong & Tai Chi Open Practice

Very similar "internal arts" that confer an astonishing raft of health benefits.

- 5:30, every Thursday in December, in the Community Room

ASL Social Hour

Our goal is to foster a safe and open community for those interested in American Sign Language. Create new relationships by sharing stories, playing games and more! All skill levels, ages, hearing, hard of hearing and D/deaf people are welcome.

- 3–4pm, Saturday, December 9, in the Story Tower

Watch Party: "The American Buffalo"

Join us for a screening of the new Ken Burns documentary, "The American Buffalo." The story explores both the buffalo's destruction and reclamation.

- 6–7:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Community Room

Senior & Adult Art Group

Join Bonny Beth Luhman, Stickman Studios, to create adorable sock snowmen perfect for festive décor or thoughtful gifts. No experience needed. Supplies provided. Preregister through the Library's calendar or (406) 657-8255.

- 9:30–11:30am, Monday, Dec. 18, in the Community Room

Free Laundry Day

Join us for the Junior League of Billings' Free Laundry Event! Free access to Wi-Fi, activities and Library resources to share. All are welcome!

- 5:30–8:30pm, Tuesday, Dec. 19, at the Lockwood Laundromat 2750 Old Hardin Road

Memory Café

On hiatus for the holidays.

Great Billings Book Hunt: Your Reading Year

Reflect on your year in books. It's the last month for 2023's online reading scavenger hunt! Did you find a new favorite? What was the best or the worst book you read this year? Did the Hunt introduce you to any new genres? Participants are eligible to win a \$15 gift card from This House of Books. Also, we will be wrapping up the challenge for the year and drawing Grand Prizes the first week of January. Stay tuned!

- Challenge open December 1–22

Turning Page Book Group

On hiatus for the holidays.

Catch Your Pet with a Book Photo Challenge

Snap a pic of your furry friend with a book for a chance to win a Petsmart gift card. Submit your photos to our Facebook event or send them to us via Messenger. We'll feature many on our social media accounts.

- submit through Dec. 17, online

In December your Billings Public Library!

DECEMBER

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



Find us on Facebook



and billingslibrary on Instagram.

					1 9:30am Lib. Show Ch7 Game On! 3-4:45pm Spanish Story Time 4pm 5-9pm ArtWalk artist Jordan Pehler	2 10-11 Knit&Crochet NO Books & Babies Paws to Read 11am 12-2pm TEEN D&D 12-4pm Adult D&D Tween D&D 2:30-4:30 Game On! 3-4:45pm 9pm Lib. Show Ch.7
3 NEW Spanish Conversation Group Join our bi-monthly Spanish Conversation Group. Hosted by Mary Bummer. All levels! • 6pm, Tuesdays, December 5 & 19, 2 nd Floor Large Conference Room	4 12:30pm Lib Show Channel 7	5 NO Story Time NO Daycare Story Time NO Art Club for Tweens 5-6pm Teens4Teens 6pm Group Spanish Conversation	6 NO Story Time 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7 3-5pm TEEN Wkshp Linocut Printmaking 5:30-7:30 Trekkies	7 NO Story Time NO Books & Babies 3:30 Hablar Conmigo 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	8 9:30am Library Show Channel 7 Game On! 3-4:45pm 6-7pm Friday Fun Holiday Music with Dylan Petit	9 NO Books & Babies 9-2 Friends Pop-Up 12-2pm TEEN D&D 12-4pm Adult D&D 2pm Big Sky Chorus Tween D&D 2:30-4:30 Game On! 3-4:45pm 3-4 ASL Social Hour 9pm Lib. Show Ch.7
10 "Catch Your Pet with a Book Photo Challenge" OPEN NOW through Dec. 17!	11 12:30pm Library Show Channel 7	12 NO Story Time NO Daycare Story Time NO Art Club for Tweens 5-6pm Teens4Teens	13 NO Story Time 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7 3pm Bring Your Own Grownup (BYOG) 6-7:30 Watch Party American Buffalo doc.	14 NO Story Time NO Books & Babies Noon Lib. Board Mtg. 3:30 Hablar Conmigo 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	15 9:30am Library Show Channel 7 Game On! 3-4:45pm 5:30-7:30 Friday Fun Silent (Reading) Night	16 NO Books & Babies 12-2pm TEEN D&D 12-4pm Adult D&D 2-3:30pm Program Christmas Music w/Juliette Tween D&D 2:30-4:30 Game On! 3-4:45pm 9pm Lib. Show Ch.7
17 Tech Café tech help for adults now offered by appointment Call 247-8691 or email majorc@billingsmt.gov to make an appointment.	18 9:30-11:30am Senior & Adult Art Group 12:30pm Library Show Channel 7	19 NO Story Time NO Daycare Story Time NO Art Club for Tweens 10am Dance Party! 5-6pm Teens4Teens 5:30-8:30pm Event Free Laundry Day 6pm Group Spanish Conversation	20 NO Story Time 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7 Paws to Read 3-4pm	21 NO Story Time NO Books & Babies 3:30 Hablar Conmigo 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	22 9:30am Library Show Channel 7 2-4pm Bike Library Snowman Painting Game On! 3-4:45pm 5:30pm Friday Fun Carol-oke 6-7:30pm Program A Longmire Christmas with author Craig Longmire	23 NO Books & Babies 12-2pm TEEN D&D 12-4pm Adult D&D Tween D&D 2:30-4:30 Game On! 3-4:45pm 9pm Lib. Show Ch.7
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

For Kids, Tweens & Families

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

Adventures in Story Time, Books & Babies, Daycare Story Time, Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens & Yarn Club are on vacation in December. See you next year!

Take & Make Handprint Snowman

Each kit includes materials to make several snowmen. First come, first served. No registration needed.

- available beginning Friday, December 1, Children's Desk

¡Hora de Cuentos en Español! (for preschool & up)

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

- 4pm, Friday, December 1, in the Story Tower

Paws to Read: Practice Reading Skills

Reading aloud helps your young child expand their vocabulary and improve reading comprehension. Learning to read can be scary; a friendly face, particularly one with a wagging tail, can ease reading anxieties and build confidence. Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one dog.

Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals

- 11am-noon, Saturday, December 2, in the Story Tower

Read with Pet Partner Therapy Animals

- 3-4pm, Wednesday, December 20, in the Story Tower

Game On! Games & Legos!

- 3-4:45pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner
- 1-4pm, Tues.-Fri., Dec. 26-29, in the Craft Corner

BYOG~Bring Your Own Grownup! (ages 5-12)

Bring Your Own Grownup (BYOG) encourages families to participate in craft and nature activities together. Learn about Pyrography, or the free handed art of decorating wood by burning. Registration required for each child and their adult.

- 3pm, Wednesday, December 13, in the Community Room

Dance Party!

Wiggle, shimmy and shake! Wear comfy clothes, bring water.

- 10am, Tuesday, December 19, in the Community Room

Just for TEENS

TECH Lab hours: 3-7pm, Tuesday-Friday; 1-5pm, Saturday

TEEN TAKE AND MAKE

Pick up a Holiday Card Kit and make friends or loved ones a card for the holidays. Available while supplies last.

- available beginning Friday, December 1, TECH Lab

LINOCUT PRINTMAKING (ages 13-17)

Learn about the process of linocut printmaking and try it yourself! Registration required.

- 3-5pm, Wednesday, Dec. 6, Yellowstone Art Museum

TEENS4TEENS (ages 13-17)

Info at teens@billingsmt.gov. Registration encouraged at <https://forms.gle/JhHs5H285NXaFLGz8>.

- 5-6pm, Tuesdays, through December, in the TECH Lab

D&D CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

Interested in being a Dungeon Master for a teen campaign or know someone who might be? Contact teens@billingsmt.gov.

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

BECOME A TEEN VOLUNTEER (ages 13-17)

We're currently accepting applications for Teen Volunteers! Volunteer in the TECH Lab helping with special projects, programs and other TECH Lab or teen tasks. Apply on the Library's website: <https://billingslibrary.org/315/Volunteering>

TEEN SUPPLY STATION

Our Teen Supply Station is for teens to take what they need, no questions asked! Items include toothbrushes, menstrual products, soap, socks, community resource lists and more. Located in the TECH Lab. For info about donating, contact teens@billingsmt.gov.

TEEN BOOK BUNDLES (Library card holders ages 13+)

Young Adult book lovers, just fill out a short form and the Teen Librarian will hand pick 1-3 books from the our Young Adult collection you might like. They must be checked out and returned. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/UAzfbNDgkhhHaAi39>.

Library Hours

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

24/7 Express Lockers

Downtown, Lockwood and in the Heights

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

Calendar billings.librarycalendar.com

Email refdesk@billingsmt.gov

For Children & Families

Preschool Story Time (1-6)

Tue
Thu
Fri
Sat
Sun
Story Times, Books & Babies, Yarn Club and Art Explorers for Tweens are all on vacation in December.
Saturdays (music), 10:15am

Game On! Games & Legos
Fridays & Saturdays, 3-4:45pm

Friday Night Fun!

Friday evenings
(please check our website for info on programs)