Summer Reading Returns!

Adventure Begins at Your Library is our Summer Reading Program theme! The whole family can enjoy captivating reads, adventures, prizes and free events! More info at https://www.billingslibrary.org/531/Summer-Reading. Sign-up is online or at billingslibrary.org or by downloading the ReadSquared app.

• Sign-up: Tuesday, June 4 – Saturday, July 7

Fun for Young and Old!

Big Rig Petting Zoo is all about MACHINERY. Investigate emergency, construction and city vehicles. Touch and learn about the trucks from their operators

• 10am–noon, Saturday, June 15, in the Library parking lot

Summer Reading Programs for Kids

JUNIOR ADVENTURERS (ages 0–6): Fun and hands-on presentations that explore the importance of all aspects of our community. Registration required.

• 3pm, Wednesdays, in the Community Room unless otherwise noted
• June 12–Tour of Dehler Park, 4001 9th Avenue North
• June 19–Water Safety & Free Swim, South Broadway and 5th Avenue South
• June 26–Fantastic Journey with Adventure Scuba
• July 3–Scary Stories in the Story Tower

ADVENTURES BEYOND STORY TIME (ages 6–12): Fun and interactive presentations that take us past the story and into our community. No registration.

• 10am, Thursdays in June, in the Community Room unless otherwise noted
• June 13–Japanese Fairy Tale—Momotaro (Peach Boy)
• June 22–Catskills Nature School Tour, meet at 9:30am at the school in John H. Dover Memorial Park, 2331 Mary Street
• June 27–Princess Story Time with Golden Carriage Parties

READING ROCKS ROCKERS (ages 11–14): Drop-in anytime, no registration required. From graphic novels to fantasy series, we’ll share our fandoms and make colorful art journals to record our thoughts, eat snacks and leave with a new book!

• 3:15-4pm, Tuesdays, beginning June 18, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

EVENTS: Bike Repair Station & Commuter Challenge

Free, fun community! We’re kicking off the Commuter Challenge. Stop by our brand-new 24/7 FixIt Bike Repair Station, funded by the Friends of the Library!

Air up your tires or make minor repairs and adjustments. Check out a bike lock.

End with a leisurely journey along the LightBike Trail through downtown Billings.

• 5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday, June 4, in the Library’s parking lot

West-End Library Express Locker Grand Opening!

Join us for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newest 24/7 Express Locker at the West End Children’s Clinic! Sign up for summer reading, get a new library card, enter giveaways and enjoy some food trucks. You don’t want to miss it!

• noon, Tuesday, June 18, West End Children’s Clinic, 3401 Avenue E

Weekly Bike Library Events

• Tour de Downtown, 10am, Tues., various downtown businesses
• CRAFT Teen Club, 2pm, Tuesdays, Pioneer Park
• Moms in Motion, 10:30am, Wed., North Park
• Community Connections, 11, Thurs., various downtown locations
• Stethoscopes & Stories, 2pm, Fridays, Children’s Clinic Express Locker at 3401 Avenue E

in June...

BPL Film Pass

Use your Library card to reserve a movie ticket to the Art House Cinema! Tickets admit 1–2 and can be used all month. Numbers are limited and online registration is required.

• ticket pickup at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

“Compelled To Create”

View a wood tapestry created through a collaboration between the YAM, local artist Beth Korth, Welcome Center Director and Director of Education at Tippet Rise, and Montana Women’s Prison participants.

• throughout June, on our “First-Five-Years Wall”

Tolkaven Mini Film Festival

A day featuring a number of Tolkien-related fan films, shorts and series, curated by The Council of Westmarch. [Parents, expect the equivalent of a PG-13 rating.]

• 10:30am, Saturday, June 1, in the Community Room

D&D for Grown-ups

Email refdesk@billingslibrary.gov for more info.

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

• 5–7:30pm, Mondays, June 3 & 17, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Memory Café

For adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. To RSVP or for info, please call (406) 259–3111.

• 10:30am–12:30pm, Tues., June 4, in the Community Room

United Federation of Trek

A group of Star Trek fans get together!

• 5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, June 5, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

¡Hablamos Conmigo!

Diverse activities, all in Spanish!

• 3:30pm, every Thursday, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Qigong & Tai Chi

Open Practice

“Internal arts” that confer health benefits.

• 10am, Saturday, June 1, in the Community Room

Creative Writing Group

Write with others and share your ideas!

• 6pm, Tuesdays, June 11 & 25, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Knit in Public Day

The largest knitting event in the world is the one day where knitters (and crocheters) share their craft in public, attracting in groups. Join us!

• noon–2pm, Saturday, June 8, under the Oculus

Senior & Adult Art Group

Bonny Beth Luhman, Stickman Studios, teaches acrylic painting on seashells. No experience needed. Supplies provided. Register through the Library’s calendar or (406) 657–8255.

• 9:30am–12:30pm, Mon., June 24, in the Community Room

MET Transit Travel Training

Take on a new adventure—learn to ride the city bus! Meet us at the Library where we will go on a short walk to the bus stop and take a ride through downtown. Participants receive a gift bag!

• 11am, Thursday, June 27, at the Library

Skateboard Clinic

Skateboard clinics return! Registration and waiver required. Learn more at billingslibrary.org.

• 11am–1pm, Saturday, June 29, at the downtown skatepark

Sketching with John Kennedy

John will demonstrate and talk about some of the ways he embraces his creative self though art, and hopefully encourage attendees to either start or rekindle their creativity.

• 1:30–3pm, Saturday, June 29, in the Popular Materials area

Complicated Book Club

Pick up a free copy of Michael Finkel’s “The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession” at this House of Books, while supplies last. The library also has 10 copies to loan.

Call (406) 657–8290 to reserve a copy.
• discussion takes place on July 27

Great Billings Book Hunt

It’s WWII Dispatches, in honor of D-Day’s 78th anniversary on June 6. Read a WWII history or novel to earn this month’s badge and be entered into our prize drawings!
For Kids, Teens & Families

Contact the Children’s Department by emailing kiddesk@billingsmt.gov

Advances in Story Time
• 10–11am, Tuesdays, (ages 0–2)
• 10–11am, Wednesdays (ages 2–3), in the Story Tower

Books & Babies (ages 0–2)
Foster a love of reading and build important early literacy skills for our littlest pre-readers. Enjoy our hands-on musical play and fun.
• Classic: 3:15pm, Thursdays, in the Story Tower
• Music Edition: 10:15am, Sat. (NO June 15), Story Tower

Spanish Story Time! (for preschool & up)
Enjoy stories, song and more in Spanish. All levels welcome.
• Presenter is a native Spanish speaker excited to share her language.
• 4pm, Friday, June 14, in the Story Tower

Game On! Games & Legos!
• 3–4:45pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner

Take & Make Craft Kit: CD Scratch Art
Make art out of an old CD. First come, first serve; no registration.
• available beginning Tuesday, June 4, Children’s Desk

Krafty Kids: Art Club For Kids (ages 6–9)
Registration required: space is limited. Call (406) 657–8256.
• 2pm, Saturdays, June 1 & 15, Children’s Craft Corner

Art Explorers: Art Club For Teens (ages 9–12)
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Graphic Novel Character Development
Join Lucy, graphic novel character designer, for an introductory lesson in character design! Basic supplies will be provided.
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• ages 9–12: 3–4pm, Tuesday, June 11, Community Room

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Join us for a tour of gorgeous Iris flowers! Limited to 20 children. Each child registering will need to bring an adult and wear appropriate shoes. If weather dictates, bring a hat and wear sunscreen. This is a tour of a small business.
• 2–3pm, Monday, June 3, 2097 Triangle Acres

Practice Reading Skills with Dogs & Cats
Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one therapy dog or a group of shelter cats.

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ASL Social Hour
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In June Your Billings Public Library!
Please visit the Calendar on our website for the most current information.

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