

Ways we served you in 2023:

- 17,710 open hours
- 57,678 people have our card
- 284,714 walked through our doors
- 26,189 uses of our public computers
- 20,135 people attended 849 programs

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

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.

- 6:30–7:30pm, Friday, February 2, in the Community Room

Tours of the Facility:

- 11 am & 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 10, 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 carnivals 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, KTVQ 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 blooms 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 Open Practice

"Internal arts" that confer health benefits.

- 5:30, Thursdays in February, Feb. 1, Popular Materials Area
Feb. 8, 15 & 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

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

- noon–4pm, every Saturday, 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

Spanish Conversation

A bi-monthly Spanish Conversation Group.

- 6pm, Tuesdays, February 6 & 20, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

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 roll? 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 Bonny 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!

- 6pm, Tuesdays, February 13 & 27, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

One Book Billings

RESCHEDULED: Cara Chamberlain

- 1pm, Saturday, February 3, in the Community Room

Join a OBB discussion group. The first ten participants in each group will receive a free copy of "And It Will Be A Beautiful Life" by Craig Lancaster. Discussions and author talk in March. Detailed info at <https://billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings>

- registration begins February 1

Great Billings Book Hunt: I Love Libraries!

February is Library Lovers Month! Celebrate by reading a book set in or about a library. Learn more and sign up at <https://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/>

- Challenge open February 1–29

Take a Book for a Spin!

Try a new genre or subject! Give our Wheel of Genres a spin at the 2nd Floor Help Desk. You'll get a bookmark noting the genre it chose. Read a book in that genre, return the bookmark, and you'll be entered into a prize drawing.

- February 5–29

Turning Page Book Group

Call (406) 657-8290 for more info.

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

February

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

				1 Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm 3:30 ¡Hablar Conmigo! 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi BPL 10 th Anniversary 6:30-7:30 Discussion The Making of an Icon	2 Game On! 3-4:45pm Spanish Story Time 4pm NO Friday Fun Night BPL 10 th Anniversary 6:30pm Celebration Birthday Bash!	10-11 Knit&Crochet 10am Genealogy 101 Books & Babies 10:15am Paws to Read 11am 12-2pm TEEN D&D 12-4pm Adult D&D 1pm OBB Author Visit Krafty Kids 2-3pm Tween D&D 2:30-4:30 Game On! 3-4:45pm
4 FAMILIES! Sign up NOW for Family Reading!	5	6 Daycare Story Time 9:15am Story Time 10-11am 10:30am Memory Café Art Club for Tweens 4-5 5-6pm Teens4Teens 6-7pm Group Spanish Conversation	7 Story Time 10-11am 5:30-7:30 Trekkies	8 Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm (classic) Noon Lib. Board Mtg. 3:30 ¡Hablar Conmigo! 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	9 7am-8:30pm Coffee & Cocoa Commuter Giveaway Game On! 3-4:45pm 6pm Friday Fun Night A Night at the Opera	10 9am-2pm Friends Pop-Up Sale 10am Genealogy 101 Books & Babies 10:15am 12-2pm TEEN D&D 12-4pm Adult D&D Tween D&D 2:30-4:30 Game On! 3-4:45pm 3-4 ASL Social Hour
11	12 Chinese Story Time 3pm 9:30-11:30am Senior & Adult Art Group	13 Daycare Story Time 9:15am Story Time 10-11am Art Club for Tweens 4-5 5-6pm Teens4Teens 6pm Group Creative Writing	14 Story Time 10-11am Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm (classic) NO ¡Hablar Conmigo! 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	16 Game On! 3-4:45pm 6pm Friday Fun Night Winter Weather Trivia with Miller Robson	17 Books & Babies 10:15am (music) 12-2pm TEEN D&D 12-4pm Adult D&D Krafty Kids 2-3pm Tween D&D 2:30-4:30 Game On! 3-4:45pm
18 Tech Café tech help for adults now offered by appointment Call 247-8691 or email majorc@billingsmt.gov to make an appointment.	19 Presidents' Day Library CLOSED	20 Daycare Story Time 9:15am Story Time 10-11am Art Club for Tweens 4-5 5-6pm Teens4Teens 6-7pm Group Spanish Conversation	21 Story Time 10-11am Paws to Read 3-4pm	22 Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm (classic) 3:30 ¡Hablar Conmigo! 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	23 Game On! 3-4:45pm 6pm Friday Fun Night Zodiac Night	24 Books & Babies 10:15am (music) 12-2pm TEEN D&D 12-4pm Adult D&D Tween D&D 2:30-4:30 Game On! 3-4:45pm
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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.

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 (ages 0-2), in the Story Tower

- **Classic:** 3:15pm, 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 (ages 6-9)

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 (ages 9-12)

Explore fun 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 macramé 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 Partner Therapy 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://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.

- 5-6pm, 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 (6th-12th 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-Friday 9am-8pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday Closed

24/7 Express Lockers

Downtown, Lockwood
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: 237-6149

Friends of the Library: 237-6170

Webpage www.billingslibrary.org

Calendar billings.librarycalendar.com

Email refdesk@billingsmt.gov

For Children & Families

Preschool Story Time (ages 3-6)

Tuesdays, 10-11am

Thursdays, 10-11am

Tiny Tales (ages 2-3)

Wednesdays, 10-11am

Daycare Story Time

(for toddlers and preschoolers)

Tuesdays, 9:30am

Books & Babies

(ages 0-2 & parent/caregiver)

Thursdays (classic), 3:15pm

Saturdays (music), 10:15am

Game On! Games & Legos

Fridays & Saturdays, 3-4:45pm

Friday Night Fun!

Friday evenings

(please check our website for latest info on programs)