

Join us for interesting programs and creative activities...

Spring Is Coming!

- FAMILY FUN on Friday evenings with Oreos, Judge Ginsburg and birds!
- HEAR about a mine disaster and basketball in visits from two authors.
- BUSY the kids baking bread, doing yoga, reading to a dog and more!
- WRITE poems and enter our 2nd Annual Poetry Contest.

...AT THE LIBRARY!

One Book Billings Author Program: Doug Ammons

Author **Doug Ammons** talks about the real events that inspired his book, *"A Darkness Lit by Heroes: The Granite Mountain-Speculator Mine Disaster of 1917."*

- 1pm, Saturday, March 7, Community Room

Dementia Education Series: Alzheimer's & Dementia

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available for some symptoms, and Alzheimer's Association resources. This program is presented by the Alzheimer's Association in partnership with Billings Public Library.

RSVPs are encouraged: 1-800-272-3900 (24/7 Helpline)

- 2-3:30pm, Friday, March 13, Community Room

Talking Basketball

Meet **Peter Young**, author of the novel *"The Blue Team,"* (and possibly some special guests) to talk about basketball. Peter has shared his views on life and sports for most of his life. As a broadcaster for over 20 years, Peter covered numerous sports and has worked for CBS, ESPN, the Pac12 Network, the Outdoor Life Network and others. He also spent several years traveling the state covering sports for the Frontier Conference. Peter's first novel is interwoven with rich historical detail and nail-biting March Madness action. Peter played basketball at George Washington University and coached at the college and high school levels before embarking on his sports broadcasting career.

- 5pm, Thursday, March 19, Community Room

Real ID: Q & A.

What's all the fuss about Real ID? Montana Motor Vehicle Regional Manager, **Susan Kriss**, will be on hand to answer all of your questions! No registration required.

- 2pm, Friday, March 20, Community Room

Pet Supplies Drive

Celebrate spring by donating supplies to the **Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter**. Starting on March 30, the Library will accept donations of dog collars and leashes, rope toys, pig ears, dry kitten food, cat litter, catnip toys, soft mouse/feather toys and gallon Ziploc bags. (For a complete list, stop by the Library.)

The Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter is the largest-volume shelter in Montana, taking in over 5,000 animals per year. The shelter cares for Billings' lost and transitioning companion animals looking for their forever homes.

- Monday, March 30–Thursday, April 30

100 Hats

This year our Library's Knitting Circle challenged itself to gather 100 handmade hats to send to children, teens and adults who need help staying warm. We've reached our goal! Since we've already crafted over 100 hats (and 40 scarves) we're just going to see how many we can make in 2020! *We will also accept handmade mittens or scarves; guidelines and free patterns are available at the 2nd Floor Help Desk. Please return completed gifts there and label your creation with the fiber contents! This donation drive is part of our **Civic Literacy Series**.

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IN MARCH... Tai Chi Classes

In the Taoist tradition, a person's health depends on the harmony of body, mind and spirit. The Taoist Tai Chi arts exercise the entire physiology. Attendees should wear comfortable clothing that allows movement, including gripless, flat-soled shoes, and should be prepared to sign a waiver. Presented by the **Taoist Tai Chi Society of Billings**.

- Noon, Thursdays thru March, Community Room

Knitting Circle & Fiber Arts

We are the Library's fiber arts enthusiasts who knit, crochet, spin, embroider, felt, and generally love fiber. We get together every month to talk about what we enjoy the most and share projects. Join us!

- 1-3pm, Thursdays, March 12 & 26, Large Conference Room

Know your soil! Gardening Series...

John Brown from **Northern Plains Resource Council** will discuss all aspects of soil and how to grow healthy plants. John specializes in soil health and innovation, and has been instrumental in the development of the NPRC's soil health programs, including developing a sustainable landscape and garden on their grounds.

- 5pm, Wednesday, March 18, Community Room

Tech for Older Adults

Cutting the Cord~ Alternatives to Cable

Have you been curious about streaming and how it might help reduce your monthly cable bill? Come to this class and learn more about various options for streaming services such as Roku, Netflix, Hulu, Sling and more! Space is limited; pre-register at 657-8255.

- 3pm, Friday, March 23, 2nd Floor Computer Classroom

FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY FUN!

Oreo Tasting

Did you know that Oreos now come in a wide variety of flavors? We'll do a blind tasting of different ones to see if you can match the flavor to the cookie!

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, March 6, Community Room

Classic BINGO Night

Join us for an evening of classic Bingo to see if you're lucky numbers are called. Beginners and experts of all ages are welcome.

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, March 13, Community Room

Women's History Month Ruth Bader Ginsburg Film Screening & Trivia

We're celebrating **Women's History Month** with a screening of the film *"On the Basis of Sex."* Future Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg launches her career fighting for gender equality by proving discrimination "on the basis of sex" is unconstitutional (rated PG-13). Refreshments will be provided.

- 6:30-8:30pm, Friday, March 20, Community Room

Spring Birding

Spring Birding: Celebrate spring with some birding tips and know-how for the Billings area! We'll start at 6:30pm with a short presentation, and stay for fun birding and nature-related activities.

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, March 27, Community Room

Book Groups

- **Turning Page Book Group**
Books are selected from the Library's Book Club Kits. To sign up, email refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us.

7pm, Wednesday, March 25, Yellowstone Board Room

- **LitCentric Book Group**
We meet the last Tuesday of every month and use a combination of self-purchased copies and Library Book Club Kits. To sign up, email refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us.

7pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

In March @ your Billings Public Library!

1 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays	2 4pm Library Show Channel 7	3 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am	4 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3-4:45pm Wednesday Fun Games and Legos!	5 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am Noon-1 Tai Chi Class Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7	6 Books & Babies 10:15-11am 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 6:30-8pm Friday Night Fun Oreo Tasting	7 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am READ to a Dog 11am-Noon 1pm TEEN Gaming Starfinder 1pm Author Visit Doug Ammons
8 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays	9 3-4:45pm Make & Take Spring Craft! 4pm Library Show Channel 7	10 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am	11 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3-4:45pm Wednesday Fun Games and Legos!	12 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover Fun 11-11:30am Noon-1 Tai Chi Class Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 1-3pm Knit & Fibers Grp. 4-5pm Kids in the Kitchen Homemade Bread 4-5pm TEEN Book Grp 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7	13 Books & Babies 10:15-11am 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 2-3:30pm Edu. Series Alzheimer's & Dementia 6:30-8pm Friday Night Fun Classic Bingo Night	14 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 1pm TEEN Gaming Starfinder 3-4pm Tech Tower (ages 9-12) Robot Obstacle Course
15 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays	16 4pm Library Show Channel 7	17 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 4pm Crochet 101 (ages 9-12) Beginning class	18 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3-4:45pm Wednesday Fun Games and Legos! 5pm Gardening Know Your Soil	19 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover Fun 11-11:30am Noon-1 Tai Chi Class Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 5pm Talking Basketball Author/player Peter Young 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7	20 Books & Babies 10:15-11am 2pm Q & A Program Learn about Real ID 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 5pm TEEN Tournament Magic: The Gathering! 6:30-8:30pm Fri. Night Fun Women's History Month Film Screening & Trivia	21 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am READ with Me Pet Partners 11am-Noon 1pm TEEN Gaming Starfinder
22 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays	23 4pm Library Show Channel 7 3pm Tech for Older Adults Cutting the Cable Cord	24 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am	25 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3-4:45pm Wednesday Fun Games and Legos! 7pm Turning Page Bk Grp	26 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover Fun 11-11:30am Noon-1 Tai Chi Class 1-3pm Knit & Fibers Grp. Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 4-5pm Special Yoga Story Time 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7	27 Books & Babies 10:15-11am 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 6:30-8pm Friday Night Fun Spring Birding	28 Dogs with Jobs 10:30am NO Story Time or Discover the Fun today 1pm TEEN Gaming Starfinder
29 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays	30 4pm Library Show Channel 7 Pet Supply Drive BEGINS!	31 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 4-6pm TEEN Computer Science Club 7pm LitCentric Bk Grp	 Find us on Facebook  We're BillingsLibrary on Twitter  and billingslibrary on Instagram.	MARCH Event schedules occasionally change. Please visit our website for the most current information.		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

For Kids, Tweens & Families

For more information and/or to register for any program, please call 657-8256 or stop by the Children's Desk.

READ to a Dog!

READ to a Dog is for any reading child in which each child signs up on the day of the program and reads to one dog.

- 11am-Noon, Saturday, March 7, Story Tower

Spring Make and Take Craft

Make a cute nest for baby birds. No preregistration needed. Clean up begins at 4:45pm. Children under age 8 MUST be accompanied by an adult for supervision.

- 3-4:45pm, Monday, March 9, Craft Corner

Kids in the Kitchen! (ages 6-12)

Learn why bread rises—then make some! Register at 657-8256.

- 4-5pm, Thursday, March 12, Community Room

Tech Tower: Robot Obstacle Course (ages 9-12)

Explore coding, robotics and systems building. Work as a team to build the perfect obstacle course, then code our ozobots through the course. Registration required, please call 657-8256.

- 3-4pm, Saturday, March 14, Story Tower

Crochet 101 (ages 9-12)

Learn basic crochet stitches, practice and work on a potholder or dishcloth. All supplies provided. Register at 657-8256.

- 4pm, Tuesday, March 17, Upstairs Meeting Room

Pet Partners~Read with Me

Each reading child signs up on the day of the program to have the chance to read to one dog.

- 11am-Noon, Saturday, March 21, Story Tower

Special Yoga Story Time (all ages of children)

Join us for a special Spring-themed Yoga Story Time. No registration. Mats available to borrow or bring your own.

- 4-5pm, Thursday, March 26, Community Room

Dogs with Jobs (children & families)

Meet some amazing working dogs and learn about their training.

- 10:30am, Saturday, March 28, Community Room

Just for TEENS

Weekly TECH Lab hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 3-7pm; Saturday: 1-5pm

SATURDAY AFTERNOON STARFINDER

We're starting up Saturday tabletop gaming again, and we're kicking things off by playing *Starfinder*, a science-fantasy game set in the Pathfinder universe. No previous role playing game experience is necessary, just the willingness to work as part of a team and explore the galaxy!?

- 1pm, Saturdays, TECH Lab

MAGIC: THE GATHERING DRAFT TOURNAMENT

Calling all fans of *Magic: The Gathering!* We are holding a draft tournament in which players construct their own deck on the day of the tournament, so you don't need to bring your own cards or anything else. The tournament will run until we have a winner (ending at 8:30 at the latest). Sign-up limited to the first 10 teens, so call 657-8290 today!

- 5pm, Friday, March 20, TECH Lab

TEEN BOOK GROUP

Join our Teen Book Group! We meet once a month on Thursday afternoons. Snacks and drinks are offered. In March, we're reading "I Am Still Alive" by Kate Alice Marshall, a "heart-pounding story of survival and revenge." To register and reserve your copy of the book, call 657-8290.

- 4-5pm, Thursday, March 12, Teen Study 2

2nd ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

To celebrate National Poetry Month in April, we are hosting a poetry contest with cash prizes! Children (0-12), Young Adults (13-19) and Adults (20+) are encouraged to submit three poems.

Call 237-6154 or stop by the Library for more information or check www.billingslibrary.org for more details including submission guidelines and instructions.

Share your creative spirit!

Library Hours

Monday-Friday 10am-9pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday Closed

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

Email refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

For Children & Families

Story Times

Tuesdays (ages 3-6), 10:30-11am
Wednesdays (ages 2-3), 10:30-11am
Thursdays (ages 3-6), 10:30-11am
Saturdays, 10:30-11am

Discover the Fun

(a craft or activity related to the theme of the preceding Story Time)

Tuesdays, 11-11:30am
Wednesdays, 11-11:30am
Thursdays, 11-11:30am
Saturdays, 11-11:30am

Books & Babies

Thursdays, 3:15-4pm
Fridays, 10:15-11am
(ages 0-2 & parent/caregiver)

Wednesday & Friday Fun

Wednesdays & Fridays, 3-4:45pm
(Games and Legos)

Story Tower Open Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 3-5pm