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I love the library because they have the best books in the world and the people who work there are SO nice! They help people like my family and anyone else’s. —Anna, 8 years old

Kid Lit Festival: May 6–11
The Rocky Mountain Kid Lit Festival celebrates all things children’s literature! Hosted by the Library, this event brings together authors, illustrators, poets and performers for a week of fun-filled storytelling, book signings and interactive activities!
Join us at 10am each weekday in the Story Tower for a presentation and a craft:
• Monday: Sue Lawrence, author of “Montana’s Memory Day,” with a nature craft.
• Tuesday: Author Precious McKenzie and illustrator Jennifer Ard of “Nest,” with a bird craft.
• Wednesday: Reading of the book “Cinder Yehi” with a craft by a child!
• Thursday: Ron Gottula, author of “Double, Not Half,” with an origami dog craft!
• Friday: Janet Fox, author of “Winter Gardening,” with a gardening craft!
Saturday: 1–2pm, Saturday, May 11: author and illustrator panels on the hour in the Community Room
All Festival details at https://www.billingslibrary.org/319/Kid-Lit-Festival

Two Take & Make Craft Kits!
Kit pickups begin May 1 on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required.
Make a “Funnest Chia” Kit
Create and personalize your Chia and watch it grow!
• Visit our Bookmobile to pick up your Chia Craft Kit (all supplies included)
Take the Soil Your Undies Challenge! May 1–3
Test your soil health by “planting” a pair of new, 100% cotton underwear. Wait for about 60 days, then dig it back up. The more the undies have deteriorated, the healthier your soil!
• Pick up a pair of undies from the Children’s Desk or Reference Desk

Friday Night Fun Events
Hammered Flowers
We’ll take live flowers and hammer them onto bookmarks, cards and print-size paper to create a natural transfer of the flower. Try this fun, artistic exploration!
• 6–7:30pm, Friday, May 3, in the Community Room
Learn Balloon Animals with Billings Best Balloons!
Violet of Billings Best Balloons will show us how to start making balloon animals. Class size is limited (for families with children aged 6 and up) please pre-register online at our calendar at https://billingslibrarycalendar.com/events/month/2024/05
• 5:30–6:30pm, Friday, May 10, in the Community Room
Gyotaku Fish Printing with Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Montana’s FWP through an introduction on fish identification and the traditional Japanese method of fish printing, Gyotaku (gyo “fish” + taku “stone impression”). Print on paper or bring your own t-shirt! All other materials provided, no registration.
• 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, May 17, in the Community Room
Summer Kickoff Game Night
Play a variety of games including jumbo checkers & bowling!
• 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, May 24, in the Community Room

in May...
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
This portrait exhibit is part of an educational program facilitated by the Yellowstone Art Museum, Montana Women’s Prison and Billings-based artist John Kennedy. Throughout the summer, enjoy a presentation of “First-Five-Years Wall” on our “First-Five-Years Wall”!

¡Hablar Conmigo!
Diverse activities, all in Spanish!
• 3:30–pm, every Thursday

D&D for Grown-ups
Email refdesk@billingslibrary.org for more info.
• noon–4pm, every Saturday

Creative Writing Group
Write with others and share your ideas! Get to know local writers and practice your writing in a supportive environment.
• 5pm, Tuesday, May 14, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Kindred Performance
Enjoy a mixture of popular rock, folk and country music. Kindred is an acoustic guitar duo comprised of Elisa Olson and Angie Longeliers.
• 7–8pm, Saturday, May 18, under the Oculus

OBW Author Discussion
“Indian Creek Chronicles” by Pete Fromm is considered a classic in native writing, a bestseller here and in Europe. He is a five-time winner of the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Literary Award for his novels, short stories and memoirs. He is on the faculty of Oregon’s Pacific University’s Low-Residency MFA Program and lives in Montana.
• 1–2pm, Saturday, May 11, in the Popular Materials Area

Great Billings Book Hunt: The Spy Who...
Fill in the blank with a great spy story! Will it be Ian Fleming’s “The Spy Who Loved Me” (James Bond)? “The Spy Who Came in from the Cold” (John Le Carre’s George Smiley series)? Will you check out a novel by Kate Quinn, Phillip Kerr, Mark Greaney, Robert Ludlum? Maybe a history like “A Woman of No Importance” by Sonia Purnell or “The Spy and the Traitor” by Ben Macintyre? We can’t promise that you will find the answers in any of these books, but you will have a thrilling time looking! Complete the Mission to be entered into a prize drawing for a $15 gift card! You may sign up anytime in 2024 at https://billingslibrary.org/readsquared.com/
• Challenge open May 1–31

Turning Page Book Group
We read selections from the BPL Book Club kits. Call (406) 657–8290 for more info or email refdesk@billingslibrary.org.
• 6:30pm, Wednesday, May 22, in the Yellowstone Board Room
For Kids, Tweens & Families

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

Please note: Adventures in Story Times, Daycare Story Time, Books & Babies, Art Explorers, Krafty Kids and ASL Social Hour are all on vacation through May.

Take & Make Slinky Caterpillar Craft Kit
First come, first served. No registration needed.
- Available beginning Wednesday, May 1, Children’s Desk

Spanish Story Time! (for preschool & up)
Enjoy stories, songs and more in Spanish. All levels welcome.
- Presenter is a native Spanish speaker excited to share her language.
- 3pm, Friday, May 3, in the Story Tower

Chinese Story Time! (for preschool & up)
Enjoy stories, songs and more in Chinese. All levels welcome.
- Presenter is a native Chinese speaker excited to share her language.
- 3pm, Monday, May 13, in the Story Tower

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

Practice Reading Skills with Dogs & Cats
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 or a soothing purr, can ease reading anxieties and build confidence.
Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one therapy dog or a group of foster/shelter cats. Cats are in a safe and controlled environment. Learn about adoption options, too!

Paws to Read
Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals
- 11am-noon, Saturday, May 4, in the Story Tower
Read with Pet Partner Therapy Animals
- 3-4pm, Wednesday, May 15, in the Story Tower

Cat Tales
Read with Cats from Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter
- 4-5pm, Friday, May 24, in the Story Tower

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)
During TEENS4TEENS, teens meet to share experiences and show off their support for one another in a safe space while participating in a variety of activities. Utalhna Payne, a certified life coach and library volunteer, facilitates this program. Conversations are teen-led and range from silly to important topics. All teens who join this social group will be accepted, respected and welcomed.
- 3-4pm, Tuesdays, through May, in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

D&D CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE
TEEN D&D (ages 13-17)
- 3-4pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study
Tweens D&D (ages 10-13)
- 3-4pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study

Memorial Day Library CLOSED

Visit our website for our weekly schedule.

Please check our website www.billlingslibrary.org for more information.

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

24/7 Express Lockers
Downstairs, locked and in the Heights

Helpful Information
Phone numbers (all begin 406–)
Library: 657–8258
Express lockers: 281–3628
Bookmobile: 657–4091
Senior/Homebound: 657–8255
Foundation: 237–6419
Library of the Leaf: 237-6710

Find us on Facebook and billingslibrary on Instagram.

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