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.

**Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale**
It’s the perfect opportunity to find unique gifts for the bibliophiles in your life! Our annual Holiday Food Drive runs through December, place items in the bins inside our entrance.

**Big Sky Holiday Chorus**
Joy to all as classic holiday tunes are performed in rich-barbershop harmony. 2–2:30pm, Saturday, December 16, under the Oculus.

**Paint a Pointillism Snowman**
Paint a snowman using pointilism—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
• “Iyle, Iyle 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**
Bom-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”**
Move 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 Theatre! Tickets are limited and registration is required.
• online registration begins Fri., Dec. 1,
• ticket pickup at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

**Make & Take Kit**
Transform old, damaged library books into colorful Chiramas and holiday tree! 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!
• 10–11:30am, Saturday, December 4, in the Community Room

**D & D for Grown-ups**
A group of Star Trek fans get together, watch an episode and discuss!
• 2pm, Saturday, December 9, in the Community Room

**Qigong & Tai Chi**
Open Practice! Very similar “internal arts” that confer an astonishing raft of health benefits.
• 5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, December 6, in the Community Room

**¡Hablar Conmigo!**
Use your Spanish speaking skills!
• 5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, December 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. Pre-register through the Library’s calendar or (406) 657–8255.
• 9:30–11:30am, Monday, December 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, December 19, at the Lockwood laundromat, 2750 Old Hardie 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**
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
For Kids, Teens & Families

Contact the Children’s Department by emailing kidsdesk@billingsgt.org.

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 snowman. First come, first served. No registration needed.

- Available beginning Friday, December 1, 10am
- 3–4:45pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner
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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

BYO–Bring Your Own Grownup!
Bring Your Own Grownup (BYO) encourages families to participate in craft and nature activities together. Learn about Pyroglyph, or the fine hand 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.

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@billingsgt.org. Registration encouraged at https://forms.gle/JRHsH2ZBSN3k2AfGZ.

- 3–6pm, 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@billingsgt.org.

TEEN D&D (ages 13–17)
- noon–2pm, Saturday, in Teen Study
- 3:30pm, Thursday, in Teen Study
- 4–5:30pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study

BECOME A TEEN VOLUNTEER
We’re currently accepting applications for Teen Volunteer! Volunteer in the TECH Lab helping with special projects, programs and other TECH Lab or teen tasks. Apply on the library’s website: https://billingspubliclibrary.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, teens@billingsgt.org.

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 our Young Adult collection that you might like. They must be checked out and returned.

Sign up at https://forms.gle/UAzbfNGkhhLAuH39/