

A time to be thankful...

Whether in person or online, your Library strives to be a place of exploration, education and inclusiveness that provides entertainment, research resources, music, computer technology, digitization services and educational opportunities for all in our community.

You'll always find us online:

- Website: www.billingslibrary.org
- YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2UU0Jq5>
- Twitter: @BillingsLibrary
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/

Billings Public Library NEWSLETTER—No. 153, November, 2020

Our Building Is Currently Closed

The Library building is closed to the public through Monday, Nov. 9. Curbside pickup continues Monday–Friday, 11am–5pm. In addition, we offer a wide variety of online services and resources available 24/7 on our website. The Bookmobile and Senior Outreach services are continuing as usual. For curbside delivery instructions, online resources, remote program details and up-to-date information, please visit the Billings Public Library website and our social media pages.

We plan to reopen to the public on Tuesday, Nov. 10. However, this date is subject to change in response to the developing COVID-19 situation in Yellowstone County. *The health and safety of our community is of paramount concern and importance to everyone at Billings Public Library.* We hope you understand and appreciate the measures we are taking to ensure the ongoing welfare of the citizens of Yellowstone County. We look forward to continuing to serve you to the best of our ability now and in the future.

Curbside Pickup Weekly Raffle

Every time you use our Curbside pickup service you will have a chance to win a prize! Every pickup order includes a raffle ticket. Check your curbside bag for your ticket and then look on our social media pages Friday after 5pm to see if you have one of five winning numbers! Prizes are picked up curbside and you must have your winning ticket in order to receive yours.

NaNoWriMo: Write On!

November is National Novel Writing Month, a yearly challenge to authors to write 50,000 words in 30 days. While we are not able to offer writing spaces this year, we'll post resources and support throughout the month on our social media pages. *Good luck, Wrimos!*

Publishing 101: Small Presses

Billings Public Library and Con-Tinual present *Publishing 101: Small Presses*. Small presses are often touted as giving writers the best of both worlds—the creative freedom and direct influence on product of indie publishing, with the editing, cover design and marketing support of traditional publishing. Is the small press route the right path to publishing for you? Join authors Samantha Bryant and Michele Berger and authors/small press owners John Hartness (Falstaff Books), Jason Graves (Prospective Press) and Rachel Brune (Crone Girls Press) to learn the ins and outs—and ups and downs—of small press life.

We are pleased to partner with Con-Tinual: The Online Con that Never Ends to bring you this program, just in time for National Novel Writing Month!

- 5pm, Wednesday, November 11, on BPL social media!

Food for Thought

The Billings Public Library Foundation's 15th annual *Food for Thought, an Evening of Great Conversation*, went virtual this year. Four evenings of fascinating dialogue and entertainment all went to support the Billings Public Library Foundation and *1000 Books Before Kindergarten*, our special project. *Our first virtual effort was a sold-out success!* It is your conversation—the sharing of your thoughts and your willingness to hear different opinions—that made the evenings so memorable. *Thank you for contributing to a wonderful experience.* We look forward to seeing you next year!

Many thanks, too, to our gracious conversation and cocktail experience hosts, our very generous sponsors and our hardworking Food for Thought committee. In the meantime, keep talking, listening and learning.



IN NOVEMBER...

Harry Potter Celebration!

Join us (virtually) for two whole weeks beginning November 6 when we celebrate our love for the Harry Potter books and movies! A magical Take & Make Kit will be available to pick up through curbside service or at the 1st Floor Help Desk. Throughout the weeks we will release an accompanying wand-crafting tutorial, home-brewed Butterbeer tutorial, Virtual Road Trip Challenge and a "Show Your House Spirit" photo challenge.

Get ready for some magic-making fun!

- Take & Make Kit pickup begins Friday, November 6

Gardening Basics eVideos are on our website and YouTube...

- new video: Tuesday, November 17

MedlinePlus eVideo

Take a tour of MedlinePlus to discover reliable information on health topics, drugs and supplements, genetics, medical tests, healthy recipes and more.

- Video available Tuesday, Nov. 24

Pet Photo Challenge

It's time again for the *Catch your Pet with a Book Photo Challenge!* Just share a photo of your pet with a book for a chance to win! Photos will be posted on our social media accounts; the three photos with the most likes will win a Petsmart gift card! Photos can be added to our Facebook event or sent to us through Messenger.

- Share your photos 11.30–12.18

All BOOKS!

One Book Billings is back!

The first book, "Counting Coup," by Larry Colton, is now available for curbside pickup. The book discussions will take place through Zoom. Choose a virtual discussion group from the list at billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings and email refdesk@billingsmt.gov to register. Include your name and email address to receive a Zoom meeting link for the session you selected. You must have downloaded Zoom to participate.

- Zoom discussions, November 9–12

Join author Larry Colton for a virtual speaker talk through Zoom.

- 1pm, Saturday, November 14

Adult Reading Olympics

Just 2 months remain in our year-long reading challenge! November's theme is **Giving Thanks**. The approaching holidays makes us think of food, and all of the delicious books about it. This month, read a book about food—fact or fiction! Keep logging and working on the monthly challenges; you may win a prize at the end of the year. Sign up anytime by going to <http://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/Default.aspx> sit.

Turning Page Book Group

This long-running book group meets online. For more information, please email us at refdesk@billingsmt.gov.

- 7pm, Wednesday, November 18

Children's Digital Resources

Children's has a variety of fun and interactive learning resources on our website at <https://billingslibrary.org/395/Children>.

- Our Learning Resources page has fun and interactive learning resources for pre-K through middle school.
- Learn to code or find a great STEM activity on our STEM Resources page.
- Art and history on our Arts and Cultural Resources page.
- Researching a topic? Find several free, kid-friendly search engines on our Research Databases page.

For parents wanting to support their children in homeschooling or digital learning, take a look at our Homeschooling and At-Home Learning page for guidance, tips and tricks to get started homeschooling or support your child in their virtual classroom.

In November @ your Billings Public Library!

1 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7 It's time again for NaNoWriMo!	2 Pickup begins TODAY! Kids Take & Make Kit Gratitude Journal Note: Library building currently closed to general public	3Vote! Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am 7:30pm Library Show Channel 7 Election Day Library CLOSED	4 12:30pm Library Show Channel 7	5 Adult Take & Make Kit pick-up begins Harry Potter Magical Kit Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm 8pm Library Show Channel 7	6	7
8 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7	9 One Book Billings discussions begin	10 Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am 5:30-7pm TEEN Writing Workshop Intro to Poetry 7:30pm Lib. Show Ch. 7 Note: Library building reopens if public health situation allows	11 12:30pm Library Show Channel 7 5pm Publishing 101: Small Presses discussion on BPL social media Veterans Day Library CLOSED	12 Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm 5:30-7pm TEEN Writing Workshop Book Spine Poetry 8pm Library Show Channel 7	13	14 1pm One Book Billings Author Visit Larry Colton on Zoom
15 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7	16 5:30-7pm TEEN Writing Workshop Zine Making	17 NEW Gardening eVideo on YouTube Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am 7:30pm Library Show Channel 7	18 12:30pm Library Show Channel 7 7pm Turning Page Book Discussion Group	19 Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm 5:30-7pm TEEN Writing Workshop World Building 8pm Library Show Channel 7	20	21
22 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7	23	24 MedlinePlus eVideo available today Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am 7:30pm Library Show Channel 7	25 12:30pm Library Show Channel 7	26 Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm 8pm Library Show Channel 7 Thanksgiving Holiday Library CLOSED	27	28 10am-Noon TEEN Mental Health Workshop
29 1:30pm Library Show Channel 7	30 Catch Your Pet with a Book Photo Challenge BEGINS!	 Find us on Facebook  We're BillingsLibrary on Twitter  and billingslibrary on Instagram.	<h1>November</h1> <p>Please visit our website for the most current information.</p>			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

For Kids, Tweens & Families

You may contact the Children's Department by emailing kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov.

Adventures in Story Time

In this NEW edition of Story Time, your child will enjoy books, songs and a craft designed around a theme. Supplies for the craft featured in the video are available for pickup through curbside (email kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov to arrange) or by stopping by the Children's desk. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Themes in November are Bears, Squirrels, Pumpkins, Thankful and Hibernation.**

- 10:30am, Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17 & 24 on the Library's YouTube channel

Books & Babies

This weekly video series includes stories, rhymes and finger plays intended to foster a love of reading at an early age and build important early literacy skills.

- 3pm, Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19 & 26 on the Library's YouTube channel

Take & Make Kits for Kids! (ages 6-12)

November's kit is a Gratitude Journal! Each kit includes supplies for a craft or activity designed to engage imagination and creativity. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- beginning November 2 pickup curbside or at the Children's desk

Visit Our Virtual Story Tower!

Do you miss hanging out in our Story Tower? We miss you! Visit it virtually! Head to the Children's page and be transported to the Story Tower for fun games, videos, songs and other learning activities. New adventures every month!

SOS: Send Our Seniors Mail

Older adults in our community are feeling isolated. You can help cheer them up! Pick up a coloring sheet at the Children's desk, decorate it and write a short, positive message. These "long distance hugs" will be distributed by our Senior Outreach Department. To participate remotely, please visit our website for instructions: www.billingslibrary.org/sosmail.

Just for TEENS

The TECH Lab is currently closed. Visit us online or email Vanessa at justicev@billingsmt.gov for more information about all of our teen programs!

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Trained therapists from Youth Dynamics Billings will provide a virtual workshop to share insights into some issues teenagers are facing. The workshop includes an art activity where participants explore painting as therapy. FREE painting kits will be provided, available for pick-up from the Library Help Desk or curbside service. Limited space available. Pre-register on the Library's Teen page billingslibrary.org/396/Teens.

- 10am-Noon, Saturday, November 28

TEEN WRITING WORKSHOPS

Join our TECH Lab Artist-in-Residence Megan Stacey and guest writers for a series of virtual workshops! You'll complete a hands-on activity during each workshop. Pre-register on the Library's Teen page billingslibrary.org/396/Teens.

- 5:30-7pm, November 10, 12, 16 & 19

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)

Teen Advisory Group is establishing a *For Teens, By Teens entertainment blog* about books, movies, video games, music and more! Share your recommendations for what other teens should, or should not, read, watch or play next. Staff members will guide and support you as you develop your own reviews. An ongoing program, TAG meetings will be held virtually based on availability of members.

THE DEMOCRACY PROJECT

TEENS, come together to support your community! The Democracy Project engages high school students in civic action through partnerships among Billings Public Library, Humanities Montana and community organizer, Emma Kerr-Carpenter, a Montana State Representative. Teens plan and work on projects they identify as vital to their community while building leadership, critical thinking and information literacy skills. This is an ongoing program. Meetings will be held virtually based on availability of members.

Library Hours

Monday-Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed

Curbside Pickup Hours

Monday-Friday 11am-5pm

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

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