Welcome to Your Library!

Don’t have a Library card? There’s never been a better time to get the free card that opens doors to accessing thousands of materials, streaming video, a huge collection of ebooks, audiobooks, digital magazines and more! You can even check out Nintendo Switch games, movie passes and book club kits with your card. Thanks to the Friends of the Billings Public Library, when you sign up for a new card, you’ll get a free tote bag filled with Library information and BPL swag! Kids will also receive a small prize at the Children’s desk. Step by your Library and get a card today!

Craig Lancaster Author Talk
Billings-based author Craig Lancaster discusses his work, “And It Will Be a Beautiful Life.” Lancaster has been recognized with two High Plains Book Awards and awards nationally and internationally. His new novel, “Dreaming Northward,” comes out on March 12.

• 1pm, Saturday, March 9, in the Community Room

FOL Collectible Book Sale!
Discover rare gems at the Friends of the Library Pop-Up Collectibles Sale. This is a unique opportunity to hunt for treasures, expand your personal library, and support the BPL as all proceeds go toward the Library’s programs and services.

• 9am–2pm, Saturday, March 9, in the Book Nook

Friday Night Fun
Every Friday evening, the Library features a fun and free event for families. Bring the whole family down for “Friday Night Fun!” and enjoy games, movies, crafts, music and exhibits.

Greater Heights School of Dance Demo!
Join the Greater Heights School of Dance for a demonstration of the types of dancing they teach at their school and get a glimpse into the dancing world. Dance is for everyone!

• 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, March 1, in the Community Room

Calvin and Hobbes Appreciation Night
“It's a magical world, Hobbes, ol' buddy…Let's go exploring!” We love Calvin and Hobbes! Spend the evening transforming our favorite comic strips into bookmarks and enjoy games, movies, crafts, music and exhibits.

• 5:30–7pm, Friday, March 8, in the Community Room

Girl Scout STEM Van
STEM Van! The STEM Van is equipped with fun tech including 3D printers, drones, microscopes and much more. Kids will get to participate in hands-on activities.

• 5:30–7pm, Friday, March 15, in the Community Room

Eclipse
Want to know more about the partial eclipse of the sun occurring on April 8th? Join us for eclipse crafts and a presentation on ways to safely “see” the eclipse!

• 6pm, Friday, March 22, in the Community Room

“Hop” the movie (PG)
Hop on down to movie night! “Hop” follows a young rabbit who would rather drum in a band than succeed his father as the Easter Bunny. He also befriends a human slacker seeking a job. All attendees will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win the DVD and a holiday basket filled with goodies!

• 6–7:30pm, Friday, March 29, in the Community Room

In March...

BPL Film Pass
Use your Library card to reserve a movie ticket to the Art House Cinematheque. Tickets are limited and online registration is required. Learn more at billingslibrary.org.

• ticket pickup at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

Crockett and Knit Hour
Join us! Knit or crochet our favorite fiber art.

• 10am, Saturday, March 2, in the Popular Materials Area

D & D for Grown-Ups
Email redwoodlibrary.gov for more info.

• noon–4pm, every Saturday, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

• 5–7:30pm, NEW second session: March 7, Teen Study 1, March 21, Large Conference Room

Chamber Strings
Catch the melodious sounds of Elizabeth Fellerer and the Chamber Strings as they fill the air with baroque selections.

• 2–3pm, Saturday, March 2, in the Community Room

Black Hole Program
Come learn about A History of Black Holes and How We Find Them.

• 3pm, Saturday, March 2, in the Community 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, March 5, in the Community Room

Spanish Conversation Group
A bi-monthly Spanish Conversation Group.

• 6pm, Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

United Federation of Trek
A group of Star Trek fans get together!

• 5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, Mar. 6, in the Community Room

¡Hablar Conmigo!
Diverse activities, all in Spanish!

• 3:30pm, every Thursday, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Qigong & Tai Chi

Open Practice

“Internal arts” that confer health benefits.

• 5:30, every Thursday, in the Community Room

Creative Writing Group
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• 6pm, Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Senior & Adult Art Group
Join Bonny Beth Luhman, Stickman Studios, to discover the art of weaving basics in this fun beginner’s class! Learn about the loom, warp and weft threads. No experience needed. Supplies provided. Peregister through the library’s calendar or (406) 657–8255.

• 9:30am–12:30pm, Mon., Mar. 18, in the Community Room

Free Laundry Day!
We’re joining the Junior League of Billings for a Free Laundry Event! We’ll have hygiene kits, activities and library resources to share. Everyone welcome!

• 8am–noon, Saturday, March 23, Lockwood Laundromat

2750 Old Hardin Road

Learn to Play Bridge
Bridge is the world’s most fascinating card game. It is to card games as chess is to board games and can be enjoyed on a casual social level, in local clubs and even highly competitive international competitions. The Learn to Play Bridge program will have attendees playing hands in the first hour and by the end of the sessions bidding and playing bridge hands.

• 9:30am & 1:30pm, Sat, March 30, in the Community Room

Great Billings Book Hunt: Back in the Saddle
Louis L’Amour was born on March 22, 1908, so in honor of one of America’s greatest Western authors, we’re challenging you to read a Western. Go for a classic author, a history of the American West, a Western-themed mystery, a Native American author or even venture into the Weird West. Learn more and sign up at https:// billingslibrary.readsquared.com/

• Challenge open March 1–31

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• 6:30pm, Wednesday, March 27, in the Yellowstone Board Room

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Our resources work for you:

• 474,379 items in our collection in 2023

• 172,791 total number of print materials

• 262,089 total e-materials

• 195,153 e-materials borrowed

• 679,558 total checkouts!
### For Kids, Tweens & Families

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

**Take & Make Lucky Handprint Gnome Kit**
- First come, first served
- No registration needed
- Available beginning Friday, March 1, Children’s Desk

**Adventures in Story Time**, in the Story Tower
- Themes include rain, colors, spring and bird
  - 10–11am, Tuesdays & Thursdays (ages 3–6)
  - 10–11am, Wednesdays (ages 2–3)

**Books & Babies**
- (ages 0–2), in the Story Tower
- 9:30am–11:30am, Tuesday, March 5 (for toddlers and preschoolers)

**Daycare Story Time** *(for toddlers and preschoolers)*
- A special session of Story Time geared towards daycares.
  - Each session is a chance to practice reading readiness skills like listening during stories, letter awareness and predicting.
  - 9:15am, Tuesdays, 2nd Floor Teen Area

**Chinese Story Time** *(for preschool & up)*
- Enjoy stories, songs and more in Chinese. All levels welcome.
  - 3pm, Monday, March 11, 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, March 2 & 16, Craft Corner

**Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens** *(ages 9–12)*
- Explore fun art concepts. Create new projects every week!
  - No pre-registration is required.
  - 4–5pm, every Tuesday, Children’s Craft Corner

### American Sign Language Social Hour
- Our goal is to foster a safe and open community for those interested in American Sign Language.
  - All skill levels, ages, hearing, hard of hearing and D/deaf people are welcome.
  - 3–4pm, Saturday, March 9, in the Story Tower

### Paws to Read: Practice Reading Skills
R.E.A.D. is a Dog gives children the opportunity to practice their reading skills without fear of judgment. Learning to read can be scary, a friendly face, particularly one with a wagging tail, can ease reading anxieties and build confidence. Children will share a book with a trained therapy dog, accompanied by the dog’s handler (the handlers do not correct a child’s reading).
- Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one therapy dog. There are now two sessions each month!
- Space is limited.

### Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals
- 11am–noon, Saturday, March 2, in the Story Tower
- Read with Pet Partner Therapy Animals
- 3–4pm, Wednesday, March 20, 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](https://billingslibrary.org/396/TEENS) Thanks for your patience!

**TEENS4TEENS** *(ages 13–17)*
- Utahna Payne, certified life coach and library volunteer, facilitates the group. Meet to share experiences and show support for one another in a safe space while participating in a variety of activities. All teens who join this social group will be accepted, respected and welcomed.
- 3–4pm, Wednesday, March 20, in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

### D&D CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

**TWEEN D&D** *(ages 10–13)*
- 2:30–4:30pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1

**TEEN TECHIES** *(ages 13–18)*
- 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, through March in the Computer Classroom