2022 Royal Johnson Forum
Join the Billings Public Library Foundation, Montana State University Billings and Yellowstone Public Radio for the 2022 Royal Johnson Forum “Quality of Life, Equality of Opportunity,” A Celebration of 50 Years of Montana’s Constitution. Learn more about the day-long forum and purchase tickets for the Lunch & Learn and Panel Reception at BillingsLibraryFoundation.org/RJF or call (406) 237-6449.
• Lunch & Learn, Noon–1:30pm, Wednesday, September 14, at the Library
• Panel Reception, 6pm, Wednesday, September 14, at MSU Billings
• Public Panel, 7–8:30pm, Wednesday, September 14, at MSU Billings
Featuring former U.S. Ambassador and U.S. Senator Max Baucus, former Governor Marc Racicot, former State Legislator Dorothy Bradley, veteran political reporter Chuck Johnson and the youngest delegate to the Constitutional Convention Mae Nan Ellingson.

Alzheimer’s Art Exhibit
Marc Steinberg was a Missoula resident and retired physician. After he was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease, he began painting as a way to cope.
• Interactive exhibition on view through Friday, October 14

Dementia Friendly Training
In conjunction with the Alzheimer’s Art Exhibit, Dementia Friendly Billings is hosting a training on how to identify dementia, differentiate signs of aging versus dementia and communicate with those suffering from this condition. For more information, call (406) 657-8255 or email libraryoutreach@billingsmt.gov.
• Noon–1pm, Thursday, September 29, in the Community Room

Arc: a Montana Dance Collective
artxmpl is privileged to host Arc: a Montana Dance Collective for a special preview of its upcoming show. Based in Billings, the formally trained dance company’s mission is to elicit inquiry, inspire change, and connect people through dance-making and creative practices. This performance is free and open to all.
To learn more about Arc, visit: https://www.arcamontanadancecollective.com/
• 6pm, Friday, September 16, in the Community Room

Author Craig Johnson Visits!
Welcome Craig Johnson and This House of Books. Johnson is the bestselling author of the Longmire mysteries, the basis for the hit Netflix original series.
• 6:30pm, Friday, September 23, in the Community Room

Jerry Barlow, Celtic Guitarist
We welcome acclaimed Celtic guitarist and storyteller Jerry Barlow for a special concert of music, history and humor from the British Isles. His repertory features music and stories from the medieval times of Scotich, Irish and English history.
• 6pm, Tuesday, September 27, in the Community Room

Louis Habeck at artXmpl
Billings-based artist Louis Habeck will demonstrate his innovative sculpting techniques. Whether through painting or sculpture, Habeck prefers to depict peculiar, melancholy creatures: investigating the dark transitional times in their lives. See his work at https://louishabeck.com/. All ages welcome.
• 6–7:30pm, Thursday, September 29, in the Community Room

In September...
D&D for Grownups
Join Game Master Shane Noble for a new Pathfinder campaign. All welcome.
Register at billingslibrary.calendear.com/event/ds-grownups.
• 1–4pm, Saturdays, Sept. 3 & 17, in the Yellowstone Board Room

Yoga at the Park
Join the BFL bicycle library for yoga at the park with instructor, Lisa Knowlton. Bring a yoga mat and water. Register online here: billingslibrary.calendear.com/event/yoga-pioneer-park-6
• 9 & 10am, Wednesday, Sept. 14, Pioneer Park north of the tennis courts

Adult Take & Make
National Coloring Day is September 14. Pick up a kit with challenging coloring pages and a rainbow crayon set.
• Kits available Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2nd Floor Help Desk

¡Hablar Conmigo!
Come to our Special Event. Speak with the owner, check out the merchandise.
• 4pm, Tuesday, September 20, at Abalone Ascension, 1212 Grand
• 10–11am, every Thursday, at Rail Line Coffee

Senior & Adult Art Group
Bring your own project or choose from three different activities. Some supplies are provided. For more information, call (406) 657-8255.
• 9:30–11:30am, Monday, Sept. 26, in the Community Room

Memory Café
Adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers, come socialize and enjoy an activity. To register or for info, call Suzanne at (406) 259-3111.
• 10:30am, Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Community Room

Friday Night Family Fun!
School has begun and Friday Night Family Fun is back! Everyone welcome.
• Back to School BINGO, 6pm, Friday, September 9, in the Community Room
• Audubon Bat Walk, Friday, September 30, offline (more info on Social Media)

OBB Author Event!
One Book Billings first selection is “Ruthie Fear” by Max Laskutoff. Hear award winning author Max Laskutoff discuss this, his most recent work.
• 2pm, Saturday, September 17, in the Community Room

Nate Schweber Discusses
“In This America of Ours,” award-winning journalist Nate Schweber uncovers the forgotten story of a progressive alliance that altered the course of twentieth-century history and saved American wilderness from ruin.
• 3:30pm, Saturday, September 17, in the Community Room

Three Renowned Authors
Poet Charles Finn, photographer Barb Michelman and poet Tami Haaland will be reading from their works, including the latest “On a Benediction of the Wind” by Finn and Michelman. Sponsered by The Writers Voice.
• 6:30pm, Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Community Room

Great Billings Book Hunt
September’s Challenge is Banned Books. This month, read a book from one of the American Library Association’s yearly lists (https://www. ala.org/advocacy/bbooks). Share what you read to earn a Quarter 3 badge.
• Challenge open September 1–30

LitCentric Book Group
We read a plethora of genres from both fiction and nonfiction categories, primarily utilizing the Library’s Book Club Kit collection. For our September discussion, we are reading “Lentil Underground: Renegade Farmers and the Future of Food” by Liz Carlisle. Email refdesk@billingsmt.gov or stop by the 2nd Floor Help Desk to sign up.
• 7pm, Tuesday, Sept. 27 on Zoom

Turning Page Book Group
We select our books each month from the BFL book club kits. For more info, to sign up and join in the discussion, call 657-8258 or email refdesk@billingsmt.gov. Bring your coffee cup.
• 6:30pm, Wednesday, Sept. 28, Yellowstone Board Room
Contact the Children’s Department by emailing kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov.

Adventures in Story Time

Adventures in Story Time introduces young children to books, rhymes, crafts and other fun interactive activities. Each session practices reading readiness skills. Themes for the months of September include All About Me, Apples, Leaves and Farms.

- 10 –11am, Tuesdays (ages 3–6)
- 10 –11am, Wednesdays (ages 2–3)
- 10 –11am, Thursdays (ages 3–6) in the Story Tower

Books & Babies

Foster a love of reading at an early age and build important early literacy skills for our little pre-readers! We’re introducing a new music edition!

- Classic: 3:15pm, Thurs. & 10:15am, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 
- Music Edition: 10:15am, 1st & 3rd Saturdays in the Story Tower

Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens (ages 9–12)

Explore fun art concepts. Create new projects every week! No pre-registration required. Check our website for more info and a full schedule of activities.

- 4–5pm, every Thursday, Children’s Craft Corner

R.E.A.D. to a Dog Returns!

READ to a Dog gives children the opportunity to practice their reading skills without fear of judgment. Children will share a book with a trained therapy dog, accompanied by the dog’s handler. Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one dog.

- 11am, Saturday, September 10, in the Story Tower

Adventures in Music - The Science of Sound

The musicians of the Billings Symphony invite all children and their parents to enjoy a morning at a musical institution Petti Zoo! Learn about and try all the instruments in the orchestra. At 11:30, the Symphony percussionists will present the Science of Sound, an entertaining and interactive journey through sound.

- 9:30am–12:30pm, Saturday, September 17, in a variety of areas around the Library

Just for TEENS

TECH Lab Fall hours: 3–7pm, Tuesday–Thursday; 3–6pm, Friday; 1–5pm, Saturday

TEEN TECHIES CODING CLUB (ages 11–17)

Attention Teen Techies! Tuesdays we are learning how to plan and design a web page with basic HTML and CSS. This is an 8-week intro into the basics of web page design. Registration is required and space is limited. Register at https://live-billings.pantheonsite.io/event/teen-techies-coding-club-10.

- 4–5pm, Tuesdays, in the 2nd Floor Computer Classroom

TEENSEASONS (ages 13–17)

Have fun, share experiences and show your support for one another in a safe space. Activities will be provided, such as arts & crafts or gaming. All teens who join this social group will be accepted, respected and welcomed. Make friends, learn something new – who are you? No registration required.

- 5–6pm, Wednesdays, in the TECH Lab

LEARN MAGIC THE GATHERING (ages 11–17)

Join us for a lesson in Magic. Receive your own deck (to keep!) and learn the basics of this popular game. No experience necessary. Registration is required. Space is limited. Sign up at https://live-billings.pantheonsite.io/event/teen-magic-gathering

- 11am–1pm, Saturday, September 10, in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

SUPER SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT (ages 11–17)

Are you ready for an exciting and competitive video game tournament? Play the popular Nintendo Switch game with others and enjoy snacks. The winner of the tournament will receive a prize. This event is planned and facilitated by our Teen Advisory Group members. Registration is required. Sign up at https://live-billings.pantheonsite.io/event/teen-super-smash-bros-tournament

- 5pm, Friday, September 23, in the TECH Lab

TEEN SUPPLY STATION

Take what you need; no questions asked. Stop by the TECH Lab on the 2nd Floor.