Summer Reading Prize Pickup!
It’s time for winners in the Adult Summer Reading program to pick up their prizes. All prizes must be picked up by September 9. Thank you to all of our participants, presenters and sponsors for another wonderful year!
• Prize Pickup begins Wednesday, August 3, at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

New Garden Ribbon Cutting
The Billings Public Library Foundation is pleased to invite the public to the ribbon cutting of the brand new Heritage Garden at the Library’s front entrance. Thanks to the generosity of Diane and Mark Gardner, the Library’s reimagined front garden now features local rock formations, native Montana plants with Crow language signage, and artistic interpretations of local petroglyph art. Please join us for light refreshments and a program honoring our area’s unique cultural heritage. For more information, call (406) 237–6149.
• Ribbon Cutting is 10:30am, Monday, August 8, in the Community Room

“Solitude in the Cosmos”
People alive today are the first to know, with certainty, that there are planets orbiting other stars. In this riveting talk with Marc Steinberg on August 16, we’ll explore some of the dramatic implications of the greatest question known to our species: are we alone in the cosmos?
• 1–2pm, Saturday, August 6, in the Community Room

Mark Steinberg Interactive Alzheimer’s Art Exhibit
Marc Steinberg was a Missoula resident and retired physician (who served the White Sulphur Springs area for many years). After he was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease, he began painting as a way to cope.
• Exhibition dates: Wednesday, August 17 – Friday, October 14

Senior Outreach Open House
Come to an Open House showcasing services for area seniors including two bookmobiles that serve Billings and Yellowstone County. For more information, call (406) 657–8255 or email libraryoutreach@billingsmt.gov.
• 9am–noon, Tuesday, August 30, in the Community Room

Todd Forsgren at artxbp
We are pleased to host accomplished artist and photographer Todd Forsgren, Assistant Professor of Art and Gallery Director at Rocky Mountain College, for a demonstration of artistic technique and style. Our series, “Art by Billings Public Library” or “artxbp,” showcases a variety of artists and types of artistic expression. See Forsgren’s work on www.toddforsgren.com.
• 6–7:30pm, Tuesday, August 30, in the Community Room

Author Jamie Ford Visits!
Award winning author Jamie Ford will discuss his work including his historical novel “Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet.”
• 6pm, Wednesday, August 31, in the Community Room

Library Events in August

In August...

Author Talk
Author Ashton Mossman started developing his book, “Digitized,” during summer 2019 when he was just 16.
• 3pm, Saturday, August 6, in the Community Room

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

¡Hablamos Conmigo!
Come practice your Spanish with a Library staff member. Learn together!
• 4pm, Tuesday, August 16, in the Community Room
• 10–11am, every Thursday, at Rail Line Coffee

Seed Saving
Learn how to collect, save and store heirloom vegetable and native plant seeds with Associate Professor Megan Poulette. We’ll discuss the plant life cycle, harvesting/process/storage techniques, germination tricks and more.
• 9:30–11:30am, Saturday, August 20, outside at the Montana Audubon Center, 7026 S. Billings Blvd.

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, August 22, 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, August 23, in the 2nd Floor Reading Room

Author Visit
Author, essayist and poet Taylor Broby will discuss her work. “Boys and Oil: Growing Up Gay in a Fractured Land.”
• 6:30pm, Tuesday, August 23, in the Community Room

One Book Billings
It’s One Book Billings season once again! Pick up the first selection “Ruthie Fear” by Max Loskutoff. Discussion groups meet September 12 – 15. Hear author Max Loskutoff discuss his work on Saturday afternoon, September 17. For more information, visit https://billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings.
• Book pickup begins Monday, Aug. 1, at the upstairs information desk

Great Billings Book Hunt
In August, many of our youth and adults are turning to school. This month your challenge is to find a book set in a high school or college. Maybe a memoir, like Tara Westover’s “Educated”? A coming of age novel, like John Knowles’ “A Separate Peace” or Stephen Chbosky’s “The Perks of Being a Wallflower”? A thriller along the lines of “The Maidens” by Alex Michaelides? Teachers’ stories, perhaps, like James Hilton’s “Goodbye Mr. Chips” or “Teacher Man” by Frank McCourt? There are many options out there, but we know you’ll find the right one for you! Complete the mission by telling us about what you read to earn a badge for Quarter 3, and don’t forget to click on “May We Share This Review?” to be included in the monthly Readers’ Blog posting.
• Challenge open August 1 – 31

Turning Page Book Group
We are back from our summer hiatus and talking about Larry McMurtry’s classic western, “Lonesome Dove.” Bring your cup for some coffee and join us! For more info, call 657–8258 or email refdesk@billingsmt.gov.
• 6:30pm, Wednesday, August 24, Yellowstone Board Room

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 August discussion, we are reading “Nothing to See Here” by Kevin Wilson. Email refdesk@billingsmt.gov or stop by the 2nd Floor Help Desk to sign up!
• 7pm, Tuesday, Aug. 30 on Zoom
For Kids, Tweens & Families

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

Story Times and Books & Babies are on vacation. They will resume at their regular times and days the week of Labor Day.

Summer Reading Prize Pickup

Congratulations to our over 600 2022 Summer Reading participants. You read over 500,000 minutes and 16,000 books! If you did not win a raffle prize, be sure to pick up your consolation prize. Our website lists Summer Reading 2022 Sponsors. Please support those who supported us.

• Pickup begins Tuesday, August 2, at the Children’s Desk
• Special Story Time
   Join the Library’s Assistant Director Hannah for a fun and interactive “Shout It Out Story Time.”
   • 10am, Tuesday, August 2, in the Story Tower
Kids Ice Cream Social

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with an Ice Cream Social! Ice cream and allergen-free treats will be available. The Bicycle Library will also be there.

• 2:30–3:30pm, Thursday, August 11, at Pioneer Park
Black Bears and You! (ages 2–6)

Join the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area for a program about black bears and you! Learn how to be safe while in the wilderness; get hands-on experience with animal fur, scat, and take home a fun activity packet. No registration needed.

• 11am, Thursday, August 18, in the Community Room

Be Bear Aware! (ages 7–12)

Join the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area for a program about being bear aware! Learn steps to keep yourself safe while in the wilderness; get hands-on experience with animal fur, scat, and take home a fun activity packet. No registration needed.

• 11am, Thursday, August 25, in the Community Room

For Teens, Families & Seniors

Contact the Seniors Department by emailing seniordesk@billingsmt.gov.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Let’s get real — talking about money is tough. Join Heidi from Altana Federal Credit Union as she makes it fun! A light-hearted, hands-on activity covering a heavy topic promises to make the convo a bit easier. Be it with M&Ms or a tiny dollar bill shreds — navigating the money subject will be easier and a great starting point for you to start asking the hard questions. Visit https://billingslibrary.org/396/Teens to register.

• Workshops are Friday, August 12, in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room
  • 1–2pm for Teens (ages 13–17)
  • 2:30–3:30pm for Tweens (ages 9–12)

TEENS4TEENS (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 — be who you are! No registration required.

• 5–6pm, Wednesdays, in the TECH Lab

THE TEEN ANIME CLUB RETURNS! (ages 11–17)

Come watch “Howl’s Moving Castle,” a 2004 Japanese animated fantasy film written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki. The film is set in a fictional kingdom where both magic and early twentieth-century technology are prevalent, against the backdrop of a war with another kingdom. And, we’ll make a craft! Anime Club will meet the second and fourth Saturday of every month and will feature a different movie or show. Sign up ahead of time at https://billingslibrary.org/396/Teens.

• 2–4pm, Saturday, August 27, in the TECH Lab

Tech Café

Tech help for adults now available by appointment. Call 247–8699 or email majorc@billingsmt.gov to make an appointment.

• 10:30am Heritage Garden Ribbon Cutting
• 10am & 11am Yoga at the Park
• 10–11am Spanish ¡Hablaron Conmigo!
   8pm Library Show in the Community Room

Join the Library’s Assistant Director Hannah for a fun and social event!

• 6–7pm Spanish ¡Hablaron Conmigo!
• 5–6pm TEENS4TEENS

For more information on workshops and events, please visit our website for the most current information.

Library Hours

Monday – Friday 9am–8pm
Saturday 9am–5pm
Sunday Closed
24/7 Express Locker always available!

Helpful Information

Phone numbers
Library: 657–8256
Bookmobile: 657–8259
Foundation: 237–6149
Friends of the Library: 237–6170
Website: www.billingslibrary.org
Email: kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov
For Children & Families
Story
Tues
Wed
Thurs
Fri
Sat
Sun

For Teens

2–4pm TEEN Anime Club returns!