**Summer Reading Continues!**

**Notes on Summer Reading**

**BIG MACHINE PETTING ZOO WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!** It attracted over 800 enthusiastic attendees! The event was a hit with families, and one participant remarked, “It was a fantastic event with so many kids in awe. The folks at each vehicle were incredibly patient and kind.” A huge thank you to all the City of Billings departments and the Yellowstone County Animal Shelter.

**Adventure Begins at Your Library** is our Summer Reading Program theme. The whole family can enjoy captivating reads, adventures, prizes and free events! More info at [https://www.billingslibrary.org/331/Summer-Reading](https://www.billingslibrary.org/331/Summer-Reading). Sign-up is online at [www.billingslibrary.org](http://www.billingslibrary.org) or by downloading the ReadSquared app.

• **Sign-up continues through Saturday, July 20**

**Summer Reading Programs for Kids**

**CHALK THE WALK:** Help us decorate our sidewalk. Pick up some chalk at the Children’s Desk, color the sidewalk and earn points in your Summer Reading Account!

• **1–4pm, Monday–Wednesday, July 1–3,** on our sidewalks

**READING ROCKS ROCKERS** (ages 11–14): Drop in any time, no registration required. From graphic novels to fantasy series, we’ll share our favorites and make colorful art journals to record our thoughts, eat snacks and leave with a new book!

• **3:15–4pm, Tuesdays, ending July 23,** in the Teen Corner

**JUNIOR ADVENTURERS** (ages 6–12): Fun and hands-on programs full of adventure. Registration required:

• **3pm, Wednesdays,** in the Community Room (unless otherwise noted)

• **July 3–Scary Stories in the Tower,** in the Story Tower

• **July 10–Rockin’ Weather School**

• **July 17–Yellowstone Historical Society: The Dragon Wagon Eats War Cake**

**ADVENTURES BEYOND STORY TIME** (ages 0–6; but all ages welcome) Fun and interactive presentations that take us past the story and into our community. No registration.

• **10am, Thursdays in the Community Room**

• **July 11–A visit from ZooMontana (exotic animals)**

• **July 18–A special storytime with players from the Billings Mustangs**

**BIKE RODEO:** Practice and develop skills that will help you become a better bicyclist. Participating community partners include Billings Mustangs and Yellowstone River activists. Participating community partners include Billings Mustangs and various downtown businesses.

• **Stethoscopes & Stories,** 2pm, Fridays, Children’s Clinic Express Locker, 3401 Ave. E

**in July...**

**BPL Film Pass**

Use your Library card to reserve a movie ticket to the Art House Cinema! Tickets admit 1–2 and can be used all month. Numbers are limited and online registration is required:

• **ticket pickup at the 2nd Floor Help Desk**

**“Compelled To Create”**

View a tapestry created by artists from the Montana Women’s Prison. It consists of 32 individually-crafted sections of wool made through “wet felting.” Program was facilitated by Marlu Matherell from the Yellowstone Art Museum.

• **on display until Monday, July 15,** on our “First-Five-Years Wall”

**Memory Café**

Adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers are invited to visit the library to socialize and enjoy an activity together. To RSVP or for info, please call (406) 259–3111.

• **10:30am–12:30pm, Tues., July 2,** in the Community Room

**Miniature Painting 101**

Riley O. will teach the basics of painting miniatures. Materials and miniatures provided. Preregister through the Library’s Calendar.

• **10am–noon, Saturdays, July 6 & 13,** in the Large Conference Room

**D&D for Grown-ups**

Email refdesk@billingsmt.gov for more info.

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

• **5–7:30pm, Thursdays, July 11 & 25,** 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

**Creative Writing Group**

Write with others and share your ideas:

• **6–7:30pm, Tuesdays, July 9 & 23,** 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

**United Federation of Trek**

A group of Star Trek fans get together! Costumes encouraged.

• **5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, July 10,** 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

**¡Hablar Conmigo!**

Engage in diverse activities all in Spanish:

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

**Qigong & Tai Chi**

“Internal arts” that confer health benefits.

• **5:30–7:30pm, Thursdays, July 11 & 25,** Community Room

**July 18,** Popular Materials Area

**Intro to Qigong**

Get started. Learn some basic moves.

• **1pm, Friday, July 19,** Community Room

**Senior & Adult Art Group**

Bonny Beth Luhman, Stickman Studios, teaches floral watercolor painting. No experience needed. Supplies provided. Register through the Library’s calendar or (406) 657–8255.

• **9:30am–12:30pm, Mon., July 29,** in the Community Room

**MET Transit Training**

Learn to ride the city bus! Meet us at the Library where we will go on a short walk to the bus stop and take a ride through downtown. Participants receive a gift bag!

• **11am–1pm, Thursday, July 25,** at the Library

**Skateboard Clinic**

Skateboard clinics return! Registration and waiver required. Learn more at [billingslibrary.org](http://www.billingslibrary.org).

• **11am–1pm, Saturday, July 27,** at the downtown skatepark.

**Great Billings Book Hunt**

Adventure Begins at the Library. For July, we’re echoing this year’s Summer Reading theme and challenging participants to read an adventure. Register and more info at: [https://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/](https://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/)

• **Challenge open July 1–31**

**Complicated Book Club**

Come discuss [Michael Finkel]’s “The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession.”

• **2–3pm, Saturday, July 27,** in the Community Room

**Turning Page Book Group**

We’ll discuss: “Their Eyes Were Watching God” by Zora Neale Hurston. Call (406) 657–8290 for more info.

• **6:30pm, Wednesday, July 24,** in the Yellowstone Board Room...
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The Library Show is on Billings Community Cable TV Channel 7. Please check their website www.com7tv.com for our weekly schedule.

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Summer Reading ENDS, Saturday, July 20!

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Tech Cafe — tech help for adults new to appointment
Call 247–6149 or email jeanl@billingsmt.gov to make an appointment.

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For Kids, Tweens & Families
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.
• 10–11am, Tuesdays (ages 3–6)
• 10–11am, Wednesdays (ages 3–5), in the Story Tower

Books & Babies
Foster a love of reading and build important early literacy skills for our little pre-readers. Enjoy new hands-on musical play and fun activities.
• Classic: 1:15pm–2:15pm, Thursdays, in the Story Tower
• Music Time: 10:15am–11am, Story Tower (NOT July 20)

Spanish Story Time (for preschool & up)
Enjoy stories, songs and more in Spanish. All levels welcome.
Presenter is a native Spanish speaker excited to share her language.
• 4pm, Friday, July 19, in the Story Tower

Game On! Games & Legos!
• 3–4:45pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner

Take & Make Craft: Water Bottle Bird Feeder Kit
Makes one bird feeder. First come, first serve; no registration.
• available beginning Monday, July 1, Children’s Desk

Krafty Kids: Art Club For Kids (ages 6–9)
Registration required: space is limited. Call 406) 657–8256.
• 2pm, Saturdays, July 6 & 20, Children's Craft Corner

Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens (ages 9–12)
Explore art craft concepts. No pre-registration.
• 3–4pm, Tuesdays through July, Children’s Craft Corner

Dinosaurs In Your Backyard
Take a journey back to the Jurassic Period with paleontologist Skyler Walker from Elevation Science. See and touch real fossils; learn how paleontologists dig up dinosaur fossils. Registration required.
• 2pm, Thursday, July 25, Community Room

School of Classical Ballet
The School of Classical Ballet will treat us to a beautiful display of ballet skills.
• 1:30pm, Tuesday, July 30, Community Room

Practice Reading Skills with Dogs & Cats
Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one therapy dog or a group of foster/shelter cats.
Paws to Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals
• 11am–noon, Saturday, July 6, in the Story Tower, with Pet Partner Therapy Animals
• 3–4pm, Wednesday, July 12, in the Story Tower

Cat Tales with Cats from Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter
• 4–5pm, Friday, July 26, in the Story Tower

Just for TEENS
TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Teen readers, dive into a world of adventure this summer with our Teen Summer Reading Program! Log your reading hours and unlock exciting prizes. More info and sign up https://www.billingsslibrary.org/531/Summer-Reading.

TEENS4TEENS (ages 13–17)
During Teens4Teens, teens meet to share experiences and show their support for one another in a safe space while participating in a variety of activities. Uhana Payne, a certified life coach and library volunteer, facilitates fix program.
• 5–6pm, Tuesdays, through July, in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room
D&D CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE
TEEN D&D (ages 13–17)
• noon–2pm, Saturdays, July 6 & 23, in Teen Study
Twice D&D (ages 10–13)
• 2:30–4:30pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study

CRAFT CLUB (Creative Rebels & Funky Teens)
Each week, we’ll explore a new and exciting craft project. And learn about the Library’s amazing programs and resources.
• 2pm, Tuesdays, through July, at Pioneer Park

LEVEL UP: TEEN GAMING
Calling all teen gamers—drill tournaments, strategic battles and endless fun with friends. From classic board games to the latest video game releases, there’s something for every gamer.
• 3–5pm, Thursdays, through July, in the Teen Corner