

## Spring is on its way!

- Pick up a Take & Make Kit (for ages 6 and up)
- Stop in and see the 1000 Cranes of Hope display
- Remember to SOS: Send Our Seniors Mail
- Sign up for this season's last One Book Billings

### You'll always find us online:

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

## One Book Billings ~ Spring!

The next One Book Billings book is *"American Wolf: A True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West"* by Nate Blakeslee. This New York Times bestseller tells the enthralling true story of the rise and reign of O-Six, the celebrated Yellowstone wolf, and the people who loved or feared her.

With novelistic detail, Nate Blakeslee tells the gripping story of O-Six, a charismatic alpha female named for the year of her birth. Uncommonly powerful, with gray fur and faint black ovals around each eye, O-Six is a kind and merciful leader, a fiercely intelligent fighter, and a doting mother. But as she raises her pups and protects her pack, O-Six is challenged on all fronts: by hunters, who compete with wolves for the elk they both prize; by cattle ranchers who are losing livestock and have the ear of politicians; and by other Yellowstone wolves who are vying for control of the park's stunningly beautiful Lamar Valley.

These forces collide in *"American Wolf,"* a riveting multigenerational saga of hardship and triumph that tells a larger story about the ongoing cultural clash in the West—between those fighting for a vanishing way of life and those committed to restoring one of the country's most iconic landscapes.

Pick up your copy curbside or in person at the Library. To sign up for a virtual discussion group, email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) or call 657-8290.

- books available beginning Thursday, April 1; online discussions are May 3-6

## One Book Billings

The Mission of the Billings Public Library One Book Billings program is to provide a forum for library patrons to read and discuss in small groups regional authors and/or literary works which examine and reflect life on the High Plains, especially Montana. This program is sponsored by a grant from Bernard Rose through the Billings

Public Library Foundation. Discussion groups come together five times a year (every other month from September to May) to discuss the same book. All are welcome! Please join us in reading and discussing this important book.

## Families, Folks & Friends SOS: Send Our Seniors Mail

Older adults in our community are feeling the effects of isolation due to the Coronavirus. Let's do something to help!

Gather the family or a group of friends and write a note or letter, draw a picture or decorate a coloring sheet. Drop it off at the Library using our curbside service or in the book drop. These "long distance hugs" will be distributed by our Senior Outreach Department who will ensure that your artwork gets into the hands of local seniors in need of some cheer during this difficult time.

If you prefer to participate in this program remotely, please visit our website for instructions: [www.billingslibrary.org/sosmail](http://www.billingslibrary.org/sosmail).

Curbside Pickup available Monday-Friday, 11am-5pm

## Billings Public Library NEWSLETTER—No. 158, April, 2021

### IN APRIL...

#### Take & Make Bookmark Kit

Celebrate spring by decorating a plantable bookmark (paper is embedded with flower seeds). Suitable for adults, teens and older children on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration necessary. Available while supplies last. For more info, email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov).

- available Monday, April 5  
pickup curbside & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Help Desk

#### Great Billings Book Hunt: Inspired by the Bard

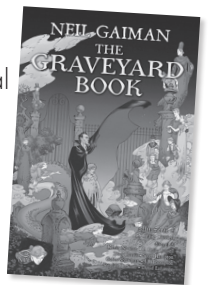
We're celebrating William Shakespeare during his birthday month! Read a play, pick up a book of his sonnets, find a biography or literary history. If these ideas do not appeal, choose one of the many novels and stories based on his works and his life instead! (HINT: Try typing the words "Hogarth Shakespeare" in the BPL catalog search box.) Read the book of your choosing, then tell us your thoughts to earn a badge and be entered into Quarter 2's prize drawing.

Sign up anytime by going to <https://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/>

- challenge active April 1-30

#### Graphics Book Group

Our intergenerational book group features selections from our Graphic Novel Book Kits and Freeding ebooks.



In April, we are discussing *"The Graveyard Book,"* adapted by P. Craig Russell from Neil Gaiman's Newbery Award winning novel. Copies are available to check out at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Help Desk now!

- 7pm, Wednesday, April 7, online

#### LitCentric Book Group

This month we're reading *"Barracoon"* by Zora Neale Hurston. We meet virtually via Zoom. To sign up, email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov).

- 7pm, Tuesday, April 27

#### Turning Page Book Group

Please email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) for information on April's book and to sign up for our online discussion.

- 7pm, Wednesday, April 28

#### Bookmarks Book Group

Our online book group is having a read-along in April! Join us to share your reading and your thoughts on our Facebook group page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/283609605977438>

### Children's Digital Resources

Whatever school looks like for you, the Children's Department is here to help! We have a variety of digital resources and information available on our website at <https://billingslibrary.org/395/Children>. A virtual tour of these resources may be found on the Library's YouTube Channel.

- For fun and interactive learning resources for children pre-K through middle school, check out our **Learning Resources** page.
- Want to learn how to code or looking for a great STEM activity? Take a peek at our **STEM Resources** page!
- More interested in taking a virtual tour of the Louvre or exploring local history? Head over to our **Arts and Cultural Resources** page.
- Embarking on a research project? Utilize 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 April your Billings Public Library!

# April

Please visit our website for the most current information.

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<b>4</b> 1:30pm <b>Library Show</b> Channel 7  <b>Happy Easter</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Pickup begins TODAY!</b> • Adult Take & Make Bookmark Kit	<b>6</b> Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am <b>7:30pm Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>7</b> <b>Pickup begins TODAY!</b> • This Week's Story Time Craft Supplies <b>12:30pm Library Show</b> Channel 7 <b>7pm Graphic Novel Book Group</b>	<b>8</b> Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm <b>8pm Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>

## For Kids, Tweens & Families

You may contact the Children's Department by emailing [kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov).

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

April's Kit is a Poetry Journal to celebrate National Poetry Month! Each kit will include all the supplies needed to start a journal to collect poetry. Additionally, there are daily prompts for the whole month to help with inspiration for writing ideas. Kits available on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration required.

- pickup curbside or the Children's Desk beginning April 1

### Adventures in Story Time

In this ongoing weekly video edition, enjoy books, songs and a craft designed around a theme. Craft supplies are limited and available for curbside pickup or at the Children's Desk (first-come, first-served) beginning on Wednesdays each week. Themes in April include: Goats, Frogs, Earth Day and Dirt.

- 10:30am, Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 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, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 on the Library's YouTube channel

### Story Time in Español

¡La biblioteca pública de Billings ahora ofrece La Hora de Lectura en español! Join us for Story Time in Spanish. MSU-B student Justin, who learned Spanish while living in Argentina, will share favorite picture books written in Spanish. Join us as we explore the Spanish language.

- 10:30am, Fridays, April 2 & 16 on the Library's YouTube channel

### Visit Our Virtual Story Tower!

Do you miss hanging out in our Story Tower? Here's your chance to visit it virtually! Head to Story Tower on the Children's page for fun games, videos, songs and other learning activities. New adventures every month!

## Just for TEENS

### 1000 CRANES OF HOPE INSTAGRAM CONTEST

As the Library prepares for more exhibits, the 1000 Cranes of Hope display will be coming down. Thank you to all who contributed their origami cranes! During the month of April make sure to take a selfie or other photo in front of the display and post it on Instagram. Follow [billingslibraryteens](https://www.instagram.com/billingslibraryteens) and tag us in your photo to be entered to win a gift card!

### 3D PRINTING FROM HOME

Use free 3D modeling software on the websites [tinkercad.com](https://www.tinkercad.com) or [sketchup.com](https://www.sketchup.com) and send us your file to print! Visit [billingslibrary.org/396/Teens](https://www.billingslibrary.org/396/Teens) to learn more about the guidelines and options available. 3D models will be limited to one color and sizes may need to be adjusted. Email Vanessa in the TECH Lab at [justicev@billingsmt.gov](mailto:justicev@billingsmt.gov) with questions.

### BPL TEEN BLOG (ages 13 & up)

Interested in blogging? Want to share your thoughts about books or other topics? Become a blog contributor by visiting [billingslibrary.org/497/BPL-Teen-Blog](https://www.billingslibrary.org/497/BPL-Teen-Blog). Read other posts by local teens!

### TEEN BOOK BOXES

Themed boxes with free books that teens can keep! Teen Book Boxes are available each month by REGISTRATION only and will include books, educational content and fun items! Sign up for an MAY Book Box now. Limited supplies available. Visit [billingslibrary.org/396/Teens](https://www.billingslibrary.org/396/Teens) to learn more and register. This project is funded in part by a grant from Humanities Montana, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### GRAPHIC NOVEL BOOK KITS

Are you a teen who wants to share your favorite graphic novel? Are you a teacher looking for a fun way to engage your students? Each Graphic Novel Book Kit contains 10 copies of a book and optional educational resources. New additions include "Persepolis," "Black Panther: Under One Nation," "This One Summer" and more. Many thanks to the Friends of Billings Public Library for expanding our Graphic Novel Book Kit collection.

### 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](http://www.billingslibrary.org)

**Email** [refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us](mailto:refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us)

### For Children & Families

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