Americans & the Holocaust
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office present “Americans and the Holocaust,” a special library traveling exhibition that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans’ responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

- EXHIBITION ON VIEW: through December 20, in the Popular Materials Area

“We Burn Like This” film screening and Q&A (ages 13+)
Join us for a screening of “We Burn Like This” followed by an in-person Q&A with Alana Waksman (writer/director/producer) and Billings native Marshall Granger (producer/editor). When 22-year-old Rae, a descendant of Holocaust survivors, is targeted by Neo-Nazis in Billings, Montana, her ancestors’ trauma becomes real. Inspired by true events, this coming-of-age story shows the inherited effects of historical trauma and the strength of resilience.

- 3:45pm, Monday, December 5, in the Community Room

Peter Metzelaar: Hidden Holocaust Survivor
Peter Metzelaar was 7 years old when the Nazis stormed his family’s home in Amsterdam and seized everyone except him and his mother. The Dutch Underground contacted Klaus and Roelfina Post on the Metzelaars’ behalf, seeking a place of refuge. The Posts risked their lives to shelter Peter and his mother in Amsterdam and seized everyone except him and his mother.

- 6:30–7:30pm, Friday, December 9, in the Community Room

Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale
Stack up for colder weather readings!

- 9am–2pm, Saturday, December 10, in the Book Nook

Big Sky Holiday Chorus
Celebrate the sounds of the season with the Big Sky Holiday Chorus, a long tradition here at the Library. Share the enjoyment of holiday favorites sung in a birdsong style.

- 10am, Saturday, December 10, under the Oculus

Book Launch
“Montana: A Paper Trail” by Thomas Minckler
Thomas Minckler has spent a half-century on a personal journey to collect nineteenth- and early twentieth-century letters and documents, vintage rare books, photographs, paintings and territorial imprints on Montana and the northern plains. Years of collecting and research on these items has uncovered valuable insights on previously unknown aspects of Montana history. Every artifact in the collection has a unique paper trail, a journey that reveals the colorful and fascinating story of Montana.

- 6–7:30pm, Friday, December 16, in the Community Room

¡Hablamos Conmigo!
Come practice speaking out loud! Use your skills with someone who has also been learning the language. Any level welcome. Your presenter is not fluent but is continually working to become so. ¡La temática para esta sesión, vamos a charlar de resoluciones españolas!

- 6–7:30pm, Friday, December 16, in the Community Room

Pet Supply Drive
Our pet supply drive supports B.A.R.K. (Billings Animal Rescue Kare), a local 100% volunteer run animal rescue and shelter non-profit.

- Dec. 1–31, 1st Floor of the Library

A Longmire Christmas!
Join the creator of Longmire, Craig Johnson, for A Longmire Christmas! He will read a new story, sign autographs and share stories of his famous Sheriff.

- 6:30–7:30pm, Friday, December 9, in the Community Room

Friday Family Fun Night!
“Silent (Reading) Night” Enjoy an evening reading in comfortable silence with fellow bookworms. We’ll supply the cozy atmosphere and quiet snacks.

- 5:30–7pm, Friday, December 2, in the Community Room

“Elf Night”
The elves are sure to get you into the Christmas Spirit!

- 5:15pm Elf Scavenger Hunt for the Children’s Department

- 5:45pm “Elf” movie with Will Farrell in the Teen Corner

“Santa Paws Workshop” Craft DIY dog toys including denim tug toys, water bottle sock crinkle chews, shirt ropes and more. We’ll donate them to local shelters. Craft supplies and refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome.

- 6pm, Friday, December 16, in the Craft Corner

“PEOPLE’S CHOICE Movie Night”
This is PEOPLE’S CHOICE, a movie selected for the people, BY the people in November. Find out which one was chosen on our Facebook page or website!

- 5pm, Friday, December 30, in the Community Room

Great Bills Book Hunt
December’s Challenge is to reflect on your reading in 2022 to earn a badge for Quarter 4. Yearly prize winners will be drawn the first week of 2023.

- 6–7:30pm, Friday, December 16, in the Community Room

In December...
You’ll always find us online:
- Website: www.billingslibrary.org
- Twitter: @BillingsLibrary
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary
For Kids, Tweens & Families
Contact the Children’s Department by emailing kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov.

Story Times, Books & Babies, R.E.A.D. to a Dog and Art Explorers for Tweens are on vacation Dec. 2–Jan. 2. See you next year!

Adventures in Story Time
Adventures in Story Time introduces young children to books, rhymes, crafts and other fun activities. Join us for hibernation.
- 10–11am, Thursday, December 1, in the Story Tower

Game On!
Join us for games and legos.
- 3–4:45pm, Fridays, in the Craft Corner
- 1–4pm, Tuesday–Thursday, Dec. 27–29, Craft Corner

Month-long Winter Scavenger Hunt
Pick up a clue sheet at the Children’s desk and hunt for 10 winter images hidden throughout the Children’s area. Complete the hunt and enter a drawing for a Family Winter Fun Pack.
- December 1–31, in the Children’s area

Dance Like a Molecule!
It’s a STEM program like no other—Atomic Circus with special guest musicians Side Door! Enjoy demos of molecules heating up and cooling off and learn to dance like a molecule. Be ready to have fun while learning!
- 2–3pm, Saturday, December 10, in the Community Room

Where Do All the Animals Go In Winter?!
Join Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area for this program about the winter habits of some of Montana’s favorite animals. Enjoy a story and a hands-on activity. For children of all ages.
- 1pm, Saturday, December 17, in the Community Room

Montana SPARKS! Exhibition
Montana SPARKS! is an exhibition of art and story by children’s book writers and illustrators from the Montana region. Writers have invented a one-page story based on the word “strength,” and illustrators have created a single image in response. Spark your imagination to combine words and pictures for yourself!
- December 19–January 7, on the Story Tower

Just for TEENS
TECH Lab hours: 3–7pm, Tuesday–Friday; 1–5pm, Saturday

Minecraft (Hour of Code)
Join “Hour of Code 2022” with Dr. Westbrook. We will be exploring Minecraft Escape Estate. Solve puzzles to escape from Dr. Breakowski’s mysterious mansion in the new Minecraft Hour of Code: Escape Estate. Use coding and computational thinking to unlock secrets, open trap doors and reveal hidden clues! Register at https://live-billings.pantheonsite.io/event/minecraft-hour-code
- 3–5pm, Tuesday, December 6, in the TECH Lab

TEENS4TEENS (ages 13–17)
Teens get together to share experiences and show your support for one another in a safe space. This group will be facilitated by Ulaah Payne, certified life coach and library volunteer. Conversations will be teen led and range from silly to important topics. Activities will be provided. All teens who join this social group will be accepted, respected and welcomed. Registration is required. Sign up here https://forms.gle/JHhSfH285NxAfLGz8
- 3–5pm, Tuesdays, in the TECH Lab

Hot Cocoa Tasting (ages 11–17)
Join us for hot cocoa, games and cookie decorating! Vote for your favorite hot cocoa flavor (and not so favorite) and enjoy board games and cookies with other teens.
- 3–4:45pm, Friday, December 30, in the Community Room

The Democracy Project (ages 13–19)
The Democracy Project is a teen-led program empowering young people to take action to improve our communities. Teens who want to make a difference work together to identify a problem, design a project and find solutions. This nonprofit program is a partnership between Humanities Montana and Billings Public Library and will last throughout the school year.

Library Hours
Monday–Friday 9am–5pm
Saturday 9am–1pm

24/7 Express Locker
Always available!

Helpful Information
Phone numbers
Library: 657–8258
Bookmobile: 657–3091
Senior/Homebound: 657–8255
Foundation: 237–6149
Friends of the library: 237–6707
Webpage www.billingslibrary.org
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