**Read and Write with Us!**

It’s a new season of One Book Billings!

We’re pleased to announce the new season of One Book Billings, our community book group. Register to join a discussion group and receive a free copy of *The Boy Who Promised Me Horses* by David Joseph Charpentier. Wrote about this book, “Not only a lyrical account of the narrator’s friendship with Maurice Prairie Chief, it is a haunting tragedy, a cross-cultural narrative that explores the mystery of friendship and the impossibility of ever really knowing another person.”

Ten free copies are available per group. Discussions happen in September. The author will visit on September 7 for more information and to register: https://www.billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings

**Great Billings Book Hunt August Challenge: Around the World**

Summer is often the time for vacations and travel, but you don’t have to leave home to explore the world! This month, we are challenging you to read a book by an international author and explore another country’s literary voice. For fiction, try Chunja Achebe, Haruki Murakami, Elena Ferrante, Mario Vargas Llosa or Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. In non-fiction, consider biographies like Ishmael Beah’s “A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier,” “Infidel” by Ayaan Hirsi Ali or “In Order to Live” by Yeonmi Park.

Sign up anytime at https://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/ Complete the challenge during August to be eligible for this month’s prize drawings!

**Creative Writing Group**

Our volunteer Mary B. leads this informal writing group. Meet fellow local writers, write in a supportive environment and share your work (if you want to).

**Turning Page Book Group**

Join us for coffee and a conversation about our latest BPL book club kit pick! Call (406) 657–8290 or email us at refdesk@billingsmt.gov for more information.

**in August...**

**BPL Film Pass**

Use your Library card to reserve a movie ticket to the Art House Cinema! Tickets are $1–$2 and can be used all month. Numbers are limited and online registration is required. Tickets are kept on hold for one week.

**¡Hablamos Conmigo!**

Engage in diverse activities like reading, watching videos, and listening to podcasts, all in Spanish. Our host, steadily working towards fluency, welcomes all skill levels.

**Qigong & Tai Chi Open Practice**


**D&D for Grown-ups**

Tabletop adventures with our volunteer DM, Ron H! For more info, email refdesk@billingsmt.gov.

**Bike Library Events**

- **National Night Out, 6–8pm, Tuesday, August 8 (one night only),** Altonicom Lutheran Church, 1290 Sierra Grande Blvd.
- **Tour de Downtown, 10am, Tuesdays, various downtown businesses
- **Moms in Motion, 10:30am, Wednesdays, North Park
- **Community Connections, 11am, Thursdays, various downtown locations
- **CRAFT Teen Club, 10:30–11:30pm, Fridays, Pioneer Park
- **Stethoscopes & Stories, 2pm, Fridays, Children’s Clinic Express Locker, 3401 Ave. E

**United Federation of Trek**

A group of Star Trek fans get together, watch an episode and discuss themes of the episode and Star Trek in general.

Costumes encouraged.

- **5:30–7:30pm, Wed., August 7, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room**

**Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale**

Calling all book lovers, it’s time for a POX pop-up sale! Stop by the Library lobby and browse our huge selection of bargain-priced books; you’ll surely find a few treasures!

- **9am–2pm, Saturday, Aug. 17, in the Library’s lobby**

**Senior & Adult Art Group**

Bonne Beth Luman, Stickman Studios, demonstrates marbling on watercolor paper. No experience needed. Supplies provided. Please register through the Library’s calendar or (406) 657–8255.

**Memory Café**

Adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers are invited to visit the Library to socialize and enjoy an activity together. This is sponsored by Dementia Friendly Billings and Big Sky Senior Services. To RSVP or for info, please call (406) 259–3111.

- **10:30am–12:30pm, Tues., Aug. 6, in the Community Room**

**Photography to See at the Library in August**

**CAUGHT IN THE MOMENT:** From wild horses of the West to tango dancers of Argentina, take in a vibrant array of images captured by two outstanding photographers, Dan Boney and Brittany Budde. — who also work at your Library! See the world through their eyes, proudly displayed on our first-Five-Year wall.

**MONTANA ROOM:** We have a new frame TV in the Montana Room! Browse our collection of Montana-related materials while enjoying a rotating display of images selected from the Montana History Portal and our archives. This month it’s the work of photographer B.R. Dubside and his hair-raising rodeo shots!

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- Join the Great Billings Book Hunt Challenge!
- Give our Creative Writing Group a try!
- Discuss with the Turning Page Book Group!

And more! billings.librarycalendar.com
For Kids, Tweens & Families

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 Intermintrction Therapy Animals
• 11am–noon, Saturday, August 3, in the Story Tower with Pet Partner Therapy Animals
• 3–4pm, Wednesday, August 21, in the Story Tower

Cat Tales with Cats from Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter
• 4–5pm, Friday, August 23, in the Story Tower

Just for TEENS

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM
Congratulations to all our Teen 2024 Summer Reading participants!
• prize pickup begins Thurs., Aug. 1, 2nd Floor Reference Desk

LEVEL UP: TEEN GAMING
Thrilling tournaments, strategic battles, endless fun with friends.
• 3–5pm, Thursdays, through August, in the Teen Corner

D&D CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE
TEEN D&D (ages 13–17)
• noon–2pm, Saturdays through August, in Teen Study! Tween D&D (ages 10–13)
• 2:30–4:30pm, Saturdays through August, in Teen Study!

CRAFT CLUB (Creative Rebels & Funky Teens)
Each week, we’ll explore a new and exciting craft project.
• 10:30–11:30am, Fridays, through August, at Pioneer Park

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.
• 3–5pm, Tuesdays, through August, in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

MET TRANSIT TRAINING (teens and tweens)
Learn how to ride the city bus! A short walk to the bus stop will take us to a ride through downtown. Registration is required. You’ll receive a gift bag with local goods and incentives!
• 11am–1pm, Thursday, August 22, in the Community Room

ASL Social Hour
Our goal is to foster a safe and open community for those interested in American Sign Language. All skill levels, ages, hearing, hard of hearing and Deaf people are welcome.
• 3–4pm, Sat., Aug. 10, Story Tower

Library Hours
Monday–Thursday: 9am–8pm
Friday: 9am–6pm
Saturday: 9am–5pm
Closed: 24/7 Express Lockers

Helpful Information
Phone numbers (all begin 406–)
library: 657–8258
Express Lockers: 281–3628
Bookmobile: 657–3091
Senior/Homebound: 657–8255
Foundation: 237–6149
Friends of the Library: 237–6707
Webpage: www.billingslibrary.org
Calendar: billingslibrarycalendar.com
Email: kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov

For Children & Families
Visit the Billings Public Library Calendar for Events and Updates:
• Story Times, Books & Babies
• Teen CRAFT Club
• Children’s Clinic
• Game On! Games & Legos
• Teen D&D
• Tween D&D
• Boards
• Bike Library
• Kids Take & Make Kits
• MET Transit Training
• Spanish Story Time
• Teen Gaming

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