

Join us for interesting programs and creative activities...

Happy Valentine's Day!

- FAMILY FUN on Friday evenings with movies, games and Indiana Jones
- LEARN in the "Continuing Fight for Women's Rights" discussion
- HELP people with Alzheimer's or other dementias with our COG Kits
- READ in a book group, the Reading Olympics or Blind Date with a Book

...AT THE LIBRARY! Black History Month

February is *Black History Month*, and the Black Heritage Foundation of Yellowstone County and Billings Public Library are presenting a series of programs and films reflecting the African-American experience. All events take place in the Community Room. *Programs are 7pm, Thursdays; films, 11am, Saturdays.*

Films: Feb. 1: "Black Panther" (2018, PG-13)
Feb. 8: "Green Book" (2018, PG-13) Feb. 22: "Good Hair" (2009, PG-13)
Feb. 15: "Harriet" (2019, PG-13) Feb. 29: "Fences" (2016, PG-13)

Women's Rights Discussion

The League of Women Voters and BPL are hosting a discussion entitled "Continuing the Fight for Women's Rights." Kevin Kooistra, of the Western Heritage Center, will present a history of women's rights movements, including the story of suffragist Hazel Hunkins Hallinan of Billings who championed women and children's rights in the 20th century, the history of the League of Women Voters, and various strategies used to create social change. *Prior to the event, voter registration will take place in the lobby from 10-11:30am.*

- Noon-1:30pm, Friday, February 14, Community Room

Dementia Kits Open House

Learn about a great new resource at BPL! COG Kits (short for Cognitive Kits) are full of books, games and other activities for caregivers to use with people who have Alzheimer's and other dementias. This is a great opportunity to see the kits. COG Kits have been generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

- 3-4pm, Friday, February 14, under the Oculus

Blind Date with a Book

Visit our Popular Materials Room in February to take your chance! Simply choose a wrapped book from our display and check it out. Then "rate your date" with the help of our scorecard and return it to the Library. You will be entered to win a romantic prize by returning your scorecard by March 15.

100 Hats Challenge

This year our Library's Knitting Circle is challenging itself to gather 100 locally hand-knit or crocheted hats to send to children, teens and adults who need help staying warm. We need your help to knit (or crochet) 1 hat every 3.65 days in order to reach our goal of 100 hats in 2020! *We will also accept handmade mittens or scarves; guidelines and free patterns are available at the 2nd Floor Help Desk. Please return completed gifts to the 2nd Floor Help Desk. This donation drive is part of our *Civic Literacy Series*.

The Adult Reading Olympics

Sign-ups are active now! Read books throughout 2020, log your activity, and participate in fun challenges to be entered into prize drawings. See our website or call 657-8290 for more details.

Family Reading Program!

Registration continues into the month of February for our 23rd annual *Family Reading Program!* Families completing the program will earn a book for the family and an entry for drawing of one of two \$25 gift cards. Each child who completes the program will also receive coupons from our sponsors **Bricks and Minifigs** and **Taco Johns**. Register online at billingslibrary.org/children or call the Children's Services Desk at 657-8256 for more information.

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IN FEBRUARY... FRIDAY NIGHT Tai Chi Classes FAMILY FUN!

In the Taoist tradition, a person's health depends on the harmony of body, mind and spirit. The Taoist Tai Chi arts exercise the entire physiology. Attendees should wear comfortable clothing that allows movement, including gripless, flat-soled shoes, and should be prepared to sign a waiver. Presented by the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Billings.

- Noon, Thursdays thru February, Community Room

Landscape Design

Gardening Series...

Megan Terry from *Land Design, Inc.* will discuss the basics of landscape design. Thanks to our co-sponsors, the Yellowstone County Master Gardeners.

- 5-6pm, Wednesday, February 12, Community Room

Knitting Circle & Fiber Arts

We are the Library's fiber arts enthusiasts who knit, crochet, spin, embroider, felt, and generally love fiber. We get together every month to talk about what we enjoy the most and share projects. Join us!

- 1-3pm, Thursdays, Feb. 13 & 27, Large Conference Room

Genealogy Class

Research your family history! The Yellowstone Genealogical Society is hosting a class on how to utilize *Ancestry Library*. This is the world's largest online family history resource; it provides instant access to hundreds of years of history in billions of historical documents and millions of historical photos from all over the world. Record collections span the 1500s-2000s. This a free program is available to the public. For more information call 671-4787.

- 3-5pm, Wednesday, February 19, Computer Lab

Film: "Gnomeo & Juliet"

Separated by a fence and a feud, blue gnomes are on one side and red gnomes on the other. But blue Gnomeo and red Juliet fall in love. (rated G.)

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, February 7, Community Room

Valentine's Day BINGO

It's a night of Valentine-themed bingo!

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, February 14, Community Room

Indiana Jones Geek Out!

A special Geek Out event! Games, crafts, green screen and snacks while enjoying one of our favorite heroes.

- 6:30-8:30pm, Friday, February 21, Community Room

Chess/Checkers Fun Night

Come test your wits and skill at chess and checkers, play other games with new friends, or bring a favorite to share.

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, February 28, Community Room

Tech for Adults

OLDER ADULTS: learn to download music and digital magazines free from your smartphone, tablet or computer. Space is limited; pre-register at 657-8255.

- 3:30-4:30pm, Friday, February 28, 2nd Floor Computer Classroom

Book Groups

Graphic Novel Book Group

Our intergenerational book club is reading "Lost at Sea" by Bryan Lee O'Malley. Join us for pizza and great conversation!

7pm, Wednesday, February 5, Yellowstone Board Room

LitCentric Book Group

We use a combination of self-purchased copies and Library Book Club Kits. To sign up, email refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us.

7pm, Tuesday, February 25, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Turning Page Book Group

Books are selected from the Library's Book Club Kits. To sign up, email refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us.

7pm, Wednesday, February 26, Yellowstone Board Room

In February your Billings Public Library!

FEBRUARY

Event schedules occasionally change. Please visit our website for the most current information.



Find us on Facebook



We're BillingsLibrary on Twitter



and billingslibrary on Instagram.

1 Story Time 10:30-11am
Discover the Fun 11-11:30am
READ to a Dog 11am-Noon
11am Film Black History Month "Black Panther"

<p>2 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays</p>	<p>3 4pm Library Show Channel 7</p>	<p>4 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 4-5pm Kids in the Kitchen Cookie Decorating 4-6pm TEEN Computer Science Club</p>	<p>5 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3-4:45pm Wednesday Fun Games and Legos! 6-9pm TEEN Gaming 7pm Graphics Graphic Novel Book Grp.</p>	<p>6 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 7pm Program Black History Month 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7</p>	<p>7 Books & Babies 10:15-11am 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 4-6pm TEEN Robotics 6:30-8pm Friday Night Fun Film: "Gnomeo & Juliet"</p>	<p>8 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 11am Film Black History Month "Green Book"</p>
<p>9 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays</p>	<p>10 3-4:45pm Make & Take Valentine Cards Craft! 4pm Library Show Channel 7</p>	<p>11 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 4-6pm TEEN Computer Science Club</p>	<p>12 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3-4:45pm Wednesday Fun Games and Legos! 5-6pm Gardening Landscape Design 6-9pm TEEN Gaming</p>	<p>13 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover Fun 11-11:30am Noon-1 Tai Chi Class 1-3pm Knit & Fibers Grp. Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 4-5pm Special Yoga Story Time 7pm Black History Prog. 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7</p>	<p>14 Books & Babies 10:15-11am Noon Program Fight for Women's Rights 3-4pm Open House Learn about Demetia Kits 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 4-6pm TEEN Robotics 6:30-8pm Friday Night Fun Valentine's Day BINGO!</p>	<p>15 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 11am Film Black History Month "Harriet"</p>
<p>16 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays</p>	<p>17 4pm Library Show Channel 7 President's Day Library CLOSED</p>	<p>18 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 4-6pm TEEN Computer Science Club 4pm Embroidery 101 (ages 6-8) Beginning class</p>	<p>19 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3-4:45pm Wednesday Fun Games and Legos! 3-5pm Genealogy Class 6-9pm TEEN Gaming</p>	<p>20 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover Fun 11-11:30am Noon-1 Tai Chi Class 1-3pm Knit & Fibers Grp. Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 7pm Program Black History Month 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7</p>	<p>21 Books & Babies 10:15-11am 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 4-6pm TEEN Robotics 6:30-8:30pm Fri. Night Fun Indiana Jones Geek Out</p>	<p>22 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 11am Film Black History Month "Good Hair"</p>
<p>23 5pm Library Show Channel 7 <i>Friends Weekly Book Donation Times</i> 10am-Noon Weekdays</p>	<p>24 4pm Library Show Channel 7 6:30pm Circus Variety Show Fun Event for End of Family Reading Program</p>	<p>25 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 4-5pm Origami Art (ages 8-12) Ancient art of paper folding 4-6pm TEEN Computer Science Club 7pm LitCentric Bk Grp</p>	<p>26 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 3-4:45pm Wednesday Fun Games and Legos! 6-9pm TEEN Gaming 7pm Turning Page Bk Grp</p>	<p>27 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover Fun 11-11:30am Noon-1 Tai Chi Class 1-3pm Knit & Fibers Grp. Books & Babies 3:15-4pm 5-7pm TEEN Tech Build a Cardboard Robot 7pm Program Black History Month 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7</p>	<p>28 Books & Babies 10:15-11am 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 3:30-4:30pm Tech for Older Adults Download music/magazines 4-6pm TEEN Robotics 6:30-8pm Friday Night Fun Chess/Checkers Fun Night</p>	<p>29 Story Time 10:30-11am Discover the Fun 11-11:30am 11am Film Black History Month "Fences" 3-4pm Mars Rover Exploration (ages 6-8) Learn about Mars</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>Monday</p>	<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Saturday</p>

For Kids, Tweens & Families

For more information and/or to register for any program, please call 657-8256 or stop by the Children's Desk.

READ to a Dog!

READ to a Dog is for any reading child in which each child signs up on the day of the program and reads to one dog.

- 11am-Noon, Saturday, February 1, Story Tower

Kids in the Kitchen! (for families with children)

Learn simple tips to decorate cookies! Pre-register at 657-8256.

- 4-5pm, Tuesday, February 4, Community Room

Valentine Make and Take Craft

Share the love! Make Valentine cards. Stop by the Children's Desk to reserve your spot. Clean up begins at 4:45pm. Children under age 8 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

- 3-4:45pm, Monday, February 10, Craft Corner

Special Yoga Story Time (all ages of children)

Join us for a Valentine's Day-themed Yoga Story Time. No registration. Mats available to borrow or bring your own.

- 4-5pm, Thursday, February 13, Community Room

Embroidery 101~Jr. Edition (ages 6-8)

Learning the basic stitches, kids will make their own designs for a bookmark. Necessary supplies provided. Register at 657-8256.

- 4pm, Tuesday, February 18, 2nd Fl. Large Conference Room

Circus Variety Show for the Whole Family

Celebrate the end of Family Reading with Patrick from Montana Premier Entertainment. Bring a smile to your face with an evening of juggling, magic and escape art.

- 6:30pm, Monday, February 24, Community Room

Origami Art (ages 8-12)

Learn the ancient art of paper folding. Register at 657-8256.

- 4-5pm, Tuesday, February 25, Community Room

Tech Tower: Mars Rover Exploration (ages 6-8)

It's about Mars and the 2020 NASA mission to send a new rover. Games include navigating a rover through NASA SpacePlace.

- 3-4pm, Saturday, February 29, Story Tower

Just for TEENS

Weekly TECH Lab hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 3-7pm; Saturday: 1-5pm

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB: CIRCUIT PLAYGROUND EXPRESS

Work on your computer coding skills! We are messing around with a Circuit Playground Express, which is a programmable circuit board with lights, sensors, and more! No need to sign up. Just come by the Lab.

- 4-6pm, Tuesdays, TECH Lab

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GAMING: PATHFINDER RPG AND BOARD GAMES

This is a weekly group to play the 2nd Edition of Pathfinder! Never played a tabletop RPG before? No worries! We're starting from the ground up so just swing by and check the game out, and we can help get you started. Feel free to bring your own game or just come hang out.

- 6-9pm, Wednesdays, Teen Area

EXPLORING ROBOTICS

We're dedicated Fridays to all things robots! Build and program a LEGO Robot, a Hummingbird Duo, or anything that sounds interesting! No sign-up required.

- 4-6pm, Fridays, TECH Lab

BUILD A CARDBOARD ROBOT

It's easier than you think to build a robot! Use a Hummingbird Duo kit to construct, code and control your own cardboard robot. These robots can move, light up, make sounds, and more depending on how you choose to design and build them. Call 657-8290 to sign up today!

- 5-7pm, Thursday & Friday, Feb. 27 & 28, TECH Lab

TEEN BOOK GROUP

Join our Teen Book Group! We meet once a month on Thursday afternoons. Snacks and drinks are offered. In February, we're reading Graham McNamee's "Acceleration," an award-winning mystery. To register and reserve your copy of the book, call 657-8290.

- 4-5pm, Thursday, February 13, Teen Study 2

Library Hours

Monday-Friday 10am-9pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday Closed

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

Email refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

For Children & Families

Story Times

Tuesdays (ages 3-6), 10:30-11am
Wednesdays (ages 2-3), 10:30-11am
Thursdays (ages 3-6), 10:30-11am
Saturdays, 10:30-11am

Discover the Fun

(a craft or activity related to the theme of the preceding Story Time)

Tuesdays, 11-11:30am
Wednesdays, 11-11:30am
Thursdays, 11-11:30am
Saturdays, 11-11:30am

Books & Babies

Thursdays, 3:15-4pm
Fridays, 10:15-11am (ages 0-2 & parent/caregiver)

Wednesday & Friday Fun

Wednesdays & Fridays, 3-4:45pm (Games and Legos)

Story Tower Open Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 3-5pm