**Stop by and join us for**
- NaNoWriMo launch party and write-ins!
- TEEN book making and D&D design workshops!
- Two opportunities for kids to read to a dog!
- Three visits from authors and poets!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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**NaNoWriMo 2023 Events**

Calling all WiMoss! Bring your writing tool[s] and come join us! We are hosting several events with local liaisons: Virginia Duke and Sarah Burke. Participants in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) go to write-ins to write their 50,000 word novel, share tips and ticks, and encourage other WiMos.

- **Launch Party:** 6:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, November 1
- **Write-Ins:** 9:30–11:30am, Saturdays, November 4, 11 & 18 in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

**MAP A THON!**

Join the Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals (MAGIP) for a GIS Day Mapathon. GIS Day celebrates geographic information systems (GIS), showcasing mapping and geospatial technology. Volunteers will map power line locations to aid wildfire risk assessment, with the winning region receiving bragging rights. For more information and registration, visit [https://billings.librarycalendar.com/event/gis-day-mapathon-11298](https://billings.librarycalendar.com/event/gis-day-mapathon-11298).

**Students Adapt Fairytales**

Third-grade students from McKinley Elementary have spent the last 4 weeks learning about writing narratives and working on expanding their stories with details to enrich the plot. They have learned how to alter a classic fairytale into a new, unique story. This was a wonderful way to kickstart their first writing unit of the year for the purpose of encouraging creativity in their writing. To help see themselves as true writers, they are displaying their work alongside other wonderful stories in the Library! Please support encouraging creativity in their writing. To help see themselves as true writers, they are displaying their work alongside other wonderful stories in the Library!

**Friday Night Family FUN!**

**Author Talk with Mark Hummel: Exploring “Man, Underground”**

Join author Mark Hummel as he speaks about his latest work, "Man, Underground." This fast-paced dark comedy will leave readers contemplating the disruptions and the potential transformative power of random acts of kindness. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event.

- **6pm,** **Friday,** **November 3,** in the Community Room

**Buffalo Stories with Montana Poet Laureate and Little Shell Member, Chris La Tray**

Join us for a night of storytelling! The Buffalo has been intimately entwined with Mats and Plains Chipewya people for centuries, a formidable relationship across the Northern Plains that is generally overlooked. Through a discussion of the history the Little Shell people have shared with this magnificent relative and stories of personal encounters with Bzhikhi, the Buffalo, Mats storyteller Chris La Tray will inspire listeners to take to heart the message of the Buffalo, who represents Mnaadendimowin, or Respect, in the Seven Grandfather teachings of the Anishnaabe people.

- **6–7:30pm,** **Friday,** **November 17,** in the Community Room

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**In November... ¡Hablar Conmigo!**

Use your Spanish speaking skills! We choose as a group what we will do each week. Your host is not fluent but working every day to become so with these classes. Join in at any time!  
- **3:30,** **every Thursday in November** in the Community Room
- **Qigong & Tai Chi Open Practice**  
  Very similar “internal arts” that confer astonishing raft of health benefits.
  - **5:30,** **every Thursday in November** in the Community Room

**Crochet and Knit Hour**

Join us to knit, crochet or other fiber art.
- **10–11:30am,** **Saturday,** **November 4,** in the Community Room
- **D & D for Grown-ups**
  Please call (406) 657–8290 for more info.
  - **1–4pm,** **every Saturday,** **2nd Floor Large Conference Room**

**PROGRAM: Behind the Lens: An Exposé with Photojournalists Larry Mayer & Amy Lynn Nelson**

Join Billings Gazette photojournalists Larry Mayer and Amy Lynn Nelson for an up-close and personal discussion on their careers, the major events they have chronicled, and what it takes to be a photojournalist. Don’t miss this exclusive look behind their lenses!
- **2–3pm,** **Saturday,** **November 4,** in the Community Room
- **Star Trek Fans...**
  A group of Star Trek fans get together, watch an episode and discuss.
  - **5:30–7:30pm,** **Wednesday,** **November 8,** in the Community Room

**ASL Social Hour**

Our goal is to foster a safe and open community for those interested in American Sign Language. Create new relationships by sharing stories, playing games and more! All level skills, ages, hearing, hard of hearing and Deaf people are welcome.
- **3–4pm,** **Saturday,** **November 11,** in the Story Tower

**Catch Your Pet with a Book**

Our photo challenge returns! Snap a pic of your furry friend with a book for a chance to win a Petsmart gift card. Submit your photos to our Facebook event or send them to us via Messenger. We’ll feature many on our social media accounts.

- **Submission window:** November 27–December 17, online

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**Senior & Adult Art Group**

Join Bonny Beth Luhman, Stickman Studios, to explore mixed media collage. Supplies provided. Peregrih through the Library’s calendar or (406) 657–8255
- **9:30–11:30am,** **Monday,** **Nov. 20,** in the Community Room

**PROGRAM: Urban Gardening**

Learn from the Billings Seed Library.
- **10am,** **Saturday,** **November 18,** in the Community Room

**Memory Cafe**

For adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. To RSVP or for info, call Suzanne at (406) 239–3111.
- **10:30am,** **Tuesday,** **November 28,** in the Community Room

**Great Billings Book Hunt: Readers’ Corner Recs**

We have a blog where staff members post reviews of books, movies and tv series! Your challenge for November is to seek out this blog, the Readers’ Corner, and find a book to read based on our recommendations! Here’s the link: [http://billingspubliclibrary.blogspot.com/] Find the Book Hunt Challenge signup at [https://billingslibrary.readersquared.com/]

**PROGRAM: OBB Discussion Groups & Author Talk**

You’ve read the book (“This House of Sky”) by Ivan Doig, now come discuss it for a full list of OBB discussion group dates and times, visit our website: [https://billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings](https://billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings)

**Heal Alan Weltzien, University of Montana Professor Emeritus, discuss the book and Doig’s life and work.**
- **Talk:** 1pm, **Saturday,** **Nov. 11,** in the Community Room

**Turning Page Book Group**

Call (406) 657–8290 for more info or to sign up for November’s discussion.
- **6:30pm,** **Wednesday,** **Nov. 15,** Yellowstone Board Room
November

Please visit the Calendar on our website for the most current information.

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Display Local Students Adopt Fairytale
Oct. 31–Nov. 28

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11 am Library Show Channel 7

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Story Time 10–11 am
Daycare Story Time 11:15–11:45 am
Art Club for Tweens 4:5–5:6 pm Teens4Teens

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Tech Cafe

tech help for adults who need offered by appointment
Call 247–9691 or email majorc@billingsmt.gov to make an appointment.

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Celebrate 50 Years of MET Transits!
Our new 50th anniversary bus unveiled! Learn how to ride, win cool prizes, enjoy hot cocoa!
5–7 pm, Friday, November 3
10 am–noon, Saturday, November 4

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Thanksgiving Day holiday
Library CLOSED

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Thursday
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Saturday

For Kids, Tweens, & Families
Contact the Children’s Department by emailing kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov.
Take & Make Buffalo Collage Art Kit
First come, first served. No registration needed.
• available beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1, Children’s Desk

Adventures in Story Time
November themes are dinosaurs, food, thankful and hibernation.
• 10–11 am, Tuesdays & Thursdays (ages 2–3)
• 10–11 am, Wednesdays (ages 2–3), in the Story Tower

Books & Babies
• 11:15–11:45 am, Tuesdays, in the 2nd floor Teen Area
• Hora de Cuentos en Español! (for preschool & up)
Enjoy stories, songs and more in Spanish! All levels welcome.
• 4 pm, Friday, November 3, in the Story Tower

Paws to Read: Practice Reading Skills
We’ve added a second section each month! Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one dog.

Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals
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Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens
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• 4–5 pm, every Tuesday, Children’s Craft Corner
Game On! Games & Legos!
• 3–4:30 pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner
Yarn Crafts: Art Club For Kids
• 6–9 pm
Projects are selected to help develop and mature finger dexterity, fine motor skills and self-confidence. Registration required and opens two weeks prior to each meeting. Call (406) 657–8256 or go to our online Calendar.
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D&D CHARACTER DESIGN WORKSHOP
Explore artistic elements to draw your D&D character. Bring character sheets and any relevant materials. Registration required.
4–5 pm, Tuesday, November 14, Large Conference Room
TEENS4TEENS
Contact teens@billingsmt.gov.

Library Hours
Monday–Friday: 9 am–8 pm
Saturday: 9 am–5 pm
Sunday: Closed
24/7 Express Lockers
downtown and in the Heights

Helpful Information
Phone numbers
library: 657–8258
Bookmobile: 657–3091
Senior/Homebound: 657–8255
Foundation: 237–6497
Friends of the Library: 237–6707
Website: www.billingslibrary.org
Calendar: billingslibrarycalendar.com
Email: kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov
For Children & Families
Preschool Story Time (ages 3–4)
Tuesdays, 10:15–11 am

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Info at teens@billingsmt.gov. Registration encouraged. Sign up at https://forms.gle/JkHFsZ2B5kNxfGZ8.
• 3–6 pm, Tuesdays, through November, in the TECH lab
D&D CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE
Interested in being a Dungeon Master for a teen campaign or know someone who might be? Contact teens@billingsmt.gov.
TEEN D&D (ages 13–17)
• noon–2 pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1
Twen D&D (ages 10–13)
• 1–4 pm, Tuesday, through November, in Teen Study 1
THE DEMOCRACY PROJECT (ages 13–19)
The Democracy Project is a teen-led program empowering young people to take action to improve our communities.
Sign up at https://forms.gle/hyFz2eU4R9m7j9FtC9.
• 6 pm, Thursdays, November 16 & 30, TECH lab
NOVEMBER TEEN BOOK BOXES (ages 11–19)
Each Indigenous Peoples’ Month box includes a book created by an Indigenous author as well as an activity and other goodies. A Google form will be posted on the TEEN page on our website for a limited time during the first week of November. Sign up soon!
TEEN BOOK BUNDLES (library card holders ages 13+)
Young Adult book lovers, just fill out a short form and the Teen Librarian will hand pick 1–3 books from our Young Adult collection that you might like. They must be checked out and returned. Sign up at https://forms.gle/UA4bFbDgkH6haA3J.