In November...

Friday Family Fun Night!


Popcorn and cider will be served.

6pm, Friday, November 4, in the Community Room.

¡Hablar Conmigo!

Come hone your Spanish-speaking skills with those of us who are learning!

6–7pm, Tuesday, November 15, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room.

3:30–4:30pm, every Thursday, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room.

Celebrate the Wizarding World of Harry Potter!

Join us for a celebration of the Wizarding World of Harry Potter! Learn about Zool Montana’s magical creatures; have your face painted; participate in our costume contest; get a Harry Potter themed balloon from Billings Best Balloons; play some trivia and so much more! Check social media throughout the month for info and updates.

11am–2pm, Saturday, Nov. 19, in the Community Room.

Memory Café

Adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers, come socialize and enjoy an activity. To register or for info, call Suzanne at (406) 259–3111.

10:30am–12:30pm, Tues., Nov. 22, in the Community Room.

Senior & Adult Art Group

Join Bonnie Beth Luhman from Stickman Studios for another class. *Registration required. To register or for further details, https://billingslibrarycalendar.com/events/month.* For more info, email libraryoutreach@billingsmt.gov or call (406) 657–8255.

9:30–11:30am, Monday, Nov. 28, in the Community Room.

Catch Your Pet with a Book

Our Catch Your Pet with a Book Photo Challenge is back! Share a photo of your pet with a book for a chance to win a Petmart gift card.

Submit Photos: Nov. 28–Dec. 9

Author Presentation

Leslie Budewitz will discuss her latest work “Blind Faith,” written as Alicia Beckman. Alicia Beckman adored living in Seattle as a college student and young lawyer, but is happiest back home in her native Montana. As Leslie Budewitz, she’s the bestselling author of the “Seattle Spice Shop” and “Food Lovers’ Village” mysteries. A three-time Agatha Award winner, she is a past president of Sisters in Crime and a current board member of Mystery Writers of America.

2pm, Saturday, November 5, in the Community Room.

OBB Author Visit

Author Rob Chaney discusses his book “The Grizzly in the Driveway.” Mixing fast-paced storytelling with rich details about the hidden lives of grizzly bears, Montana journalist Robert Chaney chronicles the resurgence of this charismatic species against the backdrop of the country’s long history with the bear.

1pm, Saturday, November 12, in the Community Room.

Great Billings Book Hunt

November’s Challenge is Native American Heritage Month. Since 1990, the many contributions of the indigenous peoples of North America have been honored throughout the month of November, and we are continuing this tradition. This month, read a book by a Native American author or one that celebrates Native American history or culture. The options include US Poet Laureate Joy Harjo and an exciting new author like Tommy Orange. Complete the mission by telling us about what you read to earn a badge for Quarter 4.

Challenge open November 1–30

Turning Page Book Group

For more info, to sign up and join in the discussion, call 657–8258 or email raldes@billingsmt.gov. Bring your coffee mug!

6:30pm, Wednesday, Nov. 16, Yellowstone Board Room.

Important Exhibition

“Americans and the Holocaust”

Visit this dynamic exhibit, come to the presentations, explore the kids Inclusivity List and much more for kids, teens & adults!

NaNoWriMo Write Ins!

Calling all WriMos! Are you taking part in National Novel Writing Month this year? Need a supportive space with coffee and snacks? We have you covered.

• 5:30–7:30pm, Tuesday, November 1

• 6–7:30pm, Tuesday, November 15

• 5:30–7:30pm, Tuesday, November 29

in the Community Room.

Remembering the Holocaust: Exhibition, Discussions, Reading List

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 OPENING RECEIPTION: 5–6pm, Monday, November 14, in the Popular Materials Area.

Dr. Jennifer Lynn, MSUB Professor of History, will discuss the stages that led to the Jewish Holocaust in Europe and explore similar American cultural influences that had significant negative impacts on Jews in this country and those seeking asylum in it.

• DISCUSSION: 6–7pm, Monday, November 14, in the Community Room.

Ellen Boumier, author and interpretive historian, will explore the contributions of Jewish pioneers, the difficulties they faced, and how they helped lay the foundation for Montana’s modern, resurging Jewish congregations. She was the Montana Historical Society’s interpretive historian, 1992–2018. For more information, call (406) 657–8255 or email libraryoutreach@billingsmt.gov.

• DISCUSSION: Noon–1pm, Monday, November 21, via Zoom in the Community Room.

The Children’s Department is sharing an Inclusivity List with #ownvoices Jewish children’s literature. Titles from this list will be included on a display in the Children’s Department throughout the length of the exhibition.

• LIST AVAILABLE: Tuesday, November 1, on the Library’s website.

Robert Tompkins at artXmpl

Robert Tompkins, professional artist and owner of downtown’s Tompkins Fine Art, will give a painting demonstration. An impressionist oil painter, Tompkins is known for his gorgeous depictions of landscapes, animals and wildlife, still life and Native American subjects. View more of his work at www.rtompkins.com.

• 4–5:30pm, Tuesday, November 15, in the Community Room.

Local Students Adapt Fairytales

Third grade students from McKinley Elementary have spent the four weeks learning how to adapt a classic fairy tale into a new unique story. See a display of their work.

• on view through November 18, on the Story Tower.

Inclusivity List

Inclusivity List available:

• Tuesday, November 1, 2pm, in the Community Room.

• Noon–1pm, Monday, November 21, via Zoom in the Community Room.

• 5:30–7:30pm, Tuesday, November 29, in the Community Room.

You’ll always find us online:

• Website: www.billionslibrary.org

• YouTube: https://bit.ly/21U0uJ3

• Twitter: @BillingsLibrary

• Instagram: www.instagram.com/billionslibrary/

• Facebook: www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/
For Kids, Teens, & Families

Contact the Children’s Department by emailing kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov.

Adventures in Story Time
Adventures in Story Time introduces young children to books, rhymes, crafts and other fun interactive activities. Themes for November are dinosaurs, food, winter, favorite and hibernation.
- 10–11, Tuesdays (ages 3–6)
- 10–11, Wednesdays (ages 3–6)
- 10–11, Thursdays (ages 3–6), in the Story Tower

Books & Babies
Foster a love of reading at an early age and build important early literacy skills for our littlest pre-readers with a new music edition!
- Music Edition: 10:15am, 1st & 3rd Saturdays,
- Classic: 1:30pm, Thurs. & 10:15am, 2nd & 4th Saturdays, in the Story Tower

R.E.A.D. to a Dog!
R.E.A.D. to a Dog gives children the opportunity to practice their reading skills without fear of judgment. Children will share a book with a trained therapy dog, accompanied by the dog’s handler. Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one dog.
- 11am, Saturday, November 5, in the Story Tower

Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens
Explore fun art concepts. Create new projects every week!
- 4–5pm, every Thursday, Children’s Craft Corner

Children of the Holocaust Memorial Craft Kit
1.5 MILLION CHILDREN were killed during the Holocaust. The Butterfly Project is an organization devoted to education and remembrance. We have partnered with the Butterfly Project in order help memorialize these children by offering ceramic butterfly kits to children and their families. Learn about a child lost to the Holocaust, paint a ceramic butterfly in their memory, and return the butterfly to the Library to be added to a memorial display. Supplies limited; registration required
- November 1–15: butterfly kits available to ages 5–12, at the Children’s Desk

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

TEEN BOOK CLUB
[ages 13–18]
AMERICANS AND THE HOLOCAUST TIE-IN
Join us in reading and discussing “Maus I,” the story of a Jewish survivor of Hitler’s Europe and his son, a cartoonist who tries to come to terms with his father’s story and history itself. A brutally moving work of art—widely hailed as the greatest graphic novel ever written—“Maus I” recounts the chilling experiences of the author’s father during the Holocaust, with Jews drawn as wide-eyed mice and Nazis as menacing cats. We are using the Library’s Book Club Kit, so copies must be returned. They are available by registration only and may be picked up from the TECH Lab. Register at https://five-billings.panozone.net/event/teen-book-club-americans-and-holocaust-tie-
- PICKUP BEGINNS: Tuesday, November 1 DISCUSSION: 6–7pm, Wednesday, November 30, in the TECH Lab

TEEN BOOK BUNDLES
Not sure what to read next? The Teen Department is starting its very own reader’s advisory service called Teen Book Bundles! Young Adult book lovers, just fill out a short form and the Teen Librarian will hand pick 1–3 books that you might like like. Books will be from the library’s Young Adult collection so they must be checked out and returned. Open to library card holders 13 years old and above. Learn more at billingslibrary.org/396/Teens

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 nonpartisan program is a partnership between Humanities Montana and Billings Public Library. The Democracy Project is free. For more information, contact Vanessa at justices@billingsmt.gov or visit billingslibrary.org/396/Teens