

## Your Online Abundance!

- Take & Make Craft Kits for older kids, teens and adults
- Books, books and more books! Clubs and resources
- Win prizes in our Curbside Pickup Daily Raffle
- Teen Cellphone Photography Workshop
- Digital Resources to Support Parents and Children

### You'll always find us online:

- Website: [www.billingslibrary.org](http://www.billingslibrary.org)
- YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2UU0Jq5>
- Twitter: @BillingsLibrary
- Instagram: [www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/](http://www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/](http://www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/)

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## "Inspiring Worlds"

Random Fandoms presents: "Inspiring Worlds." Join us for a conversation with best-selling author Gail Z. Martin! We will be talking about favorite fandoms, and the relationships between authors and the works they enjoy.

- 5pm, Wednesday, October 21 on Billings Public Library social media

## Curbside Pickup Weekly Raffle

Every time you use our Curbside pickup service you will have a chance to win a prize! Every pickup order includes a raffle ticket. Check your curbside bag for your ticket and then look on our social media pages Friday after 5pm to see if you have one of five winning numbers! Prizes are picked up curbside and you must have your winning ticket in order to receive yours.

It's easy to check out Library materials for curbside pickup. Cardholders place holds on up to 10 items per card through our website. After you're notified that your items are ready, stop by and pick them up curbside. Items are sanitized prior to checkout. Materials can be returned curbside when picking up holds or deposited in the drive-up book drop.

- 11am–5pm, Mondays–Fridays

## Mobile Hotspots

Your Library card allows you to check out a mobile hotspot! A mobile hotspot allows the user to connect to the hotspot and access the internet from their home. No other internet connection/service/access is required, making these hotspots an invaluable tool for those who are struggling with internet access. Simply turn the device on, find the device ID and password, and connect your device to the hotspot to get online (detailed instructions are provided with each hotspot).

## Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry Library Edition, the world's largest collection of online family history records, can now be accessed from anywhere for a limited time with your Library card. Learn about your family history; build a family tree.

- Go to the Library website; login with your Library card number and your PIN
- Under My BPL click Library Catalog then Ancestry.com
- Click on the link for Ancestry that appears at the bottom of the page

## Food for Thought 2020

The Library Foundation's 15<sup>th</sup> annual *Food for Thought, an Evening of Great Conversation*, is going virtual this year. Four evenings of fascinating dialogue and entertainment all to support the Billings Public Library Foundation and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, our special project. This year's line-up includes Dr. Tim Lehman leading a discussion about Montana history and Lynn Boughey talking about why we're all (still) wild about Harry...Potter—including a Potter trivia contest! Other topics will be Montana politics, the future of space, smart architecture and more! Plus, join us Saturday evening for a very exciting surprise guest author interview and audience Q&A session facilitated by Mark Parker. Check [www.billingslibraryfoundation.org](http://www.billingslibraryfoundation.org) for clues of who this author is.

Table Hosts and their topics were unveiled on September 23 and tickets may now be purchased on the Foundation's website. To learn more, contact Leslie Modrow, Foundation Director at 237-6149 or at [leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org](mailto:leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org).

- 6:00pm nightly, Wednesday, October 14–Friday, October 16
- 6:30pm, Saturday, October 17

## IN OCTOBER...

### ADULT Take & Make Kits!

Maker crafts aren't just for kids anymore—now they're available for adults, too! Each kit includes a simple craft or activity designed to keep your brain young and your imagination limber. You will receive most of the supplies you need to complete each activity.

Kit 4 is *Star Wars Reads!* Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations will be accepted. For questions, please email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) and include *Adult Take & Make* in the subject line.

- pickup begins Thursday, October 1

### Geek-In! continues... Marvel Comic Universe

Our Library Geek-Outs! have staggered back to life in a new incarnation! Our *Superhero Mission (it's a secret until then)* is ready! So mark your calendar with the important dates below and be ready to Assemble (virtually, of course!).

- 5pm, Friday, October 2  
Superhero Mission released.
- Midnight, Sunday, October 4  
Superhero Mission completed.
- Tuesday, October 6  
Heroes and heroines announced!

### Acrylic Paint Pouring Series

It's a 5-part craft series on acrylic paint pouring. Even if you haven't got an artistic bone in your body, you can do this! Learn the basics of creating your own abstract paintings. We'll teach you about supplies, tools and techniques. It's quick, messy, satisfying and lots of fun!

- new video posted every Friday

### Take & Make Cat Toy Craft

Take & Make a cat toy kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Help desk. No registration necessary. \*Contains small parts and is suitable for adults, teens and older children. Email the [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) for more info.

### Gardening Basics eVideos are on our website and YouTube...

- new video on Tuesday, October 13

## All BOOKS!

### Billings Bookmarks Online Book Group

We are reading together in a new fun format! Just go to our Facebook page and find the group at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/283609605977438/?source\\_id=74448219727](https://www.facebook.com/groups/283609605977438/?source_id=74448219727).

### Graphic Novel Book Group

Our bi-monthly graphic novel group is discussing "*Blacksad, volume 1,*" by Juan Diaz Canales, a sumptuously illustrated noir mystery in which animals take the leads. This title is available online via the BPL Freeding app, so just email us to sign up for the discussion at [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov)! We welcome teens and adults.

- 7pm, Wednesday, October 7

### Fall Into a Good Book

Send us a photo of one of your favorite books and a short description (1–2 lines) about why you love it. Add pictures to the Facebook event, *Fall Into A Good Book*, or send to us through Facebook Messenger. Photos will be featured on our social media pages and website. Every entry (1 photo per person) has the chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card!

- Send your photo: October 12–26

### Novelist Plus eVideo

Wondering what to read? Watch this eVideo tutorial on our website and YouTube channel for information on how to get expert read-alike recommendations.

- Video available, Tuesday, Oct. 20

### Turning Page Book Group

This long-running book group meets online. We use a combination of book kits and e-books. For more information, please email us at [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov).

- 7pm, Wednesday, October 21

### LitCentric Book Group

We're meeting virtually via Zoom to discuss "*The Winter People*" by Jennifer McMahon. Email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) to sign up.

- 7pm, Tuesday, October 27

# In October @ your Billings Public Library!

<b>OCTOBER</b>						
				<b>1</b> Pickup begins TODAY! • Kids' Take & Make Kit • Adult Take & Make Kit Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm	<b>2</b> 5pm Marvel Comic Universe release of secret Superhero Mission! NEW 5-part Craft Series on YouTube • Acrylic Paint Pouring	 Find us on Facebook  We're BillingsLibrary on Twitter  and billingslibrary on Instagram.
<b>4</b> Midnight Marvel Comic Universe Superhero Mission completed!	<b>5</b> Pickup begins TODAY! Take & Make Craft Cat Toy Kit	<b>6</b> Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am Marvel Comic Universe results of secret Superhero Mission announced!	<b>7</b> 7pm Graphic Novel Book Group	<b>8</b> Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm	<b>9</b> 5-part Craft Series NEW episode every Friday on YouTube • Acrylic Paint Pouring	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Fall Into a Good Book begins!	<b>13</b> NEW Gardening eVideo on YouTube Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am 5:30-7pm TEEN Media Photography Workshop	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm 5:30-7pm TEEN Media Photography Workshop	 <p>Join us for some or all four of this year's virtual Food for Thought evenings!</p>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am 5:30-7pm TEEN Media Photography Workshop	<b>21</b> Random Fandom presents 5pm "Inspiring Worlds" 7pm Turning Page Book Discussion Group	<b>22</b> Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm 5:30-7pm TEEN Media Photography Workshop		<b>23</b> 5-part Craft Series NEW episode every Friday on YouTube • Acrylic Paint Pouring
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Last day to submit to Fall Into a Good Book	<b>27</b> Adventures in Story Time on YouTube 10:30am 7pm LitCentric Book Discussion Group	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Books & Babies on YouTube 3pm 5:30-7pm TEEN Media Photography Workshop Showcase!	<b>30</b> 5-part Craft Series NEW episode every Friday on YouTube • Acrylic Paint Pouring	<b>31</b> 
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>

## For Kids, Tweens & Families

You may contact the Children's Department by emailing [kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov).

### Adventures in Story Time

In this NEW edition of Story Time, your child will enjoy books, songs and a craft designed around a theme. Supplies for the craft featured in the video are available for pickup through curbside (email [kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov) to arrange) or by stopping by the Children's desk. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Themes in October include: Fire Prevention, Owls, Spiders and Spooky.**

- 10:30am, Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 on the Library's YouTube channel

### Books & Babies

This weekly video series includes stories, rhymes and finger plays intended to foster a love of reading at an early age and build important early literacy skills.

- 3pm, Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 on the Library's YouTube channel

### Take & Make Kits for Kids! (ages 6-12)

October's kit is CD Scratch Art! Each kit includes supplies for a craft or activity designed to engage your child's imagination and creativity. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- beginning October 1 pickup curbside or at the Children's desk

### Visit Our Virtual Story Tower!

Do you miss hanging out in our Story Tower? We miss you! Visit it virtually! Head to the Children's page and be transported to the Story Tower for fun games, videos, songs and other learning activities. New adventures every month!

### SOS: Send Our Seniors Mail

Older adults in our community are feeling isolated. You can help cheer them up! Pick up a coloring sheet at the Children's desk, decorate it and write a short, positive message. These "long distance hugs" will be distributed by our Senior Outreach Department. To participate remotely, please visit our website for instructions: [www.billingslibrary.org/sosmail](http://www.billingslibrary.org/sosmail).

## Children's Digital Resources

Children's has a variety of fun and interactive learning resources on our website! Check out:

- Our Learning Resources page has fun and interactive learning resources for pre-K through middle school.
- Learn to code or find a great STEM activity on our STEM Resources page.
- Art and history on our Arts and Cultural Resources page.
- Researching a topic? Find several free, kid-friendly search engines on our Research Databases page.

For parents wanting to support their children in homeschooling or digital learning, take a look at our Homeschooling and At-Home Learning page for guidance, tips and tricks to get started homeschooling or support your child in their virtual classroom.

## Just for TEENS

**TECH Lab is currently closed. Visit us online!**

### TEEN MEDIA WORKSHOPS: PHOTOGRAPHY

Join our TECH Lab Artist-in-Residence Megan Stacey, and guest photographer, Jewel Slade, for an exciting journey into cellphone photography! Create hilarious scenes with everyday objects and learn how to be a cellphone photographer. Can't make all the workshops? No problem! Each one features a stand-alone topic. We'll have a final showcase to see everyone's work. No experience necessary. Email our new Teen Librarian, Vanessa Justice, in the TECH Lab at [justicev@billingsmt.gov](mailto:justicev@billingsmt.gov) for more info and to sign up.

- Workshops: 5:30-7pm, October 13, 15, 20 & 22  
Final Showcase: 5:30-7pm, Thursday, October 29

### REMOTE DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Join our remote play-from-home Dungeons & Dragons club for teens. Contact Vanessa at [justicev@billingsmt.gov](mailto:justicev@billingsmt.gov) for more info!

### ONLINE TEEN BOOK GROUP

An online book group for teens began at the end of June. Time, date and book are flexible. Email Vanessa in the TECH lab at [justicev@billingsmt.gov](mailto:justicev@billingsmt.gov) for more info or to sign up.

### Library Hours

Monday-Friday 10am-6pm  
Saturday & Sunday Closed

### Curbside Pickup Hours

Monday-Friday 11am-5pm

### 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](http://www.billingslibrary.org)

**Email** [refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us](mailto:refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us)

### For Children & Families

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Our building is now open for limited use. Children's programs and many others can be found online. Please join us there.