

It's Our 10th Anniversary!
Our beautiful downtown branch turns 10 years old this month. *We're celebrating!* Join us for a Grand Opening Reception, tours, discussions of our past and future — *and more!*
Happy Birthday, Billings Public Library!

You'll always find us online:

- Website: www.billingslibrary.org
- YouTube: bit.ly/2UU0Jq5
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/billingslibrary/
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/BillingsPublicLibrary/
- Calendar: billings.librarycalendar.com/events/month

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Grand Opening Reception

Insightful speeches by the Library and BPLF administration will outline their ambitious vision for the next decade. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres as we toast the future.

- 6:30–7:30pm, Monday, January 29, in the Community Room

A Journey Through Time: The Library's 123-Year Legacy

Kevin Kooistra, Executive Director of the Western Heritage Center, will present an enlightening session on our Library's storied 123-year history.

- 6:30–7:30pm, Tuesday, January 30, in the Community Room

Ribbon-Cutting for Library Express Locker #3

We're inaugurating our third Library Express Locker!

- 11–11:30am, Wednesday, January 31, at the Intermountain Health Clinic, 2054 US Hwy 87E, Lockwood

Panel Discussion: The Making of an Icon

The discussion among community figures, BPL Board and Foundation members will offer a glimpse into the challenges and triumphs behind our award-winning facility.

- 6:30–7:30pm, Thursday, February 1, in the Community Room

BPL's Birthday Bash!

Dance, enjoy delicious birthday cake and sing Happy Birthday to our Library. We'll even have a photobooth to top off a memorable evening for one and all!

- 6:30–7:30pm, Friday, February 2, in the Community Room

Exclusive Tours of the Facility:

- 5pm, Monday, January 29, prior to the Grand Opening Reception
- 11am & 5pm, Tuesday, January 30, before the evening event
- 11am & 5pm, Thursday, February 1, before the panel discussion
- 5pm, Friday, February 2, before the Birthday Bash

Friday Night Fun

Game Night!

Bring your favorite games. Play with friends, and maybe make some new ones!

- 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, January 5, in the Community Room

3rd Annual Team Jigsaw Puzzle Championship

Each team is given a randomly drawn puzzle to assemble. Doors open after 5:30.

- 6–7:30pm, Friday, January 12, in the Community Room

DIY Animal Toys with Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter

Make dog and cat toys for your pets and the ones at YVAS. In addition, we will be accepting donations for YVAS throughout the first few weeks of January.

- 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, January 19, in the Community Room

Nintendo Switch Sports Party

Drop in. Go head-to-head in a match of tennis or a game of bowling and win a prize!

- 5:30–7:30pm, Friday, January 26, in the Community Room

Genealogy 101 Series

Family history research led by experts from the Yellowstone Genealogy Forum.

Registration required at president@yellowstonegenealogy.org. Each session meets at 10am, Saturdays, 2nd Floor Computer Classroom.

- Jan. 20, basics of family history research
- Jan. 27, Ancestry (Library Edition)
- Feb. 3, Familysearch.org
- Feb. 10, DNA, to test or not?

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In January...

BPL Film Pass

Register online on the Library's calendar to claim a movie ticket for any regular showing at the Babcock Theater or Art House Cinema! Tickets are limited and registration is required.

- ticket pickup at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

Memory Café

For adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers. To RSVP or for info, call Suzanne at (406) 259-3111.

- 10:30am, Tuesday, January 2, in the Community Room

Spanish Conversation

Join our bi-monthly Spanish Conversation Group with host Mary Bummer.

- 6pm, Tuesdays, January 2 & 16, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

United Federation of Trek

A group of Star Trek fans get together!

- 5:30–7:30pm, Wednesday, Jan. 3, in the Community Room

¡Hablar Conmigo!

Diverse activities, all in Spanish!

- 3:30pm, every Thursday in January 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Qigong & Tai Chi Open Practice

Very similar "internal arts" that confer an astonishing raft of health benefits.

- 5:30, every Thursday in January, in the Community Room

Crochet and Knit Hour

Join us to knit, crochet or do other fiber art. All ages and levels are welcome!

- 10am, Saturday, January 6, in the Community Room

D & D for Grown-ups

Please call (406) 657-8290 for more info.

- noon–4pm, every Saturday, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Creative Writing Group

Write with others and share your ideas!

- 6–7pm, Tuesdays, January 9 & 23, on 9th in Popular Materials Area on 23rd in Large Conference Room

ASL Social Hour

Our goal is to foster a safe and open community for those interested in American Sign Language. Create new relationships! All skill levels, ages, hearing, hard of hearing and D/deaf people are welcome.

- 3–4pm, Saturday, January 13, in the Story Tower

Senior & Adult Art Group

Join Bonny Beth Luhman, Stickman Studios, to discover linoleum block printmaking techniques and create a snowflake print. No experience needed. Supplies provided. Preregister through the Library's calendar or (406) 657-8255.

- 9:30–11:30am, Monday, Jan. 22, in the Community Room

One Book Billings

This month, we're delving into "On Sarpy Creek" by Ira S. Nelson. For detailed information on how to join and where we meet, visit <https://billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings>

Cara Chamberlain, author of four books of poetry, will discuss the One Book Billings title "On Sarpy Creek."

- 1pm, Saturday, January 13, in the Community Room

Great Billings Book Hunt: Fresh Starts

In January, our theme is "Fresh Starts."

Find a book about starting over, or a book that starts something new. In fiction, this could be as simple as the debut book by an author or a book about starting afresh. In non-fiction, consider memoirs. Register anytime to log your reading and participate in our monthly challenges by going to <https://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/>

- Challenge open January 1–31

Turning Page Book Group



We are reading "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See. Call (406) 657-8290 for more info or to register.

- 6:30pm, Wednesday, January 24, in the Yellowstone Board Room

Donate to the Community Cabinet

We are accepting donations of new or unused hygiene and comfort items to be available for anyone. Drop off donations at the 1st Floor Help Desk.

In January your Billings Public Library!

 Find us on Facebook  and billingslibrary on Instagram.	1 Happy New Year! Library CLOSED	2 Story Time 10–11am 10:30am Memory Café 5–6pm Teens4Teens 6pm Group Spanish Conversation Kids Take & Make Kits available Today!	3 Story Time 10–11am 5:30–7:30 Trekkies	4 Story Time 10–11am Books & Babies 3:15pm (classic) 3:30 Hablar Conmigo 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	5 Game On! 3–4:45pm Spanish Story Time 4pm 5:30–7:30 Friday Fun Game Night!	10–11 Knit&Crochet Books & Babies 10:15am (music) Paws to Read 11am 12–2pm TEEN D&D 12–4pm Adult D&D Krafty Kids 2–3pm Tween D&D 2:30–4:30 Game On! 3–4:45pm
7 The Library Show is on Billings Community Cable TV Channel 7 Please check their website www.comm7tv.com for our week's schedule.	8 Chinese Story Time 3pm	9 Daycare Story Time 9:30am Story Time 10–11am Art Club for Tweens 4–5 5–6pm Teens4Teens 6pm Group Creative Writing	10 Story Time 10–11am 5:30–7:30 Trekkies	11 Story Time 10–11am Books & Babies 3:15pm (classic) Noon Lib. Board Mtg. 3:30 Hablar Conmigo 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	12 Game On! 3–4:45pm 6–7:30pm Friday Fun Team Jigsaw Puzzle Championships	13 NO Books & Babies 12–2pm TEEN D&D 12–4pm Adult D&D 1pm Author Visit Cara Chamberlain Tween D&D 2:30–4:30 Game On! 3–4:45pm 3–4 ASL Social Hour
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21 Tech Café tech help for adults now offered by appointment Call 247–8691 or email majorc@billingsmt.gov to make an appointment.	22 9:30–11:30am Senior & Adult Art Group	23 Daycare Story Time 9:30am Story Time 10–11am Art Club for Tweens 4–5 5–6pm Teens4Teens 6pm Group Creative Writing	24 Story Time 10–11am 6:30pm Turning Page Book Group	25 Story Time 10–11am Books & Babies 3:15pm (classic) 3:30 Hablar Conmigo 5:30pm Qigong & Tai Chi	26 Game On! 3–4:45pm 5:30–7:30 Friday Fun Nintendo Switch Sports Party	27 10am Genealogy 101 Books & Babies 10:15am (music) 12–2pm TEEN D&D 12–4pm Adult D&D Tween D&D 2:30–4:30 Game On! 3–4:45pm
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

For Kids, Tweens & Families

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

Take & Make Winter Snow Globe Craft Kit

First come, first served. No registration needed.

- available beginning Tuesday, Jan. 2, Children's Desk

Adventures in Story Time, in the Story Tower

Themes are birthdays, snow, snowmen, winter clothes, penguins.

- 10–11am, Tuesdays & Thursdays (ages 3–6)
- 10–11am, Wednesdays (ages 2–3)

Books & Babies (ages 0–2), in the Story Tower

- **Classic:** 3:15pm, Thursdays
- **Music Edition:** 10:15am, Saturdays (except Jan. 13)

¡Hora de Cuentos en Español! (for preschool & up)

Enjoy stories, songs and more in Spanish! All levels welcome.

- 4pm, Friday, January 5, in the Story Tower

Chinese Story Time! (for preschool & up)

Enjoy stories, songs and more in Chinese. All levels welcome.

Presenter is a native Chinese speaker excited to share her language.

- 3pm, Monday, January 8, in the Story Tower

Daycare Story Time (for toddlers and preschoolers)

A special session of Story Time geared towards daycares.

- 9:30am, Tuesdays (starting Jan. 9), 2nd Floor Teen Area

Game On! Games & Legos!

- 3–4:45pm, Fridays & Saturdays, in the Craft Corner

Krafty Kids: Art Club for Kids (ages 6–9)

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.

- 2–3pm, Saturdays, January 6 & 20, Craft Corner

Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens (ages 9–12)

Explore fun art concepts. Create new projects every week!

Painting, zines, mixed media, still life, portraits—you name it, we'll do it! No pre-registration is required.

- 4–5pm, every Tues. (starting Jan. 9), Children's Craft Corner

Paws to Read: Practice Reading Skills

There are two sessions each month! Each child signs up on the day of the program to read to one dog. Space is limited.

Read with Intermountain Therapy Animals

- 11am, Saturday, January 6, in the Story Tower

Read with Pet Partner Therapy Animals

- 3–4pm, Wednesday, January 17, in the Story Tower

Our Annual Family Reading Program!

Family reading encourages families to develop the habit of reading aloud together. Pick up a Family Reading postcard at the Children's Desk and initial a stocking cap on the postcard for every day the family reads together for 20 minutes. Family = 2 people, with one person being 12 or younger. Once a family has read for 20 days, return the postcard for a book, coupons from local businesses and an entry into a drawing for a special grand prize. Many thanks to our sponsors: **Fuddrucker's, This House of Books** and **The Grand Escape Room**.

- program begins Tuesday, January 23

Just for TEENS

TECH Lab: The TECH Lab is temporarily closed for upgrades and cleaning. For info on the project, visit <https://billingslibrary.org/396/Teens> We promise, it will be worth the wait!

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. Utahna Payne, a certified life coach and library volunteer, facilitates the group. Conversations will be teen-led and range from silly to important topics. All teens who join this social group will be accepted, respected and welcomed.

- 5–6pm, Tuesdays, through January, in the 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

D&D CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

TEEN D&D (ages 13–17)

- noon–2pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1

Tween D&D (ages 10–13)

- 2:30–4:30pm, Saturdays, in Teen Study 1

Library Hours

Monday–Friday 9am–8pm
Saturday 9am–5pm
Sunday Closed

24/7 Express Lockers

Downtown, Lockwood and in the Heights

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: 237–6170

Webpage www.billingslibrary.org

Calendar billings.librarycalendar.com

Email refdesk@billingsmt.gov

For Children & Families

Preschool Story Time (ages 3–6)

Tuesdays, 10–11am

Thursdays, 10–11am

Tiny Tales (ages 2–3)

Wednesdays, 10–11am

Daycare Story Time

(for toddlers and preschoolers)

Tuesdays, 9:30am

Books & Babies

(ages 0–2 & parent/caregiver)

Thursdays (classic), 3:15pm

Saturdays (music), 10:15am

Game On! Games & Legos

Fridays & Saturdays, 3–4:45pm

Friday Night Fun!

Friday evenings

(please check our website for info on programs)