...AT THE LIBRARY!

One Book Billings Author Program: Doug Ammons

Author Doug Ammons talks about the real events that inspired his book, “A Darkness Lit by Heroes: The Granite Mountain-Speculator Mine Disaster of 1917.”

• 1pm, Saturday, March 7, Community Room

Dementia Education Series: Alzheimer’s & Dementia

Alzheimer’s disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer’s, the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available for some symptoms, and Alzheimer’s Association resources. This program is presented by the Alzheimer’s Association in partnership with Billings Public Library. RSVps are encouraged: 1–800–272–3900 (24/7 Helpline)

• 2–3:30pm, Friday, March 13, Community Room

Talking Basketball

Meet Peter Young, author of the novel “The Blue Team,” (and possibly some special guests) to talk about basketball. Peter has shared his views on life and sports for most of his life. As a broadcaster for over 20 years, Peter covered special guests) to talk about basketball. Peter has shared his views on life and sports for most of his life. As a broadcaster for over 20 years, Peter covered

• 5pm, Thursday, March 19, Community Room

Real ID: Q & A

What’s all the fuss about Real ID? Montana Motor Vehicle Regional Manager, Susan Kras, will be on hand to answer all of your questions! No registration required.

• 2pm, Friday, March 20, Community Room

Pet Supplies Drive

Celebrate spring by donating supplies to the Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter. Starting on March 30, the library will accept donations of dog collars and leashes, rope toys, pig ears, dry kitten food, cat litter, catnip toys, soft mouse/feather toys and gallon Ziploc bags. (For a complete list, stop by the Library.)

The Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter is the largest-volume shelter in Montana, taking in over 5,000 animals per year. The shelter cares for Billings' lost and finding companion animals looking for their forever homes.

• Monday, March 30–Thursday, April 30

100 Hats

This year our Library’s Knitting Circle challenged itself to gather 100 handmade hats to send to children, teens and adults who need help staying warm. We’ve reached our goal! Since we’ve already crafted over 100 hats (and 40 scarves) we’re just going to see how many we can make 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 there and label your creation with the fiber contents! This donation drive is part of our Civic Literacy Series.

In March...

Tai Chi Classes

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 March, 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 process. Join us!

• 1–2pm, Thursdays, March 12 & 26, Large Conference Room

Know your soil!

Gardening Series…

John Brown from Northern Plains Resource Council will discuss all aspects of soil and how to grow healthy plants. John specializes in soil health and innovation, and has been instrumental in the development of the NPCR’s soil health programs, including developing a sustainable landscape and garden on their grounds.

• 5pm, Wednesday, March 18, Community Room

Tech for Older Adults

Cutting the Cord—Alternatives to Cable

Have you been curious about streaming and how it might help reduce your monthly cable bill? Come to this class and learn more about various options for streaming services such as Roku, Netflix, Hulu, Sling and more! Space is limited; pre-register at 657–8255.

• 3pm, Friday, March 20, 2nd Floor Computer Classroom

Friday Night Family Fun!

Oreo Tasting

Did you know that Oreo now comes in a wide variety of flavors! We’ll do a blind tasting of different ones to see if you can match the flavor to the cookie!

• 6:30-8pm, Friday, March 6, Community Room

Classic BINGO Night

Join us for an evening of classic BINGO to see if you’re lucky numbers are called. Beginners and experts of all ages are welcome.

• 6:30–8pm, Friday, March 13, Community Room

Women’s History Month

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Film Screening & Trivia

We’re celebrating Women’s History Month with a screening of the film “On the Basis of Sex.” Future Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg launches her career fighting for gender equality by proving discrimination “on the basis of sex” is unconstitutional (rated PG-13). Refreshments will be provided.

• 6:30–8:30pm, Friday, March 20, Community Room

Spring Birding

Spring Birding: Celebrate spring with some birding tips and know-how for enjoying the Billings area!

• 6:30–8pm, Friday, March 27, Community Room

Book Groups

• Turning Page Book Group

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

• LitCentric Book Group

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

• 7pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

Join us for interesting programs and creative activities...

Spring Is Coming!

• FAMILY FUN! on Friday evenings with Oreo, Judge Ginsburg and birds!
• HEAR about a mini-disaster and basketball in visits from two authors.
• BUSY the kids baking bread, doing yoga, reading to a dog and more!
• WRITE poems and enter our 2nd Annual Poetry Contest.
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**For Kids, Teens & 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, March 7, Story Tower**
- **Spring Make and Take Craft**
Make a cute nest for baby birds. No preregistration needed. Clean up begins at 4:45pm. Children under age 8 MUST be accompanied by an adult for supervision.
- **3–4:45pm, Monday, March 9, Craft Corner**
**Kids in the Kitchen!** (ages 6–12)
Learn why bread rises—then make some! Register at 657–8256.
- **4–5pm, Thursday, March 12, Community Room**
**Tech Tower: Robot Obstacle Course** (ages 9–12)
Explore coding, robotics and systems building. Work as a team to build the perfect obstacle course, then code our robots through the course. Registration required, please call 657–8256.
- **3–4pm, Saturday, March 14, Story Tower**
**Crochet 101** (ages 9–12)
Learn basic crochet stitches, practice and work on a placeholder or dishcloth. All supplies provided. Register at 657–8256.
- **4pm, Tuesday, March 17, Upstairs Meeting Room**
**Pet Partners–Read with Me**
Each reading child signs up on the day of the program to have the chance to read to one dog.
- **11am–Noon, Saturday, March 21, Story Tower**
**Special Yoga Story Time** (all ages of children)
Join us for a special Spring-themed Yoga Story Time. No registration. Mats available to borrow or bring your own.
- **4–5pm, Thursday, March 26, Community Room**
**Dogs with Jobs (children & families)**
Meet some amazing working dogs and learn about their training.
- **10:30am, Saturday, March 28, Community Room**

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

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON STARFINDER**
We’re starting a Saturday tabletop game show again, and we’re kicking things off by playing Starfinder, a science-fantasy game set in the Pathfinder universe. No previous role playing game experience is necessary, just the willingness to work as part of a team and explore the galaxy!
- **1pm, Saturdays, TECH Lab**

**MAGIC: THE GATHERING DRAFT TO TOURNAMENT**
Calling all fans of Magic: The Gathering! We are holding a draft tournament in which players construct their own deck on the day of the tournament, so you don’t need to bring your own cards or anything else. The tournament will run until we have a winner (ending at 8:30 at the latest). Sign-up limited to the first 10 teens, so call 657–8290 today!
- **4–5pm, Thursday, March 12, Teen Study 2**

**TEEN BOOK GROUP**
Join our Teen Book Group! We meet once a month on Saturday afternoons. Snacks and drinks are offered. In March, we’re reading “I Am Still Alive” by Kate Alice Marshall, a "heartbreaking story of survival and revenge." To register and reserve your copy of the book, call 657–8290.
- **4–5pm, Thursday, March 12, Teen Study 2**

**2nd ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST**
To celebrate National Poetry Month in April, we are hosting a poetry contest with cash prizes! Children (0–12), Young Adults (13–19) and Adults (20+) are encouraged to submit three poems. Call 237–6154 or stop by the Library for more information or check www.billingslibrary.org for more details including submission guidelines and instructions. Share your creative spirit!