

## What's New for YOU?

- Begin your ArtWalk at the Library!
- Our Community Cabinet is open!
- Programs in our Social Awareness Series!
- Join our NEW Film Society!
- Blind Date with a Book is back!

### 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/)

## New Library Express Lockers Location Opens

Our new Library express lockers in the Heights are now available! Our lockers offer a convenient and secure way to pick up and return Library materials 24/7.

- OPEN NOW: SCL Health Walk-In Clinic, 32 Wicks Lane, Billings Heights

## Community Cabinet is open!

The Community Cabinet is stocked and available for everyone! The cabinet is donation-supported and contains products like soaps, shampoos, warm socks, period products and other comfort items. Donations are always accepted.

- CABINET LOCATION: near the Library's main lobby entrance

## Social Awareness Series

This series aims to embrace differences, empower and inform patrons, and enrich our community by providing opportunity for thoughtful and engaging dialog.

### Paint It Out: Turn Emotion into Creative Fuel

 (for adults and teens)

Tell your story and paint your feelings. Mixed media art supplies will be provided, and the community "canvas" will be put on display.

- 2–4pm, Saturday, February 18, in the Community Room

### Mindfulness and Yoga for Kids

 (ages 8–12)

Learn about mindfulness through movement and meditation with a RYT 200 yoga teacher. Pre-registration required through the Library calendar or (406) 657-8256.

- 4pm, Wednesday, February 22, in the Community Room

## Join our new Film Society!

Film fans, join the newly formed BPL Film Society. This society is perfect for cinema lovers who enjoy lively discussions on a variety of movies. For more information, visit the Billings Public Library website and calendar at [billingslibrary.org](http://billingslibrary.org).

- 3pm, Saturday, February 25, in the Community Room

## Friday Nights!

Every Friday evening, we feature a fun and free event for families. Bring the whole family for "Friday Night Fun" and enjoy games, movies, crafts, music and exhibits!

### ArtWalk @ BPL

We are showcasing the work of **Amy Lynn Nelson**, a freelance photographer based in Montana and a staff photographer for the Billings Gazette.

- 5–9pm, Friday, February 3, in the Community Room

### Movie Night

We're showing "I Hate Valentine's Day" (PG-13). Refreshments will be served.

- 6pm, Friday, February 10, in the Community Room

### Author Event with Rebecca Weber

Children's author **Rebecca Weber** will read her book "The Painter's Butterfly"!

- 5:30pm, Friday, February 17, in the Community Room

### Paint-by-Number

Colorful paint-by-number fun is easy as one, two, three! All painting supplies provided. Bring an apron or wear clothes that can get paint on them. Registration required.

- 5–7pm, Friday, February 24, in the Community Room

## In February... ¡Hablamos Conmigo!

Come hone your Spanish-speaking skills with those of us who are learning! We do different things all the time — read books, watch videos, listen to blogs.

- 3:30pm, every Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### D&D for Grownups

We band together for tabletop adventures in the Pathfinder campaign world with **GM Shane Noble** leading the way. Registration is required; please check for available seats at <https://billings.librarycalendar.com/events/month>

- 1–4pm, every Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Large Conference Room

### Senior & Adult Art Group

Join **Bonny Beth Luhman** from **Stickman Studios** for observation drawing. Students will experiment with new materials and gain a better understanding of edges, space, light, shadow and proportions. The class is free and supplies are provided. Registration required at the Library's event calendar: <https://billings.librarycalendar.com/events/month>.

- 9:30–11:30am, Monday, Feb. 27, in the Community Room

### Memory Café

Adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers, come socialize and enjoy an activity. Sponsored by Dementia Friendly Billings and Big Sky Senior Services. To register or for info, call Suzanne at (406) 259-3111.

- 10:30–12:30, Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Community Room

### Nintendo Switch Console

In addition to our ever growing video game collection, you can now check out **Nintendo Switch Console Kits!** Each kit comes loaded with thirteen digital games including **Pokemon: Arcus** and **Nintendo Sports** and includes everything you need to experience Nintendo Switch gaming at home or on the go. Check out a physical game, too. Please visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Help Desk or the Video Game page on our website for more information.

### Rare Books on Display

Our rare book collection is now on display. Notable features include an original copy of Luther "Yellowstone" Kelly's 1926 memoir and several original works by Will James.

- on display in our Montana Room

### One Book Billings

One Book Billings continues with, "**Home Waters: A Chronicle of a Family and a River**" by **John N. Maclean**. Group discussions take place in March.

- February 1, book pick-up begins at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Reference Desk

### Great Billings Book Hunt: Explore History

This challenge covers a wide range of potential topics, so find a time period and/or place that interests you. Montana's background, your family's heritage? Historical fiction, overviews of specific subjects? Badges earned will be eligible for a monthly gift card drawing. Sign up at <https://billingslibrary.readsquared.com/>

- Challenge open February 1–28

### Blind Date with a Book

Our yearly **Blind Date with a Book** display returns! Come in and pick up a wrapped book that will (hopefully) be a great date, and check it out. Fill out and return a **Rate Your Date** form to be entered into a drawing for a romantic prize. Forms must be returned by Wednesday, March 15.

- February 1–28, books available 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Oculus Display Area

### Turning Page Book Group

Bring your cup for some decaf, and join us to talk about our newest selection!



- 6:30pm, Wednesday, Feb. 22, Yellowstone Board Room

### LitCentric Book Group

We read a plethora of genres. For our February discussion we're reading "**I Found You: A Novel**" by **Lisa Jewell**. Email [refdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto:refdesk@billingsmt.gov) or stop by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Help Desk to sign up!

- 6:45pm, Tuesday, February 28, Yellowstone Board Room

# In February your Billings Public Library!

 Find us on Facebook  We're BillingsLibrary on Twitter  and billingslibrary on Instagram.	<b>FAMILIES!</b> <b>Sign up NOW for Family Reading!</b> Finish the program and receive a book, IHOP and Dairy Queen coupons—and join in the drawing for a special grand prize!	<b>Beginning tomorrow!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Billings Book Hunt Challenge "Explore History"</li> <li>One Book Billings</li> <li>Blind Date with a Book</li> </ul>	<b>1</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>8pm Library Show</b> Channel 7 Kids' Take & Make Craft available today!	<b>2</b> Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm <b>3:30pm Spanish ¡Hablar Conmigo!</b> Art Club for Tweens 4-5	<b>3</b> <b>9am Library Show</b> Channel 7 <b>Game On!</b> 3-4:45pm <b>5-9pm Artwalk @ BPL</b> photographer Amy Lynn Nelson	<b>4</b> Books & Babies 10:15am (music) R.E.A.D. to a Dog 11am <b>12-2pm TEEN D&amp;D</b> <b>1-4pm D&amp;D for Grown-ups</b> <b>1pm Program "Hibernation Friends"</b> <b>2-4pm TEEN Anime Club</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Tech Café</b> <i>tech help for adults now offered by appointment</i> Call 247-8691 or email <a href="mailto:majorc@billingsmt.gov">majorc@billingsmt.gov</a> to make an appointment.	<b>7</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>4-5pm Teen Techies Coding Club</b> <b>5-6pm Teens4Teens</b>	<b>8</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>8pm Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>9</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>Noon Library Board Meeting</b> Books & Babies 3:15pm <b>3:30pm Spanish ¡Hablar Conmigo!</b> Art Club for Tweens 4-5	<b>10</b> <b>9am Library Show</b> Channel 7 <b>Game On!</b> 3-4:45pm <b>6pm Friday Night Fun</b> movie: "I Hate Valentine's Day"	<b>11</b> Books & Babies 10:15am (classic) <b>12-2pm TEEN D&amp;D</b> <b>1pm Program "Storytelling with Mo"</b> <b>1-4pm D&amp;D for Grown-ups</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>4-5pm Teen Techies Coding Club</b> <b>5-6pm Teens4Teens</b>	<b>15</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>8pm Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>16</b> Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm <b>3:30pm Spanish ¡Hablar Conmigo!</b> Art Club for Tweens 4-5	<b>17</b> <b>9am Lib. Show</b> Channel 7 <b>Game On!</b> 3-4:45pm <b>5:30pm Friday Night Fun</b> author Rebecca Weber	<b>18</b> Books & Babies 10:15am (music) <b>12-2pm TEEN D&amp;D</b> <b>2-4pm Program</b> Social Awareness Series: "Paint It Out" <b>1-4pm D&amp;D for Grown-ups</b> <b>2-4pm TEEN Anime Club</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Presidents Day Library CLOSED</b>	<b>21</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>4-5pm Teen Techies Coding Club</b> <b>5-6pm Teens4Teens</b>	<b>22</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>4pm Program</b> Social Awareness Series "Kids Mindfulness & Yoga" <b>6:30pm Turning Page Book Group</b> (in person) <b>8pm Library Show</b> Channel 7	<b>23</b> Story Time 10-11am Books & Babies 3:15pm <b>3:30pm Spanish ¡Hablar Conmigo!</b> Art Club for Tweens 4-5	<b>24</b> <b>9am Library Show</b> Channel 7 <b>Game On!</b> 3-4:45pm <b>5-7pm Friday Night Fun</b> Paint-by-Number	<b>25</b> Books & Babies 10:15am (classic) <b>12-2pm TEEN D&amp;D</b> <b>1-4pm D&amp;D for Grown-ups</b> <b>2-4pm TEEN Anime Club</b> <b>Family Reading Program Ends today</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>9:30-11:30am Senior &amp; Adult Art Group</b>	<b>28</b> Story Time 10-11am <b>10:30am-12:30pm Memory Café</b> <b>4-5pm Teen Techies Coding Club</b> <b>5-6pm Teens4Teens</b> <b>6:45pm LitCentric Book Group</b> (in person)	 <p>Please visit our website for the most current information.</p>			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

## For Kids, Tweens & Families

Contact the Children's Department by emailing [kidsdesk@billingsmt.gov](mailto: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 February include Yeti, Hugs & Kisses, Mail and Things That Go!

- 10-11am, Tuesdays & Thursdays (ages 3-6)
- 10-11am, Wednesdays (ages 2-3), in the Story Tower

### Books & Babies (ages 0-2)

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, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays,
- Classic:** 3:15pm, Thurs. & 10:15am, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, in the Story Tower

### Game On! Games & Legos!

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

### Art Explorers: Art Club For Tweens (ages 9-12)

Explore new projects every week! No pre-registration. Check the Children's Services page on our website for weekly activities.

- 4-5pm, every Thursday, Children's Craft Corner

### R.E.A.D. to a Dog!

Each child shares a book with a trained therapy dog, and the dog's handler. Sign up on the day of the program to read to one dog.

- 11am, Saturday, February 4, in the Story Tower

### Mail a Hug Take & Make Craft Kit (ages 6-12)

Make several crafty hugs. Kits are available on a first come, first serve basis, no registration is required.

- February 1, pick-up begins at the Children's Desk

### Program: Hibernation Friends (all ages)

A Park Ranger from Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area will teach us all about the hibernation habits of animals in the winter.

- 1pm, Saturday, February 4, in the Community Room

### Storytelling with Mo (all ages)

Mo Reynolds performs folk tales, fairy tales and stories from her own life, weaving them together with humor and heart.

- 1pm, Saturday, February 11, in the Community Room

## Just for TEENS

**TECH Lab hours:** 3-7pm, Tuesday-Friday;  
1-5pm, Saturday

### TEENS4TEENS (ages 13-17)

Teens, meet in order to share experiences and show your support for one another in a safe space. This group will be facilitated by **Utahna Payne**, certified life coach and Library volunteer. Conversations will be teen led and range from silly to important topics. Activities will be provided. All teens who join this social group will be accepted, respected and welcomed. Registration is required. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/JhHs5H285NXaFLGz8>

- 5-6pm, Tuesdays, through February, in the TECH Lab

### TEEN BOOK BUNDLES

Not sure what to read next? The Teen Department has 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. 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. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/UAzfbNDgkhkHaAi39>

### TEEN TECHIES (ages 11-17)

**Teen Techies Coding Club** is back! This is an 8-week course where participants will learn to sew and make their creations light up, build a programmable car and more! Registration is required and space is limited. Sign up at: <https://live-billings.pantheonsite.io/event/teen-techies-coding-club-11>

- 4-5pm, Tuesdays, through Feb., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Computer Classroom

### 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 and will last throughout the school year. Sign up at: <https://forms.gle/tHyFz7eUrB9mFP1c9>

### Library Hours

Monday - Friday 9am-8pm  
Saturday 9am-5pm  
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: 237-6149  
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

**Preschool Story Time** (ages 3-6)  
Tuesdays, 10-11am  
Thursdays, 10-11am  
**Tiny Tales** (ages 2-3)  
Wednesdays, 10-11am

**Books & Babies**  
Thursdays, 3:15pm  
Saturdays, 10:15am  
(ages 0-2 & parent/caregiver)

**Art Explorers for Tweens** (ages 9-12)  
Thursdays, 4-5pm

**Game On!**  
Fridays, 3-4:45pm  
(Games and Legos)

**Friday Night Fun!**  
Friday evenings  
(please check our website for info on programs)