

Attend the Public Safety Community Discussion Forums
Thursdays, January 9 & 16

Kick off the New Year with Us!

- READ in the Adult Reading Olympics and our Family Reading program
- KNIT hats for kids, teens and adults who need help staying warm
- LEARN about aquaponics or accessing Library eBooks and audiobooks
- HAVE FUN all month at our Friday Night Family Fun events

...AT THE LIBRARY!

Public Safety Community Forum

Join us for community discussion forums on the status of public safety in Billings. Police chief Rich St. John, fire chief Bill Rash, city attorney Brent Brooks and Wyeth Friday, director of city planning, will share their thoughts and answer questions about current public safety measures. As call volume increases for police, fire and code enforcement services, City leadership solicits public input to help frame strategies and plans to better serve all citizens in our community.

- Noon, Thursday, Jan. 9 & 6:30pm, Thursday, Jan. 16, Community Room

Dementia Kits Available

We recently started offering a new resource for people who are caring for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

The Library now has cognitive kits in two levels: early stage and middle-late stage. Each kit contains a number of books, games and activities that are appropriate for adults dealing with varying levels of dementia. **CogKits** have been generously sponsored by the **Friends of the Library**. If you are interested in accessing this resource, check our website or give us a call at 657-8255!

100 Hats Challenge

This year our Library's Knitting Circle is challenging itself to gather 100 locally hand-knit or crocheted hats to send to children, teens and adults who need help staying warm. Brightly colored handmade items will be distributed to **Family Services** for folks in need in the Billings and Yellowstone area, blue hats will be sent to **Be Strong**, an organization that raises awareness of bullying in schools, and muted colors will be sent to **Operation Gratitude** to support veterans and active military serving far from home. We need your help to knit (or crochet) 1 hat every 3.65 days in order to reach our goal of 100 hats 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 to the 2nd Floor Help Desk. This donation drive is part of our **Civic Literacy Series**.

The Adult Reading Olympics

Back by popular demand, the Library is hosting a new round of reading challenges for adults in 2020. Sign up beginning January 20 and start working towards your reading goals—or stretch outside your comfort zone with monthly exercises in different genres or authors. As you complete challenges, you will earn badges, and you might win more!

Family Reading Program!

Our 23rd annual Family Reading Program begins January 21! Family Reading is designed to encourage families to develop the habit of reading aloud together. Studies have shown that children who are read aloud to have improved language skills and are more successful in school. During the program families will read together for 20 minutes a day for 20 days. Families completing the program will receive a book, coupons from Bricks & Minifigs and Taco Johns (as supplies last) and will be entered into a drawing for a special grand prize. Family Reading is sponsored by **Bricks & Minifigs** and **Taco Johns**.

Register online at billingslibrary.org/children or call the Children's Services Desk at 657-8256 for more information. To celebrate the end of Family Reading, a **Circus Variety Show** is scheduled for 6:30pm, Monday, February 24.

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IN JANUARY...

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 January, Community Room

(Note: Please check with instructor for alternate class location on January 9.)

Knitting Circle & Fiber Arts

We are the Library's fiber arts enthusiasts who knit, crochet, embroider, spin, felt, and generally love fiber. We get together every month to talk about what we enjoy the most and share projects. If you're a newbie at the fiber craft game, we can help you learn! This is our Fellowship, we look forward to your company.

- 1-3pm, Thursdays, Jan. 9 & 23, Large Conference Room

Aquaponics Gardening Series...

Join Veronnaka Evenson from **Swanky Roots** to learn how delicious, leafy greens are grown through an aquaponics system which is a combination of aquaculture and hydroponics. Thanks to our co-sponsors, the Yellowstone County Master Gardeners.

- 5-6pm, Wednesday, January 15, Community Room

Tech for Older Adults

Come to this class and learn to access Library eBooks and audiobooks from your smartphone, tablet or computer. Space is limited; please pre-register by calling 657-8255.

- 3-4pm, Friday, January 31, 2nd Floor Computer Classroom

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

Hot Tea & Oatmeal Month

It's a Tea Party with Oatmeal Cookies! There will be coloring pages and maybe songs about tea and cookies.

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, January 3, Community Room

Cardboard Forts

Make a fort with us! We provide the supplies, you provide the imagination. Prizes for the most creative teams!

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, January 10, Community Room

Flashback~"The Goonies"

We're re-winding to 1985! Help us celebrate with crafts, cocoa, a little bit of Truffle Shuffle and a whole lot of adventure! (Movie is rated PG.)

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, January 17, Community Room

Dinosaurs!

Join us for an evening of dinosaur fun! Track dinosaurs through the Library, dig for dinosaur bones, enjoy tasty treats and more!

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, January 24, Community Room

Inspire Your Heart with Art!

Create a work of art! Try different crafts and media to find your artistic home.

- 6:30-8pm, Friday, January 31, Community Room

Book Groups

- **Turning Page Book Group**
Books are selected from the Library's Book Club Kits. In January, we will discuss Neil Gaiman's "American Gods." Bring your mug for coffee! Sign up refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

7pm, Wednesday, January 22, Yellowstone Board Room

- **LitCentric Book Group**
We use a combination of self-purchased copies and Library Book Club Kits. Call 657-8255 to reserve your spot.

7pm, Tuesday, January 28, 2nd Floor Large Conference Room

In January @ your Billings Public Library!

<h1>January</h1> <p>Event schedules occasionally change. Please visit our website for the most current information.</p>		1 3pm Library Show Ch. 7 New Year's Day Library CLOSED	2 Story Time ON VACATION Discover Fun Noon-1 Tai Chi Class Books&Babies 3:15-4pm 8:30pm Library Show Ch. 7	3 Books & Babies 10:15-11am 3-4:45pm Friday Fun Games and Legos! 4-6pm TEEN Robotics 6:30-8pm Friday Night Fun Hot Tea & Oatmeal Month	4 Story Time ON VACATION Discover the Fun READ to a Dog 11am-Noon	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

For Kids, Tweens & 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, January 4, Story Tower

Special Yoga Story Time (all ages of children)

Enjoy a story and find your zen through movement and mindfulness. No registration. Mats available to borrow.

- 4-5pm, Thursday, January 9, Community Room

Make and Take Craft!

Create a cute snowman out of puffy paint! No registration required. Clean up begins at 4:45pm. Children under age 8 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

- 3-4:45pm, Monday, January 13, Craft Corner

Stop Motion Animation (ages 9-12)

Make a stop motion short film with Legos, props and the Stop Motion Studio app. Please pre-register at 657-8256.

- 3-4pm, Saturday, January 18, Story Tower

Kids in the Kitchen! (ages 7-12)

Make healthy snowperson snacks! Learn about the food pyramid and how to be safe in the kitchen. Pre-register at 657-8256.

- 4-5pm, Thursday, January 23, Community Room

Adventures in Music Day!

It's the Billings Symphony Orchestra's annual "Adventures in Music Day~Flat Stanley." Come test a trombone, beat a drum or pluck a bass. See the performance of "Symphony Flat Stanley" at noon at the Lincoln Center. Thanks to Eckroth Music, Hansen Music, Kirk's House of Music and Galt String Gallery.

- 9-11:30am, Saturday, January 25, all around the 1st Floor

Embroidery 101 with Fran (ages 9-12)

Learning the basic stitches, kids will make their own designs for a bookmark. Necessary supplies provided. Register at 657-8256.

- 4pm, Tuesday, January 23, 2nd Fl. Large Conference Room

Just for TEENS

Weekly TECH Lab hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 3-7pm; Saturday: 1-5pm

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB: CIRCUIT PLAYGROUND EXPRESS

Work on your computer coding skills! We are messing around with a Circuit Playground Express, which is a programmable circuit board with lights, sensors, and more! No need to sign up. Just come by the Lab.

- 4-6pm, Tuesdays, TECH Lab

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GAMING: PATHFINDER RPG AND BOARD GAMES

This is a weekly group to play the 2nd Edition of Pathfinder! Never played a tabletop RPG before? No worries! We're starting from the ground up so just swing by and check the game out, and we can help get you started. Feel free to bring your own game or just come hang out.

- 6-9pm, Wednesdays, Teen Area

EXPLORING ROBOTICS

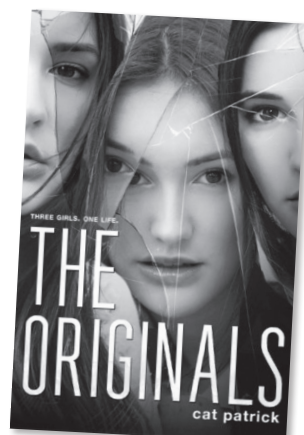
We're dedicated Fridays to all things robots! Build and program a LEGO Robot, a Hummingbird Duo, or anything that sounds interesting! No sign-up required.

- 4-6pm, Fridays, TECH Lab

TEEN BOOK GROUP

Join our Teen Book Group! We meet once a month on Thursday afternoons. Snacks and drinks are offered. In January, we're reading Cat Patrick's "The Originals," a fast-paced science fiction novel. Lizzie, Ella and Betsey Best grew up believing they were identical triplets. Then they learned the truth—and no one else can know. To register and reserve your copy of the book, call 657-8290.

- 4-5pm, Thursday, January 16, Teen Study 2



Library Hours

Monday-Friday 10am-9pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday Closed

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

Email refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us

For Children & Families

Story Times

Tuesdays (ages 3-6), 10:30-11am
Wednesdays (ages 2-3), 10:30-11am
Thursdays (ages 3-6), 10:30-11am
Saturdays, 10:30-11am

Discover the Fun

(a craft or activity related to the theme of the preceding Story Time)

Tuesdays, 11-11:30am
Wednesdays, 11-11:30am
Thursdays, 11-11:30am
Saturdays, 11-11:30am

Books & Babies

Thursdays, 3:15-4pm
Fridays, 10:15-11am
(ages 0-2 & parent/caregiver)

Wednesday & Friday Fun

Wednesdays & Fridays, 3-4:45pm
(Games and Legos)

Story Tower Open Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 3-5pm