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Kick Off Summer with Us!

- Montana's 1st Annual KID LIT FESTIVAL
- *Oceans of Possibilities* SUMMER READING: programs, films, take & makes and more!
- Tell us how we're doing. Take a quick survey. Find it on our website. Thanks for your help!

Billings Public Library NEWSLETTER — No. 172, June, 2022

1st Montana Kid Lit Festival!

The inaugural *Montana Kid Lit Festival* is coming soon in Billings! Join us for a celebration of children's literature and chances to meet regional authors and illustrators, listen to their stories and learn about their creative processes. The festival is possible through the partnerships of This House of Books, The Writer's Voice, Rocky Mountain College, Humanities Montana and the Billings Public Library. For more information see <https://www.smore.com/n3u7m-montana-kit-lit-festival-2022>.

- Wednesday–Saturday, June 8–11 at the Library

It's Time for Summer Reading!

Oceans of Possibilities abound during our Summer Reading Program.

Fascinating programs, great prizes for all ages. Happy summer reading!

- Sign-up: Monday, June 6–Saturday, July 23, online at www.billingslibrary.org

CHILDREN: Count the hours or books read. Join us for some really amazing programs and you could win great prizes.

- Begin winning prizes: Monday, June 13

ADULTS: Log your reading, write book reviews and participate in exciting missions to be eligible for weekly prizes. Attend our adult programs to unlock secret codes that will boost the points you can earn every week; use those points to buy raffle tickets for our nautically themed grand prizes. Complete the summer-long BINGO challenge for even more chances to win. Join us for a summer of cerulean-hued, high adventure in the *Oceans of the Possibilities!*

- Last day to log an item: Saturday, July 23
- Last day to buy raffle tickets: Saturday, July 30

One of our Summer Reading offerings is the *Oceans of Possibilities Saturday Matinee!* We're screening "Captain Phillips" (PG-13, 2013). Based on the 2009 Maersk Alabama hijacking, the film tells the story of the eponymous Captain Richard Phillips, a merchant mariner who was taken hostage by Somali pirates. It stars Tom Hanks as Phillips, alongside Barkhad Abdi as pirate leader Abduwali Muse. It received six Academy Award nominations. *from Wikipedia

- 1pm, Saturday, June 25 in the Community Room

Pollinator Week

Pollinator Week is a time to celebrate and raise awareness for all the insects we rely on to pollinate the plants that produce the food we harvest and eat.

- Monday, June 20–Sunday, June 26

Pick up an adult **Take & Make Precious Pollinators Bookmark kit**. It contains supplies for creating a beautiful bookmark featuring an insect that is crucial to our local ecosystem. Many thanks to funders HHMI/Tangled Bank Studio, PBS Nature and Passion Planet as part of the #PlantWildflowers initiative.

- Kit pick-up begins Monday, June 20 at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

Did you know?

You could get help with your tech? Our **Tech Café** is now appointment based! Please call 406-247-8691 or email majorc@billingsmt.gov.

The **BPL Bicycle Library** is back on the road! This summer, we're heading to the skate park, hosting book groups, offering yoga classes for all ages and more! For more information and a full schedule of events, visit our website:

<https://billingslibrary.org/455/Pedal-Powered-Library>

In June...

Author Visit: Susan Lowe

Susan Lowe will discuss her book, "Josie: A Story of Faith and Survival."

- 2pm, Saturday, June 4, in the Community Room

Adult Tiny Art Show!

To help us celebrate Summer Reading and our #plantwildflowers initiative, pick up a "Tiny Art Show" Take & Make kit and paint us an ocean scene or a landscape filled with native plants and wildflowers! All submitted works will be displayed in the Library throughout July. Kits are limited, but feel free to use your own supplies and submit your work on a 4"x 4" canvas.

- Kit pick-up: June 6–20
- Paintings due by Monday, July 11

Yoga in the Park

Join the BPL bicycle library for yoga in the park with instructor, Lisa Knowlton. Bring a yoga mat, some water and get ready for a great time! Register online here: <https://billings.librarycalendar.com/event/yoga-pioneer-park>.

- 10am, Wednesday, June 8, Pioneer Park north of the tennis courts

Underwater Montana

Did you know that Billings was once underwater, part of the Western Interior Seaway? Library director Gavin Woltjer will discuss the geology of our region and explain how the seaway affected the land we now call home. We'll have hands-on examples, too.

- 6pm, Thursday, June 16, in the Community Room

¡Hablar Conmigo!

Come practice your Spanish with a Library staff member. We'll learn together!

- 6pm, Tuesday, June 21, in the Community Room
- 10–11 am, Thursdays, at Rail Line Coffee

Sustainability Program

Susan Gilbertz discusses sustainability issues and how they connect to our Yellowstone River Valley ecosystem.

- 2pm, Thursday, June 23, in the Community Room

Memory Café

Adults experiencing memory loss and their caregivers are invited to socialize and enjoy an activity. This event is sponsored by Dementia Friendly Billings and Big Sky Senior Services.

- 10:30am, Tuesday, June 28, in the Community Room

Senior & Adult Art Group

Explore your creative side! Participants can bring their own projects or choose from three different activities including a drawing project, a decoupage craft box or a collage. This is an informal group with the goal of bringing artists together. No experience is necessary. Some supplies are provided. For more information, call 406-657-8255.

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

"The Island of Sea Women" Book Discussion

This acclaimed novel by Lisa See is our Adult Summer Reading book club pick! Set on the Korean island of Jeju, the book follows two very different young women through their years as part of their village's all-female diving collective. Discussion will be held Saturday, July 9.

- Sign up and check out a copy starting June 7, at the 2nd Floor Help Desk

Complicated History Book Group

Pick up your copy of Kristin Kobes Du Mez's "Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation." Ten copies available for checkout; patrons with their own copy encouraged to attend.

- 6–7pm, Wednesday, June 15, in the Library Board Room

LitCentric Book Group

We read a plethora of genres from both fiction and nonfiction categories. For our June discussion we are reading "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. Sign up by emailing refdesk@billingsmt.gov.

- 7pm, Tuesday, June 21 on Zoom

Turning Page Book Group

We're on hiatus, returning in late August.

In June @ your Billings Public Library!

<h1>JUNE</h1> <p>Please visit our website for the most current information.</p>		 Find us on Facebook  We're BillingsLibrary on Twitter  and billingslibrary on Instagram.	1 5–6pm TEENS4TEENS 8pm Library Show Channel 7	2 6–9pm Food for Thought	3 9am Library Show Channel 7	4 1–2pm TEEN Mural Meeting 2pm Author Visit Susan Lowe, author of "Josie: A Story of Faith and Survival"
5 Tech Café <i>tech help for adults now offered by appointment</i> Call 247-8691 or email majorc@billingsmt.gov to make an appointment.	6 SUMMER READING SIGN-UP Begins!! <i>"Oceans of Possibilities"</i> Take & Make Craft Kit <i>"Adult Tiny Art Show"</i>	7 2–3pm TEEN Techies Coding Club	8 10am Yoga at the Park 5–6pm TEENS4TEENS 8pm Library Show Channel 7	9 1st Annual Montana Kid Lit Festival!		10 9am Library Show Channel 7 2–3pm TEEN Message in a Bottle Workshop 11 1–2pm TEEN Mural Meeting
12	13 Take & Make Craft Kit Moving Paper Fish <i>pick up at Children's Desk</i>	14 Story Time 10–11am 2–3pm TEEN Techies Coding Club	15 Story Time 10–11am Junior Explorers 3pm 5–6pm TEENS4TEENS 6–7pm Complicated History Book Group 8pm Library Show Channel 7	16 Story Time Adventures 10–11am Books & Babies 3:15pm 6pm Program <i>"Underwater Montana" with Gavin Woltjer</i>	17 9am Library Show Channel 7 2–3pm TEEN Crochet Workshop	18 Books & Babies 10:15am 1–2pm TEEN Mural Meeting
19	20 Take & Make Craft Kit <i>Precious Pollinators Bookmark</i> June 20–26 is Pollinator Week	21 Story Time 10–11am 2–3pm TEEN Techies Coding Club 6pm Spanish ¡Hablar Conmigo! 7pm LitCentric Book Discussion (via Zoom)	22 Story Time 10–11am Junior Explorers 3pm 5–6pm TEENS4TEENS 8pm Library Show Channel 7	23 Story Time Adventures 10–11 10–11am Spanish ¡Hablar Conmigo! <i>at Rail Line Coffee</i> 2pm Program <i>Issues of Sustainability with Susan Gilbertz</i> Books & Babies 3:15pm 4–5pm Art Club for Tweens	24 9am Lib. Show Channel 7 Special Story Time with American Honey Queen Lucy Winn 10am Noon TEEN Rubber Ducky Race 2–3pm TEEN Pollinator Workshop	25 Books & Babies 10:15am 1pm Matinee <i>"Captain Phillips"</i> 1–2pm TEEN Mural Meeting
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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 Kids Craft Kit (ages 6–12)

Each kit includes the supplies needed to make a moving paper fish.

- Kits available beginning Monday, June 13, at the Children's Desk while supplies last

Story Times and Books & Babies resume on June 14; Art Club For Tweens resumes on June 23.

Junior Explorers (ages 7–12)

Join us for fun, hands-on presentations that explore the importance of water in our world. Registration is required.

- 3pm, Wednesdays, June 15, 22 & 29, in the Community Room except off site on June 29
- June 15: **Fish, Wildlife and Parks** The importance of the water cycle.
- June 22: **Master Gardeners** Learn about local plants; take one home.
- June 29: **Tour of Swanky Roots** (offsite program)
Tour this local small business growing fresh, delicious leafy greens all year in their sustainable, aquaponics greenhouse.

Story Time Adventures (ages 0–6)

Join us for fun and interactive presentations meant to take us past the story and into the science. No registration needed.

- 10am, Thursdays, June 16, 23 & 30, in the Community Room
- June 16: **STEM with Matt** Join Matt for fun with science!
- June 23: **Honeybees and Me with Peggy** Meet a beekeeper, learn about the different bees and how they pollinate flowers.
- June 30: **MT Audubon Center** A story, lesson and song about bugs!

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

Come unleash your inner-artist by exploring fun art concepts. No pre-registration required.

- 4pm, Thursday, June 23, in the Children's Craft Corner

American Honey Queen Special Story Time

Join us for an exciting Pollinator Week Story Time! Special guest Lucy Winn, the 2022 American Honey Queen, will share stories and songs.

- 10am, Friday, June 24, in the Community Room

Just for TEENS

TECH Lab Summer hours: 1–6pm Tuesday–Friday; (starting June 7) 1–5pm Saturday

HELP PAINT A MURAL!

Belonging Beneath the Big Sky mural is a collaborative, multi-week project. Teens work alongside professional artist, Tara Williamson, to explore the subject of "belonging" through the creation of a public mural. Come to our first meeting — snacks provided. All meetings and painting will be on Saturdays. Questions? Email Vanessa at justicev@billingsmt.gov.

- First meeting: 1pm, Saturday, June 4, in the TECH Lab

BOAT BUILDING & RUBBER DUCKY RACE (grades 6–12)

Teens, participate in a STEM competition by building a seaworthy craft that will carry your rubber ducky to the finish line! Participants who pre-register will receive a take-away kit filled with supplies for making a working boat. You can earn points toward your Summer Reading account and prizes for attending the event. Register at <https://billingslibrary.org/396/Teens>.

- Kits available beginning Tuesday, June 7, in the TECH Lab
- Race occurs at Noon, Saturday, June 24, in the Library's reflecting pool by the Children's area

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE WORKSHOP

Learn to tea dye fabric and practice your hand-lettering/calligraphy. Write a message and decorate your bottle to make a special gift for someone! Earn Summer Reading points. Register at <https://billingslibrary.org/396/Teens>.

- 2–3pm, Friday, June 10, in the TECH Lab

THE PERFECT MATCH: A POLLINATOR WORKSHOP

Take a look into the world of pollinators! Discover the unique adaptations that have coevolved between plants and their pollinators. Participants will create their own plants and explore the different species found around the Library. Presenter Leslie Nelson has worked through AmeriCorps with the U.S. Forest Service in Red Lodge and under the wildlife biologist at the Bureau of Land Management Billings Field Office.

- 2–3pm, Friday, June 24, in the Community Room

Library Hours

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

24/7 Express Locker
 available NOW!

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), 10–11am
 Wednesdays (ages 2–3), 10–11am
Story Time Adventures
 Thursdays (ages 0–6), 10–11am
Books & Babies
 Thursdays, 3:15pm
 Saturdays, 10:15am
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