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Welcome to the NEW Billings Public Library!

Join us for the Dedication~February 1, 1–4PM

AROUND YOUR LIBRARY!

CELEBRATE THE NEW LIBRARY ON *SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1!*

Join us for the dedication of the new Library 1:00–4:00pm, Saturday, February 1. There will be tours of the facility, music and programs for all ages. Come for treats and enjoy all the beautiful new building has to offer—*we're excited for you to see it!*

Tour the NEW Library

We know people will be eager to get to know the new Library building, even before the official dedication on February 1. *During the week of January 6–11, staff and volunteer docents will offer tours of the new building, pointing out new locations and features.* Those interested in joining the tour should gather under the skylight on the 1st Floor. Tours will be offered during the rest of January as well. Watch our website for schedules. A handout for a self-guided tour will be available at other times.

Tours will be offered *11:00am & 2:00pm, Monday–Saturday; 6:00pm, Monday–Thursday; week of January 6–11.*

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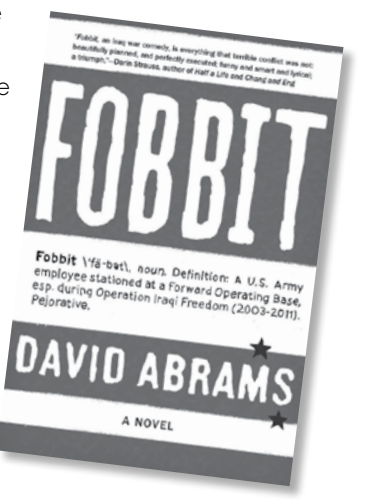
One Book Billings!

The January One Book Billings selection is Butte author **David Abrams**' book ***Fobbit***. Based on Abrams' own experiences during his 2005 deployment in Iraq, *Fobbit* is a satirical novel about life on a Forward Operating Base (FOB), drawing comparisons to other comic war novels like *Catch–22*. *Library Journal* called it, "A unique behind-the-wire glimpse at life in the FOB and the process of 'spinning' a war for public consumption. A funny, hard-edged satire about recent history and modern war-making."



As the first One Book selection after the move, all discussions will be held in the new Library building in January.

Abrams will visit the Library 1:00pm, Saturday, January 25, to talk about Fobbit. The program will be held in the new Library's 1st floor Popular Materials area.

TEDxBillings

TEDxBillings tickets sold out within 24 hours, and the lucky folks who snagged them will attend the first big event in the new Library on Saturday, January 11. For information on speakers and other event details, check the website at *http://tedxbillings.com.*

News & Views

of the Billings Public Library Foundation

Happy New Year! With the new Billings Public Library opening its doors for the first time, the board members of the Library Foundation have much to celebrate. *Thanks to you—our donors, supporters and advocates—we have this amazing community space to enjoy.* We hope you will be able to join in the community dedication scheduled on Saturday, February 1. Plan to attend one of the many activities being offered in the month-long celebration of our new Library—from the showing of the acclaimed documentary film, *Rescue in the Philippines* to panel discussions on *What Is a Free Lance Writer?* and *The Future of the Written Word.* We are very proud and excited to offer author presentations by **Michael Bernstein** and **Neil Gaiman**. Check the Library's website for details about each of these interesting events. *Tickets must be purchased for the Neil Gaiman reading at the Babcock Theater on Friday, February 21.*

The Library Foundation's mission is to raise vital funds to ensure our Library's margin of excellence. With continuing community growth, the need for free and current information is in high demand by all age groups. Your support is vital to meeting these needs. For information on how you can help, please contact **Leslie Modrow,** Development Director, *leslie@billingslibraryfoundation.org* or 237–6419.

Friends

of Billings Public Library

The date we have all been awaiting and eagerly anticipating is almost here—January 6—the opening of our new Billings Public Library! The Friends are so proud to be a part of this tremendous community endeavor.

We are stocking shelves in our new space with books that we have been holding in storage since our last sale in July. These books will be displayed in the area adjacent to the Sweet Café. What could be more perfect—you can peruse our book selection while you are enjoying your favorite beverage from the Café. Our prices are still the best in town: $1 for paperbacks, $2 for trade paperbacks and $3 for hard covers! We have not yet set a date for accepting book donations, but we expect to have that information in the February newsletter.

Our membership renewal drive has been very successful! We are now boasting over 100 members and still counting. If you have not yet renewed your membership, PLEASE DO SO NOW! Annual dues are just $10 for individuals and $25 for a family. Remember, you can always give someone special the gift of a membership. Keep current on the Friends' happenings by following us on Facebook or by visiting our website at *www.friendsofbillingslibrary.org.*

"How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book."
~Thoreau

In January @ your Billings Public Library!

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 **Happy New Year!**	**2** Library *CLOSED*	**3**	**4**
5	**6** 5pm *Library Show* Channel 7 ***WE'RE OPEN!*** ***10AM–7PM***	**7**	**8** 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 5pm *TEEN Advisory Group Meeting*	**9**	**10**	**11** All Day TEDxBillings *(tickets required)*
12	**13** 5pm *Library Show* Channel 7 *7pm* Discussions *One Book Billings*	**14** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am *7pm* Discussion *One Book Billings*	**15** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 6–8pm *Wikipedia Day* *7pm* Discussions *One Book Billings*	**16** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am Books & Babies 3:15–4pm *7pm* Discussion *One Book Billings*	**17** Books & Babies 10:15–11am	**18** Saturday Story Time 11–11:30am
19	**20** 5pm *Library Show* Channel 7 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** ***Library CLOSED***	**21** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am	**22** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7 7pm *Turning Page Grp.*	**23** 10am *Affordable Care Act Sign-up Assistance* Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 1pm *Knitting Circle* Books & Babies 3:15–4pm	**24** Books & Babies 10:15–11am	**25** Saturday Story Time 11–11:30am 1pm Author Visit *David Abrams*
26	**27** 5pm *Library Show* Channel 7	**28** Story Time Tales 10:30–11am 7pm *LitCentric Bk. Club*	**29** Tales & Tots Stories 10:30–11am 3pm *Library Show* Channel 7	**30** 10am *Affordable Care Act Sign-up Assistance* Story Time Tales 10:30–11am Books & Babies 3:15–4pm	**31** Books & Babies 10:15–11am	***(Come today, Feb. 1, to the DEDICATION! 1–4pm)***

Neil Gaiman!

There are still some tickets available for **Neil Gaiman**'s reading, sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Tickets are available at *www.metrapark.com* and MetraPark outlets for only $20. *Don't miss hearing this award-winning author on* ***Friday, February 21,*** *at the Babcock Theater!*

Wikipedia Day

Have you ever used Wikipedia? Wondered about how information was added? Wanted to correct a mistake or update information? Celebrate **Wikipedia Day** in Billings! On this date in 2001, the wiki-based Wikipedia project went public. You'll meet people who have been editing Wikipedia and learn how you can join the fun. Take part in this global movement to collect and develop the world's knowledge and to make it available to everyone for free, for any purpose. All ages are welcome for this open house.

Join us at ***6:00–8:00pm, Wednesday, January 15,*** in the 1st Floor Community Room.

ACA Sign-up Provided by Planned Parenthood of Montana

Still uncertain about signing up for Affordable Care Act health insurance? Trained counselors can help you decide about the best choices of plans for you and your family. The counselors can provide advice, and even help you in the process of navigating the website.

Come to the Library, ***10:00am–2:00pm, Thursdays, January 23 or 30.***

for Children & Families

Author Visit

Author **Michael Berenstain** will be visiting Billings Public Library on ***Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8,*** for book signings and story times. Watch our website for more information as it becomes available!

Disney Live!!!!

Read two books during the Winter Holiday season for a chance to WIN a family four pack of tickets to Disney Live!—Mickey's Music Festival. Turn in a completed reading card to Billings Public Library by ***Saturday, January 11,*** for your chance to win! Reading cards are available on the Library's website at ***www.billings.lib.mt.us.***

Income Tax Assistance Begins February 1

The United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax preparation and e-filing to people with basic returns who made $50,000 or less in 2013. Volunteer tax preparers are certified through IRS testing, and all returns are prepared on IRS-authorized software. Taxpayers must bring W–2 forms and all other documentation needed to prepare their returns. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit *www.unitedwayyellowstone.org* for more information.

Bring your documents ***10:00am–4:00pm, Saturdays, February 1–April 12,*** to the Large Conference Room on the 2nd Floor.

Get the latest Bookmobile Calendar!
Download January's schedule here:
www.billings.lib.mt.us

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday	10am–9pm
Friday	10am–6pm
Saturday	10am–5pm
Sunday	1pm–5pm

We return to regular hours on Friday, January 10.

Helpful Information

Phone numbers ~
Hours: 657–8259
Bookmobile: 657–3091
Reference: 657–8258
Senior/Homebound: 657–8255
TDD/TTY: 657–3079
Children's: 657–8256
Foundation: 237–6149

Webpage ~ *www.billings.lib.mt.us*

Email ~ *refdesk@ci.billings.mt.us*

Children's programs begin on January 14!

Story Time Programs *in the Story Tower~*

Story Time Tales
Tuesdays, 10:30–11am
(3–6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Tales & Tots Story Time
Wednesdays, 10:30–11am
(2–3 year olds & parent/caregiver)

Story Time Tales
Thursdays, 10:30–11am
(3–6 year olds & parent/caregiver)

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

Saturday Story Time
Saturdays, 11–11:30am
(all ages)