



BILLINGS PUBLIC
Library
FOUNDATION

Providing a Margin of Excellence

For over three decades, the Billings Public Library Foundation has committed to ensuring the long-term financial health and growth of the Billings Public Library through private giving and our endowment. Through a public-private alliance, the Foundation's vision is to offer our community a library with the best resources and most innovative services and programming possible.

Nurturing Young Minds

By the age of 3 a child's brain is twice as active as an adult's. The pre-kindergarten years are crucial to developing lifelong reading and learning habits and that's why the Foundation proudly sponsor's the Library's **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program**. We incentivize young readers and their families, from day one, to ensure that all of Billings' kids go into Kindergarten ready to flourish.



Bridging the Digital Divide

We know that technology runs the world, but not everyone has the kind of access they need. The Foundation is investing in borrowable tech for Library user, starting with **mobile hotpots and laptops** to get folks online wherever they are. We are also investing in the **TECH lab**, which houses a truly incredible wealth of resources for teens. Everything from 3D printers, to video game consoles, from an audio recording booth to coding software -- the sky's the limit.



Meeting Billings Where It's At



A Library is more than four walls -- it's a community service and we're working hard to get out of our building and into the community. The Foundation sponsored **Pedal Powered Library** regularly makes its way across town to provide Library materials and free Wi-Fi. And our latest project, the **Library Lending Kiosk** makes materials even more accessible after hours. The kiosk, the first in Montana, will provide access to patron-requested materials at any time. The Foundation is working to provide additional kiosks across town to meet the needs of all of Billings' residents -- regardless of where they are.

YOU Can Make a Difference!

The Billings Public Library Foundation offers tax-friendly ways to give. Your contribution will go directly to strengthening and expanding the Library's influence in our community.

Take Full Advantage of CARES Act Deductions

This year, all filers can deduct more charitable giving from their taxes due to the CARES Act:

- Without itemizing, single filers can deduct \$300 and joint filers can deduct \$600 in charitable giving!
- Filers who itemize can deduct up to 100% of the Adjusted Gross Income!

Use the Montana Tax Credit for Endowed Giving

Montana State taxpayers can write off 40% of any planned gift made to the Billings Public Library Foundation.

Planned gifts provide a reliable, steady stream of income to your library!

For more information, ask your accountant or call us!