



Footnotes

Your Update from the Billings Public Library Foundation

February 2026

Thank you for a great 2025!

2025 was a year of success and growth for both the Billings Public Library and the Foundation. As we head into 2026, we continue to see record numbers of people attend Library events, utilize our programs and services, and engage in our programs in the community. Thanks to our generous donors, our 2025 year end appeal was amazing and will allow our foundation to continue to support the library.

Help the library plan for the future

Please scan the code or visit the website to take our online strategic planning survey

<https://billingslibrary.org/>

We're planning for the future, and you're a part of it.

Tell us how the library can improve, grow, and better serve our community.



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Meet our Amazing Donors and Supporters

Our donor feature focuses on two of our long-time supporters, mother and daughter, Claire and Julia Leslie. Claire and Julia are avid readers and long-time supporters of the Billings Public Library Foundation. Julia recently retired from a successful career at Stockman Bank and Claire stays very busy and active in her community at Mission Ridge.

Julia remembers her mom always had a stack of books by her bed and as kids they were raised at the Library. Julia fell in love with books and reading through her teacher at West High, Sue Bach. As she dug into the reading and book reports, she realized the world it opened. Claire has always seen the value that libraries bring to our communities and has continued her love of reading. They belong to book groups and even have a family book group that spans across generations.

At the Billings Public Library Foundation, we are grateful to both Julia and Claire for their long-term support. They have both served terms on the Foundation Board, serving in leadership roles. Claire stressed to us how important the foundation is to our library. This organization provides a long-term funding source to help our library succeed in new and innovative ways. They are also very generous donors, attend our events, and promote the library in our community.

When asked what current book is on their nightstand: Claire is reading *There are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak and Julia is reading *Better Living Through Birding* by Christian Cooper

THANK YOU! Claire and Julia for your long-term commitment to the Foundation and sharing your love of reading.



2026 Book Swap Dates

JOIN US IN 2026

Monday, March 2nd

Monday, June 15th

Monday, September 14th

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Location:

Meadowlark Brewery



What types of books can we bring?

- Fiction, non-fiction, and children's books
- Typically current or more relevant books go over well
- We appreciate books in good condition

How many books can I take?

- You are welcome to take what you need during the swap
- We love to see every book find a new home



What else takes place at the event?

- Many people meet up with a group of friends or book group and enjoy a drink and some good food!
- We have Library foundation swag available with a \$10.00 donation which includes a free drink ticket
- Enjoy a fun environment with other book lovers



Save the Date

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Billings Public Library

Mark your calendar now and join us for our signature event.
Tickets will go on sale in early September.

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can give monthly to the library!

