

Footnotes

Your Update from the Billings Public Library Foundation

Summer 2025



Join us for our 20th

Anniversary celebration

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

6:00 pm

Billings Public Library



- Tickets go on sale Tuesday, September 2nd online.
- The 2025 speaker list will also be available on our website on Tuesday, September 2nd.



LIBRARY

Updates - June 2025



Our first Mini Makers session in the CO+LAB was a hit! New creators explored 3D printing, music making, and hands-on projects in a fun, safe space. Our next session is coming up in July!



This June, we teamed up with Billings Parks and Rec and the Skate Park Committee for free beginner skateboard clinics. BPL even brought one of our own librarians—who skates!—to help lead the fun. We provided boards and helmets; participants brought the energy.



Two of our first Children's Summer Reading Programs were a big success. Billings Best Balloons offered balloon-twisting demonstrations, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks led an engaging program on how frog colors aid in their survival. Both events drew strong attendance and provided fun, educational experiences for families.



Billings Public Library recently joined the regional Copyist Program, hosting local artists under the Oculus to reinterpret Isabelle Johnson's portrait of former library director Ann Whitmack.

Artists worked in their own styles and mediums, offering a unique look at the creative process. Visitors were invited to observe and engage as the artwork took shape.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

In addition to these amazing programs we highlighted above, this past year has proven to be an absolute success at the library. This is a reminder of the gift our library is to our community. We are grateful to our engaging and creative staff and our donors whose contributions allow us to continue to grow and flourish.

SUMMER READING

- The BPL Summer Reading program had a total of 1,508 participants- up from 376 in 2024

FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

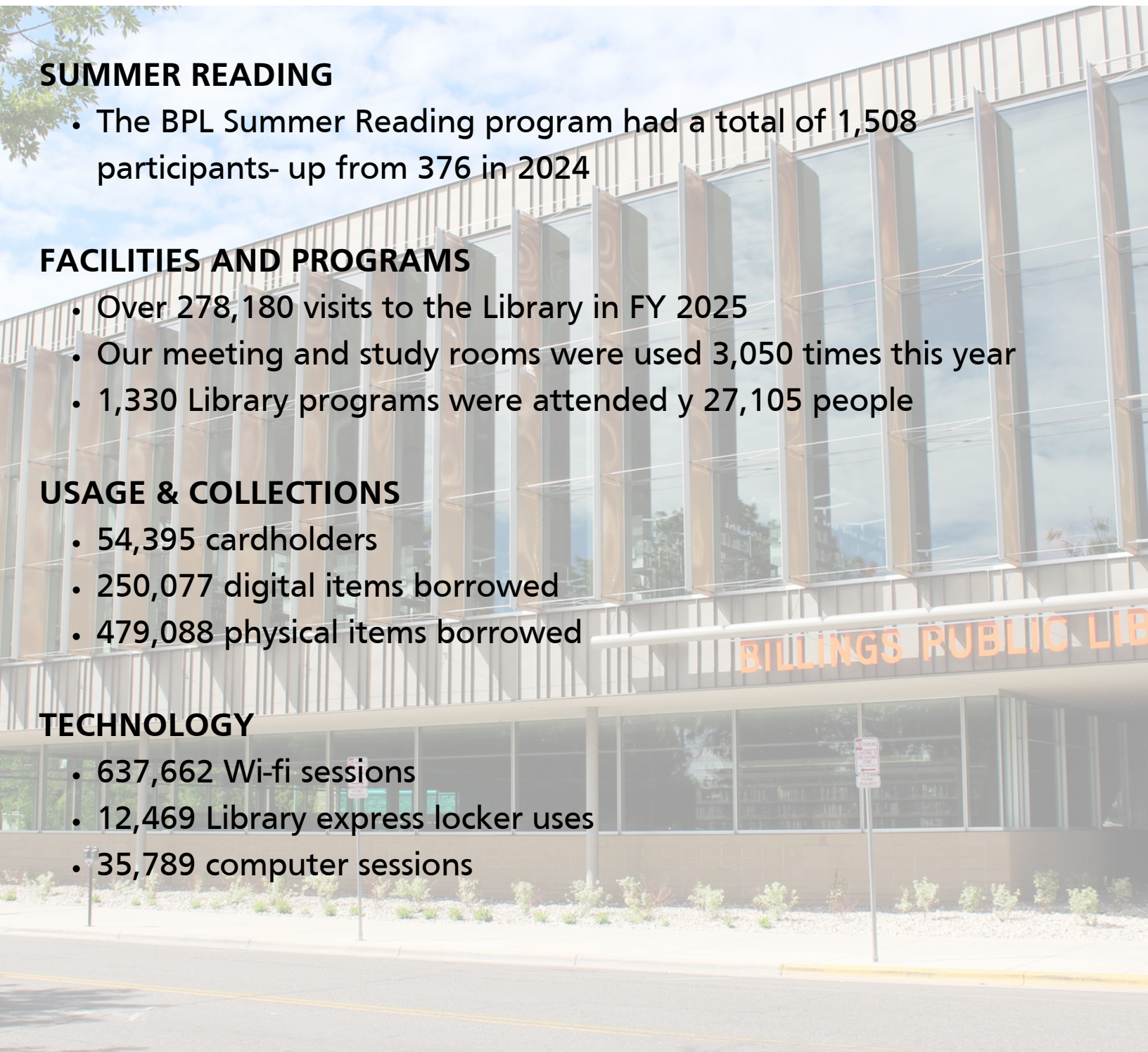
- Over 278,180 visits to the Library in FY 2025
- Our meeting and study rooms were used 3,050 times this year
- 1,330 Library programs were attended y 27,105 people

USAGE & COLLECTIONS

- 54,395 cardholders
- 250,077 digital items borrowed
- 479,088 physical items borrowed

TECHNOLOGY

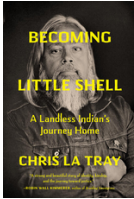
- 637,662 Wi-fi sessions
- 12,469 Library express locker uses
- 35,789 computer sessions



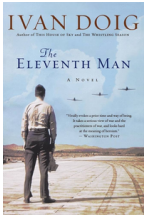
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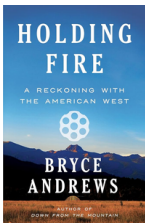
The Stone Sister
by Caroline Patterson
Sept 13th, 2025



**Becoming Little Shell: A
Landless Indian's Journey Home**
by Chris La Tray
Nov 8th, 2025



The Eleventh Man
by Ivan Doig
Jan 10th, 2026



Holding Fire
by Bryce Andrews
March 2026



Old King
by Maxim Loskutoff
May 9th, 2026

One Book Billings is an opportunity for readers to read and discuss literary works featuring Montana authors. Discussion groups come together five times a year, each reading and discussing the same book. The author talks are held at the library on the dates listed.

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<https://billingslibrary.org/179/One-Book-Billings>

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