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Story City Hours:

Monday	10 am—8 pm
Tuesday	10 am—8 pm
Wednesday	10 am—5 pm
Thursday	10 am—8 pm
Friday	10 am—5 pm
Saturday	10 am—5 pm
Sunday	1 pm—5 pm

Gilbert Hours:

Tuesdays	3—7:30 pm
Wednesdays	10 am—2 pm
Thursday	3—7:30 pm
Saturday	10—12 pm



Bertha Bartlett Public Library

BBPL By-lines

Meet Caitlin!

Caitlin Hodnefield joined the library's staff in mid-November. She has been a jack of all trades, with jobs from taxidermy to parking lot striping. Before coming to the library, Caitlin worked as a ranch assistant at Riverside Bible Camp.

Caitlin hails from the Randall area and loves the outdoors, including riding her beloved horse, Lacey, hiking, fishing and archery.

Caitlin's love of reading fantasy and wishing to meet a real dragon someday has lead to her writing and publishing her first book, *Daughter of the Wilds*. Her YA fantasy novel follows the adventures of Avana across the land of Arda and is available for checkout from the library.

Stop in to meet Caitlin!



#COUNTONLIBRARIES

U.S. Census 2020

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau undertakes a mammoth task: counting all the people residing in the United States. This count affects the allocation of funding for our community's public resources (e.g., roads, hospitals, schools), how we plan for the future, and our voice in government. Learn more about the importance of the #2020Census and how to participate:
2020census.gov.

Fast Facts from Bertha B

Monthly Statistics from January 2020

Items Checked Out	3,642
Patron Visits	2,379
eBooks	429
Downloadable Audio	398
Reference Questions	136
New Library Cards	6

REMINDER: Take care of your library materials! Please keep them away from pets, liquids and extreme temperatures.



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Happenings



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You're invited for a **Library Chat**. The library world is changing and we want to know what you see for our role in your lives and the greater Story City community. Let's have a candid conversation about how we can better serve you! You'll find Library Director Kolleen Taylor in the Biography area of the Kinne Wing on Thursdays 4 to 6 pm in March.

KOOL Lego Club Afterschool

Our KOOL Lego meet every weeks on Tuesday from 3:45 to 4:30. New challenges will be every other week and repeat the following week. No registration required.



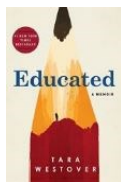
Preschool Storytime
in Gilbert on
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Preschool Storytime
in Story City
on Fridays, 10:30 am

Bartlett Book Club

Tuesday, March 24, 2-3 pm
BBPL Meeting Room

Educated

By Tara Westover



Timberland Book Club

1st Thursday, 2 pm
Timberland Village Conference Room

KNIT PICKERS

Fridays, 10 am, BBPL Kinne Wing
An open stitch/chat session!



Set Your Child on the Road to Academic Success Early!



The Bertha Bartlett Library is a proud participant in the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program!

Numerous studies have established that by age three (3), a child's brain has reached 80 percent of its adult volume. The brain develops most rapidly during the first 1,000 days of a child's life. A toddler's brain creates up to two million new connections every second. Early experiences and interactions are a key factor in a child's brain development. The ability to learn language skills is greatest before the age of six (6). Early literacy skills have a lifelong impact on educational and occupational success. The most important predictor of school success

is being read to at home during early childhood.

It is easy to participate: just ask for a book log at the Circulation Desk Track the books you and your child read and earn a prize at every hundred mark. Then start the next level with a new book log. If you read just one book a day with your child, you'll reach 1,000 books in less than three years!