

## Laundromat Reading and Resource Areas



In January of 2020 Parent and Child Reading Assistance installed Reading and Resource areas in two laundromats in Billings, Montana thanks to a mini-grant through [Best Beginnings of Yellowstone County](#).

Used books; acrylic wall shelves; brochure racks with [Bright by Text](#), [Montana 211](#), and [Billings Public Library](#) information; toddler wooden shelves with mirror; and crawling mats were placed in two laundromats with approval from owners. Signs are posted letting patrons know that books can be borrowed for use at home as well as while using at the laundromat. The areas are restocked, straightened up, and cleaned by Michelle Breum, owner of Parent and Child Reading Assistance. More books are collected from community donations or purchased by Michelle Breum to keep the laundromats with enough books. The owner at BYO Laundry said that the books are being used and really appreciated. The manager at Bogart's Laundry said that the books and area have been popular. She shared that one mom visiting the laundromat liked the crawling mat that gave her baby some tummy time.

Book boxes were added to other locations in 2020.

Books families can use and take home are at these local laundromats:

BYO Laundry 45 Broadwater Ave.

Bogart's Laundry 1902 Broadwater Ave.

Wash Time 1313 Grand Ave #12

Spin Fresh Laundry 3189 King Avenue West

Spin Fresh Laundry 410 Lake Elmo Dr.

Lockwood Laundry 2750 Old Hardin Rd.

There are about 80 books for babies to teens at each laundromat and about 100 books are going home with families each month. More accurate numbers will be documented in 2021.

You can contact Michelle Breum directly to donate books 406-671-3530 or bring books to Gratitude in Action. [Gratitude in Action](#) will put books out to sell to benefit their mission and allow Michelle Breum to take books for the laundromat locations.