

Bat Week Resources

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If you create anything at your library for Bat Week that you want to share, please email it to Amelea Kim at akim@mt.gov, and it will be included in the toolkit!

What is Bat Week?

From website: “Bat Week is an annual celebration of the role of bats in nature. Bat Week is organized by a team of representatives from across the United States and Canada from conservation organizations and government departments.”

Bat Week Resource #1: Bat Week Website

Website URL: batweek.org

Theme for this year: Be A Bat Hero!

You can go on the website and find a variety of resources such as:

1. 4 short videos about bats from the Bat Squad
2. Fun facts and information about bats and why they are important
3. Past Bat Week events and themes
4. Suggestions for events and activities for this year's Bat Week theme

Bat Week Resource #2: Presentations from Bat Biologists Across Montana and Powerpoint

If you are interested in having a qualified biologist come and talk about bats at your library, here is a list of people who might be available to give presentations. It is recommended that you reach out early to schedule a presentation, as these people might not be able to meet all presentation requests. If possible, try and coordinate presentations with other libraries in the area to reduce travel time.

Additionally, all the names highlighted in yellow are Information and Education Specialists. You can contact them with general Fish, Wildlife, and Parks education/outreach related questions, or to see if there are other specialists in the region beyond this list who might be available for presentations.

Here is a copy of the powerpoint that Lauri Hanauska-Brown sent MSL – it's likely that the presenters will be using this. You can also use this for your own purposes:

[Bat Week Kids PPT 2017](#)

[Bat Week Kids PPT 2018](#)

[Bat Week Adult PPT 2018](#)

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Bat Week Resource #3: Bat-Related Book List

<http://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/resources/battyaboutbats>

Bat Week Resource #4: Social Media Materials

[Bat Week – TV Display](#)

[Bat Week – Social Media Squares \(3 different facts\)](#)

[Bat Week – Reading List Template](#)

Notes:

- The GDrive preview is not entirely accurate. Download the PPT to your computer to see the actual design of the graphic.
- If you want to edit things, download the PPT onto your computer and edit the file there. All the fonts and graphics are embedded into the file.
- You can save the PPT as a PDF or JPG to make it easier to print

Bat Week Resource #5: Bat Coloring Pages

[Bat Week Coloring Page - Chocolate Wattled Bat JPEG](#)

[Bat Week Coloring Page - Flying Cartoon Bat JPEG](#)

[Bat Week Coloring Page - Fruit Bat JPEG](#)

[Bat Week Coloring Page - Happy Cartoon Bat JPEG](#)

[Bat Week Coloring Page - Southeastern Myotis Bat JPEG](#)

[Bat Week Coloring Pages - All Bats PDF](#)

Notes:

- Feel free to use/distribute/share these images however you see fit as they are in the public domain.
- The PDF and DOC version of the Coloring pages are included, as well as the original drawings. You can change text/move around the pictures in the Word file. All fonts are embedded in the Word file if you need to edit things

Bat Week Resource #6: Bat Crafts

Here are a few bat-related crafts and activities:

1. Easy Origami Bats:

<https://layers-of-learning.com/origami-bats/>

<https://www.redtedart.com/easy-origami-bat/>

2. Paper Bag Bat:

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mbagbat.htm>

3. Egg Carton Bat Craft:

<https://www.dltk-holidays.com/halloween/meggcarton-bat.htm>

4. Compilation of Bat Crafts:

https://www.dltk-holidays.com/halloween/bat_crafts.html

Bat Week Resource #7: FREE STUFF!

Bats of Montana Posters (18" x 24")



Bat Tattoos



Contact Amelea Kim at akim@mt.gov if you are interested in any of these. There are limited numbers of these, so it is first come first served!

Bat Week Resource #8: Montana Field Guides

The Montana Natural Heritage Program has field guides for animals, plants, and nature native to Montana. Here is the field guide PDF with all of the Montana bats included. You can pick and choose which ones to print, or you can browse online to see which bats are in your library's area.

<http://fieldguide.mt.gov/displaySpecies.aspx?family=Vespertilionidae>

Bat Week Resource #9: Bat Display

Here are some basic bat facts and graphics for you to make a bat bulletin board, or a bat display somewhere in your library.

[Bat Display – Bat Facts](#)

[Bat Display – Display Title](#)