



Program Update

Spring Language & Culture Program registration opens January 1st!

WLI is offering 12-week youth and adult language classes beginning the week of January 29th

Along with our wide variety of youth and adult classes, we are offering a **NEW** 6-week Adult Beginner Spanish class with WLI Language Coach, Kristen Wolf.

We are welcoming two native-Spanish speaking coaches to our team who will be instructing classes at all levels of Spanish classes this session.

We are also pleased to be offering Adult Intermediate French.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-served basis.
When a class is full, students will be placed on a waitlist.

Passionate about World Languages?
Had an opportunity to participate in our class offerings?
Want to give the Gift of Connection through language to others?



Every day, we have the privilege of meeting people who are eager to enhance the ways they connect with others through language, and we are deeply honored to assist them. **Will you help make our mission of providing language and culture education to all Montanans possible?**

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Staff Spotlight

We are pleased to announce the addition of two new core staff members to the WLI-MT Team!



Cynthia Stanley

Program Manager -

Bozeman English Learner Literacy Alliance



Cynthia grew up in Colorado and discovered her passion for language in middle school when she began studying Japanese and Spanish. Cynthia spent a summer in Japan representing her high school and a year abroad in Venezuela as a Rotary exchange student. Thus, her endless wanderlust and curiosity for language, cultures, culinary pursuits, and adventures began. During university, she spent a year abroad in Argentina studying at the University of Buenos Aires with a six-week language intensive program in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Upon graduating with a degree in International Affairs, Cynthia worked as an ESL teacher in Yokohama, Japan. She has enjoyed a varied career working in the private sector and, most recently, with non-profits.

When not dreaming about adventures that await, she relishes spending time outdoors or curled up on the sofa with a good book. Cynthia recently moved back to Bozeman with her husband, two kids, Donovan and Chloe, and their old dog, Winston.

Mardy Harding

Program Coordinator -
Small Group & Summer Camp



Mardy moved to Bozeman in 2021 after graduating from the University of San Francisco with a degree in International Studies. Having lived in Shenzhen, China as a child, studied abroad in Morocco during college, and done a fair amount of international travel in between, she has a deep appreciation for international education and language learning.

Originally from Seattle, Washington, Mardy also has an extensive background in youth programming through sports. She adores sharing the experience of learning new things, and is thrilled to be supporting both youth and adults in learning languages at WLI!



Happy Holidays from the WLI-MT Team

Connect with people around the world during the holidays!

Below is the phrase "Happy Holidays" in 6 different languages offered by WLI.



Chinese

• Happy Holidays! - Jie Ri Kai Le!

German

• Happy Holidays! - Frohe Feiertage!

Japanese

• Happy Holidays! - Shiawasena kyuu jitsu!

French

• Happy Holidays! - Joyeuses Fêtes!

Arabic

Spanish

• Happy Holidays! - ¡Felices fiestas!

• Happy Holidays! - u᠄alun sa᠄dah!

Out and About with WLI-MT

Take a look at some of the community outreach events the Team at WLI-MT has had the opportunity to participate in over the past few months. We hope to see you "out and about" at an upcoming event!

Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE) Conference - Billings

WLI staff shared their experience delivering BELLA Summer Camp with teachers from all over Montana. The audience was captivated by the efforts of the BELLA team to provide equitable enrichment and language learning opportunities to K-4 migrant students in the Gallatin Valley. We closed the afternoon confident that the BELLA Program is leading the way in creating equal and equitable education for all.

Photo: Cassidy Crawford, Program Coordinator and Paola Torres, Program Manager



Big Sky Wellness Fair

With the participation of over 20 businesses and organizations, WLI had the opportunity for the third time to be part of this exciting community event promoting our no-cost English and Spanish classes in Big Sky. We appreciated this opportunity to connect with Big Sky locals and potential community partners.

Photo: Zeta Zúñiga, Program Coordinator and Kristina Allison, Program Director

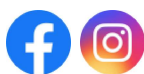
Salsa at BASE in Big Sky

In collaboration with BASE and Sizzling Salsa, WLI-MT helped host the first Community Mixer, connecting those in the Big Sky community who share a passion for languages, cultural diversity, and dance moves.

Join us for the upcoming Latin Dance Night on December 15 at BASE in Big Sky from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.



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