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Communities Thrive with National Library Week

Missoula Public Library is gearing up to celebrate the library's role in the Missoula community during National Library Week April 11-17. The public library has been an integral part of our lives since it opened its doors in 1894, in two rented rooms on the Higgins Street block. Today, the library circulates more than 720,000 items every year. No wonder this year's National Library Week theme is "Communities Thrive."

See the Missoula community thrive all week long by stopping by the library for giveaways and to enter our National Library Week Raffle to win books and other prizes; it's our way of saying "thanks" for loving the library. And keep celebrating the library's ability to provide information, recreational, and educational resources to all area residents with these NLW programs:

- **Sundaes on Sunday:** Sunday, April 11, 2-3:30 pm. Kick off the week of celebrations with a cool treat to go along with all our "cool" books.
- **Online Scavenger Hunt:** Play detective in the statewide library

scavenger hunt. Discover clues in our blog all week and find the answers through our online resources. There will be clues for all ages. Middle school, high school, and adult winners will receive an iPod. Elementary students can take part as a class and will win a pizza party. There will be two winners in each division, so get clicking!

- **National Bookmobile Day:** Wednesday, April 14. You may have seen our Bookmobile at the River Market last summer. Now, here's a chance to get your photo taken with the Bookmobile, and we'll make a READ poster for you. Just spot us around town—you never know where we'll crop up next.

- **Poetry Shout Out:** Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 pm. Poetry is worth shouting about. Bring a book by your favorite published poet and read a selection out loud. Come for the refreshments, stay for the discussion. April is also National Poetry Month.

- **Volunteer Breakfast:** Saturday, April 17, 8:30 am. What would the library be without our volunteers? We're taking the opportunity to thank everyone who helped us out this year with

a special Volunteer Breakfast, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

- **Screen It:** Saturday, April 17, 2 pm. Our finale event celebrates the amazing librarians of the big screen with the movie, *The Librarian: Quest for the Spear*. Plus, we'll pull the winner of our National Library Week Raffle.

Finally, if you've accidentally let those overdue fines rack up, National Library Week is your chance to get a clean start. We're collecting donations for the Missoula Food Bank and in exchange we'll wipe your overdue fines clean. (Sorry, not good on damaged, lost, or ILL charges.) The pantry is in special need of soup, tuna fish, peanut butter, and canned fruit. So make Amnesty Week Soup-er with a donation.

And, just to make our special week that much more special – we're changing our 10-day loan periods to 14-day loans. Starting April 12, you'll have a few extra days to finish off that new release book or feature film. The best part: checkout periods will remain at 14-days for our new materials even after the week is done.

Volunteer Breakfast

Volunteers Are the TOPS!

As a great way to round out our celebration of National Library Week, April 11-17, Missoula Public Library will honor their volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, April 17 at 8:30 am in the large meeting room.

The Breakfast is a way of thanking all the volunteers for their many hours of dedicated service given throughout the year. Volunteers assist in a multitude of ways and are immensely appreciated. You're the Tops!

If you have questions about the breakfast, contact Marje or Kathy M. at 721-2665.

3rd Thursday Book Group

Join us on April 15 at 7pm in the Board Room. Paul Theroux's *Mosquito Coast* recounts the exciting tale of an eccentric American inventor who moves his family to the jungles of Central America in hopes of finding a better life.

For more information, call Clara at 251-5921.

MPL Book Group

MPL Book Group Gets Gritty

Hard-boiled, Montana detective C.W. Sughrue is killing time working in a topless bar when he is hired to find a missing author. While on the case, he stumbles across the trail of a missing girl and sets off on a journey across the American West. Join the MPL Book Group in a discussion of James Crumley's *The Last Good Kiss* on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 pm. Books are available at the Accounts Desk

Next month: *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

El Dia de Los Ninos

El Dia de Los Ninos/El Dia de Los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

Missoula Public Library will celebrate El Dia de Los Ninos/El Dia de Los Libros in the Children's Department by hosting bilingual Storytimes on April 28, April 30 & May 1st. Stories will be read in Spanish and English.

We will also offer a bilingual Tiny Tales program on Thursday April 29th at 10:30 for babies and toddlers and their grown ups.

We will have a special display of books in the Children's Department for this celebration during April and May. This event brings together children, books, language and culture. Everyone is invited. Come and enjoy books, songs, and stories.

This annual event celebrates the joys and wonders of childhood and the importance of family literacy. Our goals are to honor children, their languages and culture; to encourage reading, and to promote library collections and programs that reflect our plurality.

Afternoon Matinees

April is Gary Cooper month.

On April 14 join us for *Peter Ibbetson*, a 1935 Oscar nominee based on the book by Du Maurier which inspired both this film and an opera. The story is most noted for its dream sequence between Peter and his lost love, the Duchess of Towers. Many think it is one of Cooper's best. On April 28 we will see the highly entertaining Oscar winning *Lives of a Bengal Lancer*. Also from 1935, Cooper stars opposite Franchot Tone, one of the best actors of the Golden Age of Hollywood. Always out numbered! Never out-fought! These are the Bengal Lancers... At 2 pm in the Large Meeting Room, we'll save a seat for you.

Cheap Date Night

The April Cheap Date Night movie will be *Sherlock Holmes*, starring Robert Downey Jr. This dynamic new portrayal of Sherlock Holmes sends Holmes and his stalwart partner Watson on their latest challenge. Revealing fighting skills as lethal as his legendary intellect, Holmes will battle as never before to bring down a new nemesis and unravel a deadly plot that could destroy the country.

Cheap Date Night is April 16 at 7 pm. The movie is 128 minutes long and is rated PG-13. Doors will open at 6:45 pm. The popcorn is free.

World Wide Cinema

World Wide Cinema will be screening the feature film *Storm* on Friday, April 9, at 7 pm in the Large Meeting Room.

In this political thriller, Hannah Maynard, prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague, is leading a trial against a former commander of the Yugoslavian National Army who is accused of the deportation and later killing of dozens of Bosnian-Muslim civilians. When a key witness commits suicide, she travels to the witness' burial in Sarajevo and meets his sister, Mira. Mira reluctantly agrees to testify at The Hague, and both women must risk life and limb to make it to the court—only to discover that there are traitors among their own ranks. *Storm* is in English, German, Bosnian and Serbian, with English subtitles. It is not rated and is 103 minutes long. Doors at the lover level open at 6:45.

Reading the Bard

Join our discussion of the ultimate tragedy, *King Lear*, where: "The oldest hath borne most: we that are young shall never see so much, nor live so long." We're meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at 7 pm in the Board Room.

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Kid's Corner

Story Time Themes

April 2 & 3 Hiking

April 7, 9, & 10 Froggy

April 14, 16, & 17 TBA

April 21, 23, & 24 How does your
garden grow?

April 28, 30 & May 1 Dia de los
libros

YA Programs

All YA programs are for ages 13-18
(grades 7-12) unless otherwise
indicated.

- Media Lab – every
Wednesday at 4 pm. Work
with MCAT cable to make your
own video!
- Game on! – Thursday,
April 1 at 3:30 pm. Play video
games on the big screen. We

have a Wii! No foolin'.

- Those Literary Kids – Teen
book group meets Saturday,
April 24 at 3 pm. This month's
title: "**Little Brother**." Ask for
the book at the YA desk.
- Teens Only – Teen
advisory board meets Tues-
day, April 13, at 7 pm.
- Scribbles – Writers group
for grades 7-9 meets Thurs-
day, April 17 at 4 pm.
- Writers group – every
Friday at 3:30 pm., ages 15-
18.
- VolunTeens – Teen
Volunteer Orientation is
changing its day and time to
the third Tuesday of each
month, 4–6 pm. Remember,
this orientation is required

for any teenagers wishing to
volunteer in the Library.
Please let us know beforehand
if you're coming. We'll still
feed you—and we'll still have
fun! The next orientation is
Tuesday, April 20.

Tween events

Something To Do – Saturday,
April 17, 4 pm. Magnetic Poetry.
Ages 10-12 (grades 4-6) can make
their own magnetic poetry kits.

