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Big Read Comes to MPL

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What if all the residents of Missoula and surrounding towns read the same book? That's Missoula Public Library's plan this fall. The library is proud to announce it will offer The Big Read in October and November, orchestrating a community-wide reading of Dashiell Hammett's classic detective novel "The Maltese Falcon."

Missoula is one of 268 communities across the nation participating in The Big Read this year thanks to a \$17,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and additional support from local businesses and organizations.

The Missoula community will celebrate "The Maltese Falcon" with a full calendar of events including book chats hosted all over the county, staged readings, movie screenings, children's events, mystery games, a Find the Falcon scavenger hunt, Festival of the Book mystery writers workshops, and much more from Oct. 5-Nov. 13.

The Big Read kicks off with "Spade and the City: A Tour of Noir" on Oct. 5, offering a virtual trip through Hammett's San Francisco, featuring

music, food and Bay Area Hammett expert Don Herron.

Plus, the library will be giving out more than 2,200 copies of "The Maltese Falcon" at the library and locations throughout the county. Younger readers won't be left out – they can get a copy of "The Falcon's Malteser" or "The Malted Falcon" our Little Read selections.

Special thanks to major local Big Read Missoula sponsors Missoula Art Museum, Missoula County Public Schools, Allegra Print & Imaging & Signs Now, and Humanities Montana. The Little Read is majorly sponsored by the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation.

Additional Big Read support and partnerships include DirecTV, Otis Elevator Company, First Security Bank, Missoula Federal Credit Union, Norco Products, Fact & Fiction, Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, MOLLI – Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Montana, MCAT, Poverello Center Inc., Missoula County Sheriff's Office, Barnes & Noble, Book Exchange, Missoula Senior Center, Kelly Cooper, UM School of Theatre and Dance, Loyola High School, Top Hat Bar,

Friends of the Missoula Public Library, and Missoula Public Library Foundation.

Partner libraries include Drummond School & Community Library and the Mansfield Library at UM.

"It's exciting how many Missoula groups and organizations have volunteered their time and services to take part in this community-wide program," said Big Read Missoula committee chair Molly Ledermann, of Missoula Public Library. "This is an amazing opportunity for everyone to share a reading and cultural experience."

To date, the NEA has funded more than 800 Big Read programs in the nation's towns and cities. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Support for The Big Read is provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Transportation for The Big Read is provided by Ford

Envision! MPL

What will the future Missoula Public Library look like? The library is embarking on an Envision! project to review its current building and plan out future building needs. As part of the planning process, building study agents Oz Architects will host two public forums and conduct a survey of library users and non-users to determine community interests and needs.

The current library building located at 301 East Main was designed for 30 years of use. Built in the early 1970s, the building has already exceeded expectations, according to library director Honore Bray, and the library is fast outgrowing its shell.

With the most users and highest per capita circulation numbers in the state of Montana, Missoula Public Library is looking proactively at future needs and wants to be ready to continue offering the high-quality services it currently provides.

The Envision! project is a three-month process including focus groups comprised of staff, community organizations/businesses, and public input. In addition, Oz will provide engineering and structural assessments, itemizing what's needed in a library building and what may be lacking from the current facility.

The first public forum, focused on evaluating the existing building, took place July 31. The second forum is scheduled for **August 14 from 1-5 pm** in the library's Large Meeting Room and will target envisioning a new building. The library plans to request MCAT filming for those who are unable to attend the events.

Residents are also invited to complete a building survey, available at the library or online via the library website at

www.missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Questions about the Envision! forums can be directed to Missoula Public Library at 721-2665, or msslplib@missoula.lib.mt.us

MPL Book Group

Winner of the 2009 Montana Book Award, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* follows Chinese-American Henry Lee in mid-1980s Seattle. After learning that the belongings of Japanese Americans interned during WWII have been discovered in the basement of a hotel, he retraces the experiences of his youth and his first love, Keiko Okabe, who was interned with her family during the war. Join in a lively discussion of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford on Tuesday, August 10 at 7pm in the Small Meeting Room. Books are available at the Accounts Desk.

Next month: *Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman* by Jon Krakauer

3rd Thursday Book Group

A Passage to India by E. M. Forster is Forster's most popular novel and is also regarded as his masterpiece. Adela Quested arrives in colonial India to marry Ronny Heaslop, a narrow-minded bureaucrat who despises Indians. She teams up with Ron's mother, Mrs. Moor, and Dr. Aziz, a charming native, to see the "real" India, but an incident exposes sharp tensions in the imperialist system. Join in the discussion on August 19 at 7 pm in the Small Meeting Room. Call Clara at 251-5921 for more information.

Ordeal by Fire

In August 1910 the fires that raged across Montana and Idaho 'blew up' into the biggest forest fire in

US history and scorched over 3 million acres. These fires would change how Americans and their government viewed wildland fires and fire protection.

This hour-long documentary film features interviews with historians and scientists as well as some fascinating family stories and includes period newsreels and photographs.

Join us along with film maker George Sibley on Monday, August 9 at 7 pm in the large meeting room and experience the big burn of 1910.

World Wide Cinema

The Wind Journeys on Friday, August 13 at 7 pm in the Large Meeting Room.

The Wind Journeys follows Ignacio Carrillo, who travelled the villages of northern Colombia, playing traditional songs on his accordion, which is said to have once belonged to the devil. Ignacio eventually marries and settles down, but after the traumatic death of his wife, he vows to never play the accursed accordion again and embarks on one last journey to return the instrument to its rightful owner. The film, in Spanish with English subtitles, is 120 minutes long.

Afternoon Matinees

Myrna Loy and William Powell star in the drama *Evelyn Prentice* on August 11 at 2 pm. There is mystery, romance and murder in store in this 1934 film based on the novel by W.E. Woodward.

On August 25 we have comedy and romance in the Academy Award winning film from 1941 film *Here Comes Mr. Jordan*, starring Robert Montgomery, Claude Rains and Evelyn Keyes. Claude Rains plays an agent of Heaven who finds a new body for the soul of Robert Montgomery. Join us in the Large Meeting Room at 2 pm and we'll save a seat for you.

August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6 pm Computer Class 6 pm Scrabble	3 10:30 am Tiny Tales	4 12:30 pm Computer Class 6:30 pm Family Storytime	5 10:30 am Tiny Tales	6 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 3:30 pm Teen Writers Group**	7 11 am Family Storytime
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Kid's Corner & More

Storytime Themes

August 4, 6 & 7 Chillin' Out

August 11, 13 & 14 Reading Runs
Through It

August 18, 20 & 21 Ocean
Commotion

August 25, 27 & 28 The One That
Got Away

Family Reading Program

You still have time to pick up your reading folder, read or be read to, and collect your prizes. The last day to pick up your folder is August 15 and the last day to pick up your prizes is August 31.

So far, nearly 3000 people have picked up their folders. We've given out over 500 first level prizes and over 100 readers have started Part 2 of the reading program.

YA Activities

Writers group: Fridays at 3:30 pm for teens entering grades 7-12

Scribbles: August 19 at 4 pm for teens entering grades 7-9

Volunteens: August 17 at 4 pm for teens entering grades 7-12 who are interested in volunteering at the Library.

Something To Do

Calling all kids who are going into grades 4-6 to take part in a Cupcake Challenge on Saturday, August 21 at 4pm.

We will meet downstairs in the Large Meeting Room and have a friendly competition to see who can decorate their cupcake in the most creative way in your choice of a variety of themes. You will be both decorator and judge.

Of course at the end of the hour we will eat our creations. See you there!

Cheap Date Night

The August Cheap Date Night movie will be *Clash of the Titans*.

The ultimate struggle for power pits men against kings and kings against gods. But the war between the gods themselves could destroy the world. Born of a god but raised as a man, Perseus is helpless to save his family from Hades, vengeful god of the underworld. With nothing left to lose, Perseus volunteers to lead a dangerous mission to defeat Hades before he can seize power from Zeus.

Cheap Date Night is August 20 at 7 pm. The movie is 106 minutes long and is rated PG-13. Parking lot doors will open at 6:45 pm.

The popcorn is free.

