



# News, Views, & To-dos @ Missoula Public Library

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## DVDs at your fingertips

If you've been in to the Missoula Public Library recently, you will have noticed some changes in Entertainment Central.

The library is installing a new DVD dispenser that will function a lot like a Red Box video rental kiosk.

Our new MediaBank will allow you to reserve movie titles from our two dedicated stations or from any library catalog. Then you just have to bring your card to the dispenser and you will receive your requested discs.

There are several advantages to our new system:

- First, you can be sure a movie is available by browsing our reservation system.
- Second, you don't have to check them out anywhere else, once you receive your discs you're good to go.
- And finally, you can return your disc straight to the dispenser, so you instantly have the movie checked in off your card, and it's instantly available for another patron.

You'll find that feature film DVDs stored in the MediaBank will allow a greater level of security for these popular items.

Our documentary and children's discs are still on the shelves for your browsing pleasure, and should be checked out using the existing check-out stations.

As always, our staff is at hand and ready to help you with questions about the MediaBank, or anything about the library. When you think of Missoula Public Library, think more!



## Computer Classes

It may be one of the library's best kept secrets, but did you know that there are free computer classes offered every week at your library? If you are uncomfortable using a computer, need some instruction on word processing or email, or just would like an environment where you can ask questions, you may want to take a look at our schedule.

We offer classes on Monday evenings from 6-7 on basic computer use on a rotating schedule beginning with Computer Fundamentals that covers everything from how to turn on your machine to how to use your mouse. Other Monday evening classes include Basic word processing, Email and Internet use. If you are available during the day we offer classes every Wednesday from 12:30-1:30 that cover a variety of topics as requested. These have included digital photos, EXCEL, PowerPoint, Publisher and even how to sign up for open class entries at the Western Montana Fair.

If you are interested in moving beyond "I'm computer illiterate" you will find a schedule of our classes on our website or you can call to find out the current schedule or to make a recommendation on topics to cover.

If you are beyond the basic level and would like further instruction you can visit our LearningExpress Library database and use the Computer Skills Center for beginning through advanced classes in Word Perfect, Windows 2003 or 2007, or for you MAC users classes in Microsoft 2008 programs for Macintosh. Think... more!

## 3rd Thursday Book Group

*O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather, tells the story of the Bergsons, a family of Swedish immigrants in the farm country near the fictional town of Hanover, Nebraska, at the turn of the 20th century.

Alexandra Bergson inherits the family farmland when her father dies, and she devotes her life to making the farm a viable enterprise at a time when other immigrant families are giving up and leaving the prairie.

Join this fun group on Thursday, December 17 at 7 pm in the Board Room. For more information call Clara at 251-5921.

## Writers Open Mic

Do you have some original creative writing that you would like to share?

Come to the Writers Open Mic at the Missoula Public Library on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 pm.

Writers can bring a sample of their work up to 8 typed pages. Or just come to hear some local unpublished creative writing. Please remember, your materials should be suitable for all ages.

The Open Mic is part of Missoula Public Library's NaNoWriMo celebration of National Novel Writing Month. Length of readings and time allotment will be determined by the number of readers present.

## Reading the Bard

Love him, hate him, never even read him. Shakespeare is arguably the single most influential writer in the English language. His works are funny, exciting, lewd, violent, and difficult.

It's more fun and rewarding to read him with others, so join Missoula Public Library's new Everyone's Shakespeare Reading Group Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 7 pm. We'll be reading *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Free copies are available at the Accounts Desk.

## MPL Book Group

It is 1946 and British author Juliet Ashton is looking to distance herself from her war-time, "look on the bright side" alter ego Izzy Bickerstaff.

When a farmer on the island of Guernsey writes to Juliet, the story of Guernsey life under German occupation during the war and the mystery of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society begin to unfold. In order to learn more, Juliet sets off on a life-changing journey in search of her next book.

Join the MPL Book Group in a lively discussion of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 7 pm in the Small Meeting Room.

Books are available at the Accounts Desk.

## Cheap Date Night

The December Cheap Date Night movie on December 18 will be *Star Trek*, a science fiction adventure based on the classic TV series.

When the Romulan Nero (Eric Bana) comes from the future to take revenge on the Federation, James Kirk (Chris Pine) and the new recruits of the U.S.S. Enterprise will voyage through unimaginable danger to stop him from destroying everything they know.

The movie starts at 7 pm, is 127 minutes long and is rated PG-13. Parking lot doors will open at 6:45 p.m. The popcorn is free.

## Afternoon Matinees

As a nod to the upcoming Christmas season we will be showing the 1947 Cary Grant movie, *The Bishop's Wife*. Also starring David Niven and Loretta Young, the film focuses on their relationship and the assistance given by Dudley, an angel. Based on the 1928 novel by Robert Nathan this movie will become a favorite. Join us on the 9th at 2pm.

If by the 23rd you find yourself needing a break from Christmas, join us for the classic 1955 drama, *East of Eden* at 2pm. One of the finest films of James Dean's career, this contemporary portrayal of the Cain and Abel theme, places the characters in a pre-World War I setting in the role of a truck farming family.

Join us in the large meeting room. We'll save a seat for you.

**World-Wide Cinema** will be premiering the film *Gigante* on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 in the Large Meeting Room at 7 pm. This film is from Uruguay and is in Spanish with English subtitles.

Jara is a shy and lonely 35 year-old man who works the graveyard shift as a supermarket security guard in a suburb of Montevideo. His job is to keep an eye on the security cameras installed throughout the building. One day Jara discovers Julia, a 25-year-old cleaning woman, and is immediately attracted to her. At first he spends hours watching her, but, before long, he begins to follow her after work: to the cinema, the beach and even on a date with another man. Jara's life becomes a series of routines and rituals around Julia, but he eventually finds himself at a crossroads and must decide whether to give up his obsession or confront it.

*Dennis*, a short comedy film from Denmark, will also be shown. Doors open on the lower level at 6:45 pm.



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## Kid's Corner

### YA events

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

**Window art** – draw on the YA windows the first week of the month.

**Game on!** – Thursday, Dec. 3 at 3:30 pm. Play video games on the big screen. We have a Wii!

**Those Literary Kids** – Teen book group meets Saturday, Dec. 12 at 3 pm. We're reading "Uglies" by Scott Westerfeld. Ask for the book at the YA desk.

**Teens Only** – Our new teen board meets Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 pm.

**Scribbles** – Writers group for ages grades 7-9 meets Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4 pm.

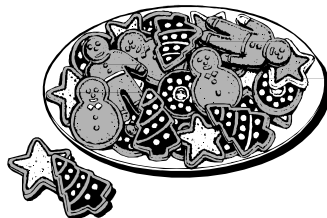
**Writers group** – every Friday at 4 pm, ages 15-18.

### Tween event

Something To Do – Saturday, Dec. 19, 4 p.m. Ages 10-12 (grades 4-6) can go on a library scavenger hunt.

### Cookie Decorating

Join us on Saturday, December 19 at 12 pm in the Large Meeting Room to decorate Holiday Cookies. Cookies and decorating supplies are provided. If you wish to use something special, please bring it along. This activity is open to all ages, but those 8 and under should be accompanied by an adult.



### Storytimes

December 2, 4 & 5 Parade of Lights

December 9, 11 & 12 Hibernation

December 16, 18 & 19 Holidays

December 23 & 26 Time of Wonder

December 30 & Jan 2 The New Year

In conjunction with the city-wide Parade of lights enjoy special holiday stories and a make & take craft! Find the fun in the children's department starting at 3 pm on Saturday, December 5.

### Special Storytime Guest

A special holiday guest will visit Missoula Public Library's Story Time programs Friday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 am; Saturday, Dec. 19, at 11 am; and Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 7 pm.

Come for this fun Ho-Ho-Holiday event.