



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

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Friday 10am-6pm  
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## Looking for Something to Read Next?

You read a fantastic book. Now what?

Missoula Public Library has the answer. Whether you're interested in science fiction, westerns, memoirs, or teen romance, there are lots of great ways to find what you're looking for.

**Next Reads.** The library has a brand new subscription to genre-specific newsletters that are compiled to match your interests. Sign up for one (or more) newsletter and you'll find a list of up to 12 titles of new and recommended books in your email box. There are 25 subject lists for you to

choose from. You don't need a library card to get the newsletters, but you should get one fast because you'll definitely find something you want to check out. Sign up on our website at [missoulapubliclibrary.org](http://missoulapubliclibrary.org) and you'll always know what to read next.

**Novelist Plus.** You may have already tried out the Novelist program through our website, where you can type in your favorite book or author and find recommendations for more titles to enjoy. Now we've taken out that extra step and you can find a list of Novelist recommended reads right in the library catalog. When you search a title in the

catalog, you won't just find out where the book is in our library but you'll be treated to a list of similar titles from Novelist. Just click through for more information on any title that catches your eye.

**Readers' Advisory Corner.** If you're in the building, be sure to stop at our Readers Advisory Corner near the Reference Desk. We have a computer station dedicated to Novelist, but that's not all. You can get lists of books our library owns that have been compiled by our own staff. Browse larger genres like Mysteries as well as unique lists like Gentle Reads.

## Libraries and Computers

First-ever National Study: Millions of People Rely on Library Computers for Employment, Health, and Education

Nearly one-third of Americans age 14 or older – roughly 77 million people – used a public library computer or wireless network to access the Internet in the past year, according to a national report recently released.

In 2009, as the nation struggled through a recession, people relied on library technology to find work, apply for college, secure government benefits, learn about critical medical treatments, and connect with their communities. The report, [Opportunity for All: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries](#), is based on the first large-scale study of who uses public computers and Internet access in public libraries, the ways library patrons use this free technology service, why they use it, and how it affects their lives. It was conducted by the University of Washington Information School and funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Low-income adults are more likely to rely on the public library as their sole access to computers and the Internet than any other income group. Overall, 44 percent of people living below the federal poverty line used computers and the Internet at their public libraries.

## 3rd Thursday Book Group

Sarah Waters novel, *Night Watch*, moves backward, beginning in 1947 before turning to 1944 and then 1941. The lives of four Londoners—Viv, Kay, Helen, and Duncan—intersect as they cope with the war and their personal lives over the course of six years. Each character is trapped by past events having trouble adjusting to peace after so much physical and personal destruction.

Join the discussion on May 20 at 7 pm in the Board Room. Call Clara at 251-5921 for more information.

## MPL Book Group

MPL Book Group Goes Gothic...

In post-WWII Barcelona, a boy finds solace in a book called *The Shadow of the Wind*. He begins to search for the author's other books and discovers that someone is destroying every single copy. Thus begins a journey that uncovers a tale of murder, madness, and doomed love. Join in a lively discussion of Carlos Ruiz Zafon's novel *The Shadow of the Wind* on Tuesday, May 11 at 7 pm in the small meeting room. Books are available at the Accounts Desk

Next month: *On Beauty* by Zadie Smith

## Bookmobile @ River Market

The Missoula Public Library Bookmobile is back in action! Watch for us at the River Market on the last Saturday of the month starting in May. We'll be bringing some market-related book selections for checkout like cookbooks, crafts, gardening, and more. Plus we'll offer library card signups, and hand out fun giveaways. So stop by and say "hello".

## World Wide Cinema

*Sin Nombre* will be shown at World-Wide Cinema on Friday, May 14, at 7 pm.

Sayra, a young Honduran woman, is dreaming of a brighter future. She reunites with her father, whom she hasn't seen in years. He has a new family in the United States and is preparing to travel to Mexico with Sayra's uncle and then they will cross the border to freedom.

Meanwhile, in Mexico, Casper, a Tapachula teenager, has gotten caught up in a street gang. Casper crosses paths with Sayra and her relatives. Atop a train winding through the Mexican countryside Sayra's only hope of surviving the journey and reaching her brighter future is to align herself with Casper as he runs from the most feared gang in Tapachula.

*Sin Nombre* is directed by Cary Joji Fukunaga. It is in Spanish with English subtitles, 96 min. long and has an MPAA Rating of R.

The doors at the lower level of the Missoula Public Library open at 6:45 pm.

## Afternoon Matinees

We'll start the month with Preston Sturges's most delirious, screwball, slapstick romance ever, *The Palm Beach Story*, at 2 pm on the 12th. Claudette Colbert comes up with a plan to come up with the cash for her inventor husband, Joel McCrea, to get his big idea developed. This 1942 classic is one of the 100 funniest movies according to AFI's 100 Years... 100 Laughs.

Yvonne De Carlo is the headliner in our swashbuckler on the 26th. Perhaps better known for her role on the Munsters, she was a leading lady throughout the 1940s and 50s. In *Buccaneer's Girl*, she loses her heart to the pirate, Frederic Baptiste, only to find that he is living a double life. We'll save a seat for you.

## Writing Contest

Celebrate Missoula's creative writers at the library.

Missoula Public Library invites you to celebrate creative writing with a special reception for those who entered the library's second annual Writing Contest on Sunday, May 16, at 2 pm. Winners of the contest's fiction and nonfiction prizes in a variety of age divisions will be announced with prizes and certificates awarded, and first-place winners will have an opportunity to read their entries.

The library thanks our local judges who represent professional writers, editors, teachers, and book sellers. The library will compile and archive a collection of all entries received so everybody can enjoy our local talent. Stop by and see last year's book in our Montana collection.

Special thanks to contest sponsors: Altrusa International, Inc. of Missoula, Missoula Kiwanis, and P.E.O. Chapter BQ.

## Cheap Date Night

The May Cheap Date Night movie will be a romantic comedy, *It's Complicated*.

Jane (Meryl Streep) has three grown kids, a thriving bakery, and is on amicable terms with her ex-husband Jake (Alec Baldwin). A decade after the divorce, their cordial relationship turns into a rekindled romance. Caught in the middle are Jake's young wife and Adam (Steve Martin), a recently divorced architect who's fallen hard for Jane. Could love be sweeter the second time around? It's ... complicated!

Cheap Date Night is May 21 at 7 pm. The movie is 120 minutes long and is rated R. Parking lot doors will open at 6:45 pm. The popcorn is free.



# May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11 am Family Storytime
2	3 Library Closed Staff	4 10:30 am Tiny Tales	5 12:30 pm Computer Class 4 pm Teen Media	6 10:30 am Tiny Tales 3:30 pm Game	7 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 3:30 pm Teen Writers	8 11 am Family Storytime
9	10 6pm Computer Class 6 pm Scrabble	11 10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm MPL Book Group** 7 Teens Only	12 12:30 pm Computer Class 2 pm Afternoon Meeting: <i>The Palm Beach</i>	13 9:30 am Friends of MPL Board Mtg 10:30 am Tiny Tales	14 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 3:30 pm Teen Writers Group** 7 pm World Wide Cin-	15 11 am Family Storytime 4 pm Something To Do**
16 2 pm Writing Contest Reception**	17 6pm Computer Class 6 pm Scrabble	18 10:30 am Tiny Tales 4 pm Volun-Teens**	19 12:30 pm Computer Class 4 pm Teen Media Club** 6 pm Library Board	20 10:30 am Tiny Tales 4 pm Scribbles 7 pm 3rd Thursday	21 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 3:30 pm Teen Writers Group** 7 pm Cheap Date Night:	22 11 am Family Storytime
23	24 6pm Computer Class 6 pm Scrabble	25 10:30 am Tiny Tales	26 12:30 pm Computer Class 2 pm Afternoon Meeting: <i>Buccaneer's Girl**</i>	27 10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm Socrates Café	28 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 3:30 pm Teen Writers Group**	29 11 am Family Storytime 3 pm Those Literary Kids**

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## Kid's Corner

### Storytime Themes

For the week of:

May 2	Mother May I?
May 9	Earth Day
May 16	Fiesta
May 23	Dragon Boats



### YA Volunteers

The Young Adult Volunteer program now requires participants to go through a two hour orientation before joining our dazzling volunteer crew.

Orientations are on the third Tuesday of each month from 4 till 6. They are fun, informative, painless, and the two hours count as volunteer hours (for school requirements) even if you decide not to volunteer after all. Join us on May 18 in the Young Adult room at 4 pm.

### YA Events

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, May 6 at 3:30 pm. Play video games on the big screen. We have a Wii!

**Those Literary Kids** – Teen book group meets Saturday, May 29 at 3 pm. Ask for the book at the YA desk.

**Teens Only** – Teen advisory board meets Tuesday, May 11, at 7 pm.

**Scribbles** – Writers group for grades 7-9 meets Thursday, May 20 at 4 pm.

**Writers group** – every Friday at 3:30 pm., grades 10-12.

### Tween events

**Something To Do** – Saturday, May 15, 4 pm. Improv! Act Out. Ages 10-12 (grades 4-6) can tap into their dramatic side and take part in improv games.