



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

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Thursday 10am-9pm  
Friday 10am-6pm  
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### National Library Week April 13-18

Celebrate the one place you can find entertainment, information, and community without paying a cent – the library. April 13-18 is National Library Week, and Missoula Public Library is ready for fun with daily raffles and special events all week long.

On the heels of our recently completed redesign project, MPL is more ready than ever to give Missoula residents the services they need.

As part of our annual Library Week celebration, part of a national acknowledgement of the importance of libraries in today's world, we will showcase the many great

services we offer from online resources covering topics like auto repair, music, and market trends, to downloadable audio books, readers advisory, and as always, outstanding reference services.

The library will also offer special programs all week long as a treat to our valued patrons:

- Take part in a Graphic Lit Reading Group Wednesday, April 15, 7 pm.
- Kids can share their original poems at our Kids Poetry Read Out Thursday, April 16 at 3:30 pm.
- Learn about Montana's Historic Poets and their writing Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm with Tami Haaland.

This program was funded by Humanities Montana and the Montana Cultural Trust.

- Enjoy a free newly released movie (popcorn included) at Cheap Date Night on Friday, April 17 at 7 pm.

- Teens ages 13-18 can make their own comic books at our Comic Workshop Saturday, April 18 at 4 pm.

Plus, anyone coming into the building during Library Week will have a chance to enter our daily raffles with amazing prizes including an MP3 player, outstanding books, and downtown gift certificates.

### Long Range Plan

Help Decide the Future of the Library.

Missoula Public Library is planning ahead. The Board of Trustees is creating the next long-range plan for the library, and is looking for suggestions and other input from residents. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 15, at 5 pm. at the library and is open to the public. Monthly meetings are scheduled through April. If you can't

make the meeting but have suggestions for future services and needs, stop by the library and fill out a comment card or email the trustees from our web site at [www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/about/MPL-board](http://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/about/MPL-board).

### Morningstar Webinar

Learn how to use Missoula Public Library's Morningstar investment resource at a free real-time webinar Wednesday, April 29, at

2 pm. Discover how you can track your investments and make wise economic choices using the up-to-date resources available electronically at your library. You can sign up for a seat in our computer classroom by visiting the library or calling 721-2665 (space is limited), or log on from any internet connection by emailing [librarytraining@morningstar.com](mailto:librarytraining@morningstar.com) (be sure to mention Missoula Public Library when you send your note).

## Earth Day

The great natural abundance and beauty of the vast American landscape has inspired America's nature writers including Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Annie Dillard, Wendell Berry, and others. As global warming, overpopulation, habitat destruction, and urbanization all threaten the natural wonders of our planet, we are now more than ever in need of the wisdom of our great nature writers.

Join Montana State University Northern Professor John Snider on Wed. April 22 at 7 pm in the Large Meeting Room for a lecture that will highlight America's nature writers and ask the audience to share their perceptions of the natural beauty of the West.

## Montana's Historic Poets

The Missoula Public Library will host Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program "Montana's Historic Poets" with Tami Haaland on Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm in the Large Meeting Room.

The 1920s and 1930s were particularly rich years for Montana poetry, but many of the poets from this period are forgotten or have become remote in our collective memory.

Some, like J. V. Cunningham, who spent his formative years in the eastern part of the state, have never been recognized. Discover and explore, with poet and professor Tami Haaland's guidance, the lives and writings of lesser known poets who lived and wrote in Montana in the early twentieth century.

Partial funding for the Speakers Bureau program is provided by a legislative grant from Montana's Cultural Trust and from NEH's "We the People" program.

## Graphic Lit

Missoula Public Library's newest department is forming a quarterly reading group that will meet on the last Wednesday of March, June, September, and December of the year.

However, our first meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15 at 7 pm in the Small Meeting Room, to help celebrate National Library Week. We will be discussing *Watchmen* by Alan Moore and we would like to hear your opinions on the book, the movie, graphic lit in general and how we can help you discover more in this wonderful format. Copies of *Watchmen* will be available for checkout at the Accounts desk.

## National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. Started in 1996, this month celebrates poetry and its important place in our culture. Attend one or all of these great poetry events:

- Kids Poetry Read Out – Grade school age kids can read their original poems. Starts at 3:30 pm on Thursday, April 16.
- Montana's Historic Poets – with guest speaker Tami Haaland on Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm.
- Teen Open Mic – Ages 13-18 can share their poetry at our open mic event on Thursday, April 23 at 4 pm, at eddie's coffeeshop on the lower level.

## Volunteers Wanted

Are you interested in doing some volunteering at the library? We're currently accepting volunteers to help run our summer reading programs. Help at children's crafts events, special programs, and book clubs. Most events require three hours of time. See the Children's Desk or call 721-2665 to sign up and receive a schedule before May 22.

## Books & Movies

### MPL Book Discussions

What happens when a self-proclaimed grump travels the world in search of the world's happiest places? Join in a discussion of *The Geography of Bliss* by National Public Radio correspondent Eric Weiner on Thursday, April 9 at 1 pm or Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm.

### 3rd Thursday Book Discussion

On April 16, join us in the Board Room at 7 pm to discuss *The Gathering* by Anne Enright. As the Hegarty clan gathers for the wake of their brother Liam who committed suicide, his sister Veronica remembers the secret he shared with her about what happened thirty years ago, a betrayal that spans three generations. For more information, call Clara at 251-5921.

### World Wide Cinema

*Eldorado*, a Belgium film in French with English subtitles, will be shown April 10 at 7 pm. It's the story of two loners, Yvan and Elie, as they try to find the pieces of a puzzle that they want to put back together-but is it too late?

### Afternoon Matinees

April 8—*The Women* a delightful comedy featuring Joan Crawford as a perfume counter girl having an affair with a married man. Divorce ensues, but is that the end?

April 22—*The Lady Eve* stars Barbara Stanwyck as part of a trio of con artists that chooses Henry Fonda for their pigeon, but she falls for him before the game is over.

Both films start at 2 pm. We'll save you a seat!

### Cheap Date Night

On April 17 at 7 pm Bond is back in the thrilling, action-packed adventure *Quantum of Solace* as he uncovers a conspiracy to take control of one of the world's most important natural resources. Doors open at 6:45 and the popcorn is free.

# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>April is National Poetry Month</b>						
			1	2	3	4
			10:30 am Tiny Tales 3:30 Game On!	10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers Group	10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers Group	11 am Family Storytime
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Storytime	10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm Talk Time	2 pm Afternoon Matinee: <i>The Women**</i>	9:30 Friends of MPL Board Mtg 10:30 am Tiny Tales 1 pm 2nd Thursday Book	10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers Group 7 pm World Wide Cin-	10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers Group 7 pm World Wide Cin-	11 am Family Storytime 2 pm Teen Book Group
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Library Closed</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b>	6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Storytime	10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm 2nd Tuesday Book Discussion**	4 pm Y.A.A.C. 5 pm Long Range Planning Mtg** 6 pm Library Board of Trustees Meeting 7 pm Graphic Lit	10:30 am Tiny Tales 3:30 pm Kids Poetry Read Out** 7 pm 3rd Thursday Book Group**	10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers Group 7 pm Cheap Date Night: <i>Quantum of Solace**</i>	11 am Family Storytime 4 pm Comic Workshop**
<b>National Library Week April 13—18, 2009**</b>						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
2 pm Explore the Night Sky**	6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Storytime	<b>Library Closed</b> <b>Staff Development</b>	2 pm Afternoon Matinee: <i>The Lady Eve**</i>	10:30 am Tiny Tales 4 pm Teen Open Mic	10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 4 pm Teen Writers Group	11 am Family Storytime
26	27	28	29	30		
6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Special Family Storytime**	10:30 am Tiny Tales	2 pm Morningstar Webinar**	10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm Socrates Café			

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## Kid's Corner

### El Dia de Los Ninos/ Dia de Los Libros

Missoula Public Library will celebrate El Dia de Los Ninos/El Dia de Los Libros in the Children's Department by hosting a bilingual Storytime on April 27 at 7 pm, May 1 at 10:30 am & May 2 at 11 am. Stories will be read in Spanish and English.

We will also offer a bilingual Tiny Tales program on Thursday April 30 at 10:30 am for babies and toddlers and their grown ups (held in the Large Meeting Room).

There will be a special display of books in the Children's Department for this celebration during April and May.

This annual event celebrates the joys and wonders of childhood and the importance of family literacy.

It brings together children, books, language and culture. Come and enjoy books, songs, and stories.

### Explore the Night Sky

Come celebrate the International Year of Astronomy at the Missoula Public Library! On April 19, from 2-3:30 pm, astronomy faculty and students from the University of Montana's Department of Physics and Astronomy will bring the Starlab Planetarium to the Missoula Public Library.

Ages 6 and up are invited to stargaze under the dark skies of the Planetarium dome, share stories about the night sky, make a star finder and learn how to use it, and explore the skies of the past, present, and future with powerful sky simulation software. Bring your questions, your curiosity, your sense of wonder, and imagination. We'll provide the activities and the stars!

### April Storytimes

March 30, April 3 & 4 Pizza  
April 6, 10 & 11 tba  
April 13, 17 & 18 Bike, Walk, Bus  
April 20, 24 & 25 tba  
April 27, May 1 & 2 Dia de Los Ninos

### YA Programs

Game On! Thursday, April 2, 3:30 pm.  
Attention *Twilight* fans: See the movie on Friday, April 3. Crafts and games at 6 pm. The movie starts at 7 pm. Free popcorn!  
YAAC Wednesday, April 8, 4 pm.  
Teen Book Club Saturday, April 11, 3 pm  
Poetry Open Mic Thursday, April 23, 4-6 pm  
Writers' Group, every Friday, 4 pm.

**Remember, teen events are only for ages 13-18!**