



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

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Friday 10am-6pm  
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### Inside 'Mockingbird' @ MPL February 5-13

Take a journey through Harper Lee's iconic novel of the South, "To Kill a Mockingbird," as Missoula Public Library hosts a week of events February 5-13. Enjoy any or all of these great programs:

**Talk about it:** Thursday, February 5, 7 pm. The first of many book discussions of the novel with UM American studies professor Jill Bergman.

**Screen the film:** Sunday, February 8, 1 pm. Screening of the film "To Kill a Mockingbird" with UM film studies professor John Glendening.

**Documentary screening:** Monday, February 9, 7 pm. Screening of the behind-the-scenes documentary "Fearful Symmetry: the Making of 'To Kill a Mockingbird'."

**Life of the author:** Tuesday, February 10, 6 pm. Discussion of the biography "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee"

by Charles Shields. Limited number of copies available for checkout.

**Inside the Great Depression: Economic Realities in 'To Kill a Mockingbird':** Tuesday, February 10, 7 pm. Interactive lecture with Claudia Durst Johnson, featuring Depression era jazz and blues by Maria McGrady and Matt Hisel.

**Midweek matinee:** "To Kill a Mockingbird" Wednesday, February 11, 2 pm.

**Inside a Girl's Story: Gender Transgression in 'To Kill a Mockingbird':** Wednesday, February 11, 7 pm. Lecture with Claudia Durst Johnson featuring poetry+prose jam by members of Missoula Respect Clubs.

**Life of the author:** Thursday, February 12, 1 pm. Discussion of the biography "Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee" by Charles Shields. Limited number of copies available for checkout.

**Inside the Gothic Tower: The Literary Heritage of 'To Kill a Mockingbird':**

Thursday, February 12, 7 pm. Interactive lecture with Claudia Durst Johnson featuring a sampling of Southern cuisine with Doug Smith of the Good Food Store.

**Jim Crow in Territorial Montana:** Friday, February 13, 12 pm. Brown bag, multi media presentation with Montana historian Barbara Behan.

Our branches in Frenchtown and Seeley Lake will also host a variety of book discussions of "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The library is giving away 300 copies of "To Kill a Mockingbird," donated by Fact and Fiction bookstore. The goal is to encourage the reading of a classic while sharing a communal experience and starting dialogues on the novel's timeless themes.

### MPL Book Discussions

*Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee* is the first book ever written about the mys-

terious author of the classic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Journalist Charles J. Shields drew upon over 600 interviews plus correspondence and the personal papers of Truman Capote to

write this inside look at the life of Harper Lee. Join in a discussion of *Mockingbird* on Tuesday, February 10 at **6:00 pm**. (note time change this month!) and Thursday, February 12 at 1 pm.

## New Writing Contest!

Missoula is full of writers. Authors of all ages slave over their fiction and non-fiction masterpieces. But what do you do when you're done? To help, the library is preparing to host its first-ever Writing Contest.

The contest will be broken into a variety of age divisions from 6-10, 11-14, 15-18, and 19 plus. Participants can submit one fiction entry and one non-fiction entry, with submissions being no longer than 2,000 words.

Sorry, we're not accepting poetry for this contest – but watch for special National Poetry Month events in April.

All contest entries must be received at the library by 5 pm on Sunday, March 15. You may start dropping off entries February 1.

The library thanks our local judges who are professional writers, editors, teachers, and booksellers.

Judges, writers and fans are invited to the awards ceremony planned for Sunday, May 3, where we'll distribute the first place prize of \$100, second place prize of \$50, and third place prize of \$25 for each age group.

The library plans to create a book of all entries received so everybody can enjoy our local talent.

To join the contest, stop by the library and ask for an entry form, which must accompany all submissions

## Afternoon Matinees

In conjunction with our event series on *To Kill a Mockingbird*, on February 11 at 2 pm, we will be showing the 1962 film starring Gregory Peck. Atticus Finch defends a black man against an undeserved rape charge and his kids against prejudice.

February 25 will bring the 1938 comedy, *You Can't Take It With You*, starring Jean Arthur, Lionel Barrymore and James Stewart. This two-time Oscar winner from Frank Capra is based on the Pulitzer Prize winning play by Kaufmann and Hart.

We'll save a seat for you!

## Open House

We've had a lot of changes at the library in the past year. Now that our redesign project is complete, we're ready to celebrate with an Open House on Thursday, February 5, from 5 to 7 pm.

Stop in to see all the great new services at the library, and to rediscover where everything is.

Our Open House includes guided tours, demonstrations, door prizes, and more.

The project, which started just over one year ago, aimed at making materials more easily browsed, getting materials to the shelves more quickly, and providing more accessible staff to help you find what you want.

The project was designed by Oz Architects and implemented by D. Lower Construction Inc., both Missoula companies.

## Cheap Date Night

The February 20 Cheap Date Night movie will be *Mamma Mia!*

Filled with the music of ABBA, Meryl Streep leads an all-star cast, including Pierce Brosnan and Colin Firth in this musical celebration of mothers, daughters and fathers, and true loves lost and new ones found.

Mamma Mia! is 109 minutes long and is rated PG-13. Parking lot doors will open at 6:45 pm. The popcorn is free.

## 3rd Thursday Book Group

In *The Sweet Hereafter*, Russell Banks tells a story that begins with a school bus accident. Using four different narrators, Banks creates a small-town morality play that addresses one of life's most agonizing questions: When the worst thing happens, who do you blame?

Join the group on Thursday February 19 at 7 pm in the Board Room. For more information, call Clara at 251-5921.

## World Wide Cinema

*The Pope's Toilet* will be premiering at World-Wide Cinema on Friday, February 13 at 7 pm in the Large Meeting Room.

Set in the Uruguayan town of Melo, on the Brazilian border, where people are awaiting the visit of Pope John Paul II, *The Pope's Toilet* is the alternately touching, humorous and poignant story of human dignity and solidarity. The 97 minute movie is in Spanish with English subtitles.

World-Wide Cinema is intended for mature audiences, due to adult themes, language and sexual content. Doors open at 6:45 pm on the lower level of the library.

## Adult Story Time at Library

Reading out loud isn't just for kids. Join author Debra Earling for an Adult Story Time on Wednesday, February 25, at 7 pm. at Missoula Public Library. Earling will read from some of her favorites, and everyone can share their best picks.

The Adult Story Time is part of Missoula Public Library's Adult Winter Reading Program. Open to ages 18 and older, the program offers monthly programs and prizes for reading – including a raffle drawing at each event. Stop by the library's Reference desk to get an entry form.

The Adult Winter Reading Program is sponsored by eddie's coffee shop @ the Missoula Public Library, Montana Tea & Spice, Moose B' Mornin, and High Octane Espresso.

## Talk Time

An informal conversation group for English language learners, Talk Time is an opportunity for non-native speakers to practice speaking English, meet new people and have fun!

Join TEFL certified facilitator Adam Hart on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the Small Meeting Room beginning Tuesday, February 3.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 YA Café - all week long	2 6 pm Scrabble 7 pm Family Storytime	3 10:30 am Tiny Tales 7 pm Talk Time**	4	5 10:30 am Tiny Tales 5 p.m. Open House** 7 pm Talk About Group	6 10:30 am Tiny Tales & Preschool Storytime 3:30 pm Game On! 4 pm Teen Writers Group	7 11 am Family Sto- rytime
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## Kid's Corner

### February Storytime Themes

February 2, 6, & 7: Who's your  
pet?

February 9, 13, & 14: We're the  
Same – We're Different!

February 20 & 21: Hibernation

February 23, 27, & 28: Bird  
Feeders

### Seussentennial +5

Birthday Party for Dr. Seuss

What: A Birthday Party for Dr.  
Seuss who would have been 105 on  
March 2nd

Where: Missoula Public Library  
Children's Department

When: Sunday March 1, 2-3:30pm

Who: Everyone!

We will have games, stories,  
crafts, refreshments, prizes and  
lots of fun!

Sponsored by the America Reads,  
America Counts program at the  
University of Montana

### Create a Special Valentine

Saturday, February 14 from  
2 – 4 pm make a Valentine for  
your special someone.

All materials  
will be  
provided but  
you are  
welcome to  
bring other  
items to create  
a signature  
card. This is a drop-in program in  
the Children's Department.

Parents are encouraged to bring  
their children for a memorable  
afternoon.



### Young Adult programs for

**February:** Ages 13-18 only

**Game On!** Friday, February 6,  
3:30 pm – play video games on the  
big screen.

**YAAC** Wednesday, February 11,  
4 pm – join the Young Adult  
Advisory Council and help us plan  
events, organize the teen room,  
and have fun with friends.

**Teen Book Club** Saturday,  
February 14, 3 pm – pick up cop-  
ies of this month's book "To Kill a  
Mockingbird" at the YA desk.

**Chocolate Fest** Saturday,  
February 14, 4 pm – chocolate,  
chocolate, chocolate – need we say  
more?

**Writers' Group** every Friday,  
4 pm – share your writing and  
hear what other teens are doing.

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