

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

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## It was a Great 2005!

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### Library Hours:

Monday 10am-

9pm

Tuesday 10am-

9pm

Wednesday 10am-

9pm

Thursday 10am-

9pm

Friday 10am-

6pm

Saturday 10am-

6pm

Sunday 1pm-

5pm

Closed Legal Holidays

### Library Board:

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A new year means more chances to enjoy all that the Missoula Public Library has to offer. If it has been a while since you have visited us, or if you are new to the area, please note that you are welcome seven days a week and that the library is ever changing. We look forward to serving you in the future.

In the past year Missoula Public Library has had the pleasure of welcoming our new director, Honore Bray, as well as a few new staff members. The mission of our entire staff remains to put information first. As librarians as well as library patrons we strive to offer the entire Missoula community access to the most viable and current sources available.

In 2005 some exciting advancements were made to improve the library experience. The improvement of our internet stations allows for sixteen patrons to access the internet at any given time. This includes ten adult internet stations, four in the Young Adult department and two game computers in the Children's Department with internet availability. It has taken time and patience on the part of patrons, staff and our talented computer tech, but we are pleased with the results from our SAM system.

In addition, we offer wireless internet throughout the library and fifteen online catalog computers. MPL staff is pleased to assist patrons as they learn how to place their own holds, request interlibrary loans and place renewals with any of our partner libraries across Montana through our website [www.missoula.lib.mt.us](http://www.missoula.lib.mt.us).

Recently, a few aesthetic improvements have been made at the library including our new and improved YA room. Thanks to our resident artist and funds allocated to the YA area, it has received a beautiful new open air office and computer lab with work space for six computers. By making the YA environment more attractive to teens, we welcome them to spend leisure time at the library with friends and take advantage of an array of free teen programming.

In the Children's Department, another Tiny Tales program was added to the bustling schedule. In addition to our other Tiny Tales programs for birth to three year olds and Storytimes for three to six year olds, this Tiny Tales is held Thursday afternoons at 2:00. It was instituted at the request of patrons looking for more flexibility in their already action packed days. The youth services department is proud to serve an average of four hundred individuals every month with early literacy advocacy programs.

The annual Friends of the Missoula Public Library book sale managed to raise an excellent sum of donations for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. The Friends as well as our board of directors and volunteers continue to be a backbone of support for many of the efforts of MPL and we thank them heartily.

The Audra Browman room in the Adult Department is a busy place. If you haven't visited it, it is worth the trip. Each day, Missoulians and out of towners alike take advantage of the wealth of materials provided in this room devoted to Montana history and genealogy. Folk interested in family history and Montana minutia may access death records, the *Missoulian* newspaper on microfilm and unique literary works.

There is indeed "Something for everyone @ your library". From our catalogers, circulation staff and every other department of the Missoula Public Library, we look forward to seeing you at the library. Have a very Happy New Year!

## World-Wide Cinema: "Anytown, USA"

This month's film chosen from World-Wide Cinema selections is an American documentary titled **Anytown, USA**. The independent film offers a look at the charade of partisan politics on a local level and follows a tightly-run mayoral race in small town Bogota, NJ where two of the three candidates are legally blind. The movie tells the story of the 2003 campaign that takes unexpected, and heart-breaking, twists and turns.

"It's a microcosm of the national political scene," said director Kristian Fraga, whose film won the emerging filmmakers best documentary award in Minneapolis. "We hope when people see it, they'll pay attention to the importance of voting."

The show airs on Friday, February 10. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. (lower level by the parking lot) with the movie starting at 7 p.m. For more information call 721-2665.

## Basic Estate Planning Workshop

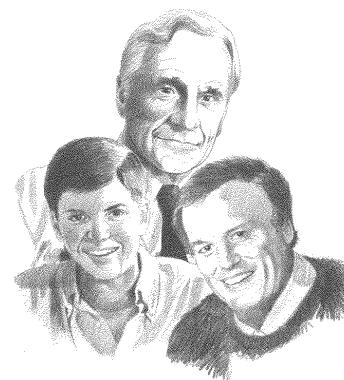
The Missoula Public Library is teaming up with the Missoula County Extension Office to bring a great presentation to Missoula. Marsha Getting, from the MSU Extension office will be providing two presentations about Basic Estate Planning. This is a very useful workshop for anyone who plans on dying sometime in the future, distant or otherwise. This workshop is not just for the retired, it's for all of us.

We are very lucky to have Marsha Getting here for this program. She has been presenting these workshops since 1997 and has received state and national awards for these programs.

This two hour workshop will be presented twice on Wednesday, February 8. It's the same program so you only need attend one of them. It will be at the Missoula Public Library starting at 1:30 in the afternoon in the Large Meeting

Room. It will be presented again at the Extension office meeting room at 6:30 PM. The extension office is at 2825 Santa Fe Court, a few blocks from the corner of Mullan and Reserve.

There are a lot of things we need do to prepare ourselves for the Great Beyond. This is one of the more mundane things, but its one our families will greatly appreciate our tending to. We'll see you there. At the meeting, that is.



## Third Thursday Book Discussion:

Thursday, February 16th, the group will be reading **Envy**, by Sandra Brown. Everyone is invited to read the book and attend the discussion. For more information, call Clara Erickson at 251-5921.

## Food For Fines

During the week of February 12-19, you can have your fines forgiven.

Simply return your overdue materials, bring in some non-perishable foods, and we will waive your fines.

All of the food will be donated to the Missoula Food Bank.

Lost or damaged materials are not included in Food for Fines.

## ReferenceUSA Workshop

Planning a business?

Want to market your business?

Missoula Public Library has added a new database ReferenceUSA Business database that is designed to help you find information on over 13 million businesses in the US.

You can search for type of business, numbers of employees, locations,

parent companies, and lots more.

An expert from the Omaha-based Information USA will be at the Missoula Public Library on Monday, February 6th at 7p.m. to introduce everyone to the new database.

Come join us!

For more information call 721-2665.





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## Children's Corner

### Create a Special Valentine

Would you like to learn how to make a pop-up Valentine?

Come join us Saturday afternoon, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for this fun art project. Tables will be set up in the lobby downstairs, where we will show you how to make different pop-up cards or you can design your own.

We will provide all necessary materials to make these cards. However, if you would like to bring some special lace, glitter or stickers, please feel free to do so.

This is a drop-in program, and we

encourage you to stop by with your children to make a special card, and enjoy some refreshments. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Children's Department at 721-2665.



### Heartfelt Jokes!

Q: Why is lettuce the most loving vegetable?

A: Because it's all heart.

Q: What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day?

A: Forget-me-nuts.

Q: What did the letter say to the stamp?

A: You send me.

Q: What did the stamp say to the envelope?

A: I'm stuck on you.

Q: What is a vampire's sweetheart called?

A: His ghoul-friend.

Q: Why did the banana go out with the prune?

A: Because it couldn't get a date.

Q: What is a ram's favorite song?

A: I only have eyes for ewe, Dear

Q: Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?

A: Sure, they're very scent-imental!

Q: What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream?

A: "I'm sweet on you!"

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valentiny!

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