



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

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50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education

Celebrate a Half-Century of Civil Rights @ Your Library

Monday, May 17 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's historic decision in the Brown v. Board of Education case.

Arguably the most significant American court case of the twentieth-century, the Brown decision involving a schoolgirl in Topeka, Kansas, is regarded by many as the beginning of the modern civil rights movement—a struggle that continues today.

To commemorate and celebrate the anniversary, the Missoula Public Library Foundation is sponsoring a series of forums designed to explore the historic significance of the Brown decision and to illuminate key areas of focus in the current fight for equal rights in America and Montana.

In addition, the Library's lower-level display area will be featuring displays commemorating the Brown decision and other

important landmarks in the fight for civil rights, as well as items from various Montana organizations involved with equal rights issues.

All of the programs are free of charge and will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Library's Large Meeting Room.



We hope that you will find time to come to as many of these exciting events as possible.

The program schedule is as follows:

May 17—Brown at Age Fifty: An Overview

The panelists are:

Pat Williams, former US Representative, currently Senior Fellow, Center for the Rocky Mountain West
Linda McCullough, Montana Superintendent of Public Instruction
Ken Toole, Co-Director,

Montana Human Rights Network

May 18—Gay Rights: Now is the Time

The panelists are:

Karl Olson, Executive Director, Pride! Inc. of Montana
Betty Kijewski, Montana Human Rights Network
Rev. Jean Larson, University of Montana Campus Lutheran Ministry

May 19—Native Americans and Integration

The panelists are:

Ray Cross, Professor, University of Montana School of Law
Janet Robedeaux, Montana People's Action
Joey Jayne, Attorney, Arlee, MT, member of the Montana Legislature

May 20—How Separate Became Inherently Unequal: Brown v. Board of Education

Michael S. Mayer, Professor, Department of History, University of Montana, will present a lecture on the history of the decision of Brown v. Board of Education and its impact on civil rights.

Family Reading Program: Discover New Trails @ Your Library!

It's time to start thinking about your summer reading! Our Children's Department is planning great programs for school age children and wonderful storytimes for those who are not yet in school.

This year our theme is: Discover New Trails @ Your Library. We have a great colorful folder for you to keep track of your reading so that you can earn your prizes.

One change this year, for those of us who are over 18, we will receive a different prize than the under-18 readers when we finish the third level.

The Family Reading Program starts on June 1 and goes through August 31. The last day to pick up your folders is August 20. Remember, every one is welcome to participate no matter how young or how old.

The Summer Activity Programs for the school age kids will be held on Tuesdays from June 15 through July 27. Some of the programs will require picking up a free ticket on the day of the program.

Last year 2,486 people of all ages participated in the Family Reading Program. Let's beat that number this summer!



Promise You Won't Freak Out!

Meet teen author Natalie Fuller and her mother Doris as they discuss their brand-new, hot off the press

book, *Promise You Won't Freak Out*, at the Library on Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in our new Children's Programming Area.

In the book, a teenager tells her mom the truth about boys, booze, body-piercing and other touchy subjects (and mom responds).

According to brother Greg, "...Natalie delivers a candid insider look at the typical teen life. Miraculously, Mom lives to tell the story—so far."

Parents, listen as the authors share the successful tactics that have allowed them to turn their most heart sinking moments into opportunities for parent-child growth and bonding. Find out what your kids are facing in today's scary world.

Teens, let your parents see all the things you are up against. Learn from Natalie, Greg and Doris how to open up about the important stuff in your life, and find out why it freaks your parents out.

Signed copies of the new book will be available for purchase and refreshments will be served.

Our thanks to Fact & Fiction for bringing these enlightening authors to Missoula.

Volunteers' Breakfast To Be Held on May 8th

Every year the Missoula Public Library recognizes the work of our wonderful volunteers at a Breakfast held here at the Library.

This year the Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m. in the Large Meeting Room.

As part of the Breakfast, the volunteers are acknowledged and thanked for all of their dedication and hard work. Each volunteer receives a gift and then may check out a new book that has a bookplate with their name noting their service to the Library.

The highlight of the Breakfast is the announcement of our Volunteer of the Year! But it's a secret for now. Look for next month's Newsletter to learn who is our new Volunteer of the Year!

If you're a current volunteer and you haven't received your invitation, please call Christine at 721-2665.

2004 Treasure State Winner Announced!

Montana children in grades kindergarten through third grade selected *The Three Little Dinosaurs* by Jim Harris (Pelican Publishing, 1999), as the 2004 Treasure State Award Winner. Nearly 3500 kids in Montana loved this variation of a favorite nursery tale featuring three young dinosaurs who are beleaguered by a "big bad" tyrannosaurus rex.

Basic Internet Classes

The Library will be offering two basic classes on using the Internet in May. On Wednesday May 5, you can learn about the Internet and how to use a browser. On Wednesday, May 12, we will have a class on basic webmail.

Both classes start at 9:00 a.m. and we ask that you pre-register for the classes by either stopping by the Information Desk at the Library or by calling 721-2665. Participants will meet at the lower level entrance (by the parking lot) at 9 for admittance to the library. We will check again at 9:05 for any latecomers. Class size is limited to 10.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Storytime 7 pm	4 Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	5 Basic Internet Class 9 a.m.* MPL Foundation Bd Mtg Noon	6 Friends of MPL Board Mtg - 9:30 a.m. Tiny Tales 10:30 a.m.	7 Storytime 10:30 a.m.	8 Volunteers' Breakfast 8:30 a.m.*
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Library Closed
Memorial Day

*Read more about this in the Newsletter!

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Cowboy UP, Partners!



Beginning May 10, 2004 there will be **New checkout periods @ Missoula Public Library.**

Old: 7 day checkout (7 day grace period)

NEW: 10 DAY CHECKOUT – NO GRACE PERIOD

Old: 3 week checkout (7 day grace period)

NEW: 4 WEEK CHECKOUT – NO GRACE PERIOD

Missoula Public Library is becoming a **PARTNER** with three other libraries in western Montana. Missoula Public Library patrons will be able to use their library cards and place holds on items at:

- ✓ Flathead County Library (main library in Kalispell plus 4 branches)
 - ✓ Bitterroot Public Library – Hamilton
 - ✓ Hearst Free Library – Anaconda
 - ✓ Missoula Public Library + 2 branches
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