



## our mission

**To focus public attention on the Missoula Public Library and its branches and their needs;**

**To increase their facilities and services;**

**To enrich the cultural lives of Missoula area citizens with community events and activities for all.**



## projects funded by the Friends

- Airport Little Free Library
- Creative Bug website hosting
- Family Reading program
- Senior Outreach
- MakerSpace printers
- Poetry workshops
- Children's and Young Adult programs
- Large Type books
- Remote book drops
- Special events
- Staff celebrations
- National Library Week events
- Lawyers for Libraries
- Missoula Reads
- Volunteer celebrations
- Shelving
- Photocopiers
- Staff Room improvements



## the friends of missoula public library

**EST. APRIL 28, 1969**

### MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

455 E Main St, Missoula MT 59802  
missoulapubliclibrary.org  
(406) 721-2665

### Big Sky Branch

Big Sky High School, Missoula

### Frenchtown Branch

Frenchtown High School, Frenchtown

### Lolo Branch

Lolo Community School, Lolo

### Potomac Branch

29750 Potomac Road, Potomac

### Seeley Lake Branch

Seeley-Swan High School, Seeley

### Swan Valley Branch

6811 Highway 83, Condon

### WOW Bus Mobile Branch

Tech outreach throughout Missoula County

# book sale & appraisal fair

The **Friends Book Sale** is our largest fundraiser. Bibliophiles find books and media for sale — new, used, antique, and assorted — every day at the library. Friends volunteers work throughout the year sorting and stacking materials that have been donated or withdrawn from the Library's collection.

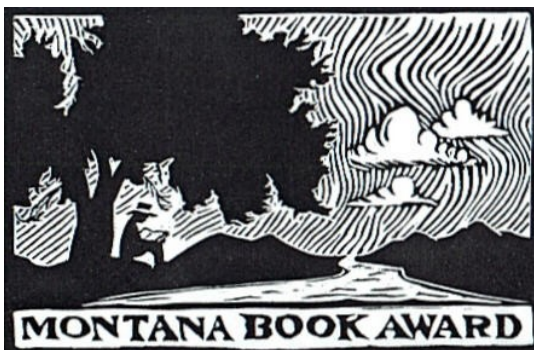
Our **Appraisal Fair** occurs each April. Appraisers from across Montana determine values of heirlooms and collectables for a reasonable fee.

# book discussions

Once a month the **Second Wednesday Book Club** discusses a new book.

This program is made possible by the Friends of MPL. They purchase multiple copies of the selected titles and provide them for Book Club members at cost. Call the Library at 406-721-2665 if you're interested in this active and exciting book discussion group.

The Friends also sponsor Book Chat Bags — book group kits that can be checked out and include multiple copies of a single title and a discussion guide.



In 2001 the Friends of Missoula Public Library decided that Montana needed a book award in order to recognize literary and artistic excellence. Montana is home to a large number of astounding writers and honoring some of them each year brings attention to their work and their craft, attracts readers, and promotes great literature. With representation from all parts of the state, the Montana Book Award achieved immediate success as eloquently described below by Diane Smith, winner of the first Montana Book Award, in her acceptance speech:

*"... the Montana Book Award has done all Montanans a great service ... it's a subtle but very important form of economic development, for the writing profession brings money into the state and, in the process, leaves a very small environmental footprint. And, writing is a profession in which, unlike the industries of the past, the rewards of the worker's labor stay in the state, and the product these workers produce enriches us all. Anything we can do as a community to encourage, support and recognize our writers —and give them voice— is greatly needed. When the Missoula Friends of the Library and others in the state publicly recognize our work, and announce that our work has 'value,' it helps all of us broaden and deepen our audience, and ultimately gives us a platform to affect the kinds of change we would like to see."*

## be a friend

It's easy to become a Friend and support our Missoula Public Library. Just fill out this form, mail it, or drop off at The Store at MPL.

For more information about gifts and memorials, contact the Director of Missoula Public Library.

### I would like to become a Friend of MPL with the following status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New             | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/Student \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$15        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$50  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron \$250       |

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