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# Spring 2022 Guide

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# Spring 2022 | Welcome!

## WELCOME SLAVEN LEE — MPL'S NEW LIBRARY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



On April 4, Slaven Lee takes the helm of Missoula Public Library. Lee comes to us by way of Austin Public Library, Texas, and has held leadership roles in large, complex library systems serving rural and urban communities, including the King County Library System, Washington, and Queens Public Library, New York City.

According to MPL Board of Trustees Chair Audra Loyal, "in Slaven the board has found a passionate, committed and inspiring leader who is dedicated to diversity, equity, inclusion, and creating positive change. We're fortunate to have her join Missoula's cherished Missoula community."

Lee states that she is "thrilled and honored to be MPL's next leader. The staff are exceptional, the community and partners are highly engaged, the new building creates so much opportunity, and the branches reach patrons beyond downtown. I look forward to working with great library advocates."

Lee holds a bachelor's degree in communication and media studies from Ohio University, a master's in library and information science from Emporia State University, and is currently enrolled in the public administration certificate program at the University of Montana.

Originally from rural Ohio, Lee has family in the Bitterroot Valley, a partner from Missoula, and is personally invested in providing outstanding library services in our region. She loves hiking, spending time with her dogs and cooking.

Lee succeeds Honore Bray, who has served as MPL's Library Director since 2006. During her time at MPL Bray has set the bar high for library services in Montana, and leaves Missoula an incredible legacy of collaboration, partnership, and innovation.



## GARDENING, FORAGING, & FOOD

### Mushroom Identification with Larry Evans

Cooper Room B

Wed 3/16/2022 6:00-7:30 PM

In partnership with Western MT Mycological Assoc, this program promotes mycoliteracy, mushroom taxonomy and safety with Missoula's biggest mushroom nerds. Explore mushroom anatomy, and learn to I.D. different species using keys and field guides. Larry Evans is a prolific mushroom hunter, field guide author, teacher, cultivator, event organizer in the Rockies, Pacific Northwest, and abroad, and a founder of the Western MT Mycological Association.

### Amateur Mycologist Mushroom Identification

Location: Cooper Room B

Mon 5/2/2022 6:00-7:30 PM

In partnership with Western MT Mycological Assoc, this program promotes mycoliteracy, mushroom taxonomy and safety with Missoula's biggest mushroom nerds. Explore mushroom anatomy, and learn to I.D. different species using keys and field guides. Western MT Mycological Assoc board members Cathryn Raan and Sydney Morical are passionate teachers on foraging, food, crafts, medicines, and land-based resiliency.

### Seed Swap with Five Valleys Seed Library

Cooper A/B

Sat 3/19/2022 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Learn about seeds and gardening when MPL hosts the annual Five Valleys Seed Library Seed Swap. The event will include a variety of gardening resources from local experts and vendors, including free seeds available for you to take home. Seeds to trade or share are welcome; bring your saved seed from last year's harvest to help keep this awesome program going. In addition to the seed swap there will be kids' activities and two free mini-workshops: Basic Seed Saving with Paul Buck at 10:15 AM; and Medicinal Herbs in Cooking with Lori Elliott at 11:30 AM. House plant swaps and plant/gardening books trades also welcome. For more information contact Nicole Sullivan at (425) 577-0866 or message FiveValleysSeedLibrary on Facebook.

### MSU Master Gardener Level 1 Class Series

MPL hosts the MSU/Missoula County Extension Master Gardener Level 1 Class Series — 10 hands-on lessons in plant biology, soils, backyard trees, ornamentals, vegetables, fruits, and pest management. *Registration is closed for this series.* Watch upcoming program guides or contact the MSU Extension Office for class offerings.  
Thu 3/3/2022 "Fruit and Berries Production"  
Thu 3/10/2022 "Managing Weeds, Wildlife in Gardens"  
Thu 3/17/2022 "Irrigation Systems"  
Thu 3/24/2022 "Tree Care: Planting, Maintenance"  
Thu 3/31/2022 "Integrated Pest Management"

# Adults and All Ages | Spring 2022

## **Model Matza Bakery with Chabad Jewish Center of Missoula**

Demonstration Kitchen  
Sun 3/27/2022 1:00-2:00 PM  
Sun 3/27/2022 3:00-4:00 PM

MPL partners with the Chabad Jewish Center of Missoula to offer this engaging program. Join Rochi and Rabbi Chezky Vogle, dress in baker's hats, and experience the 18-minute journey of the Matza from threshing the wheat stalks to watching fresh Matza pop right out of the oven. This hands-on program will provide an interesting peek into a culture that is unfamiliar to some, and strengthen our community's unity through diversity. Space is limited in 2 demonstration sessions and registration is required. Register here <https://modelmatzabakery.eventbrite.com>. Masks are required to participate in this program.

## **Community Cooking @ the Library: Generations Cooking 2gether**

Demonstration Kitchen  
Thu 3/3/2022 12:00-1:30 PM  
Tue 3/8/2022 6:00-7:30 PM

In this class younger and older participants cook together – all ages welcome! We'll make pancakes and explore the delicious combination of sweet and savory. Classes held on the first Thursday of the month at noon, repeated on the second Tuesday at 6 PM, and also posted on our YouTube channel.

## **Community Cooking @ the Library: Eat Your Weeds!**

Demonstration Kitchen  
Thu 4/7/2022 12:00-1:30 PM  
Tue 4/12/2022 6:00-7:30 PM

Explore the edible plants found right in your own backyard with Missoula County Extension plant specialist Sandy Perrin. We'll make a delicious Wild Urban salad with homemade vinaigrette and pineapple weed cookies. Classes held on the first Thursday of the month at noon, repeated on the second Tuesday at 6 PM, and also posted on our YouTube channel.

## **Community Cooking @ the Library: The Power of Purple in Your Diet**

Location: Demonstration Kitchen  
Tue 5/10/2022 6:00-7:30 PM  
Thu 5/5/2022 12:00-1:30 PM

Purple fruits and vegetables are often rich in healthy antioxidants called anthocyanins, a beneficial addition to most diets. Kelly shows us how to make a delicious and nutritious forbidden rice bowl containing purple ingredients. Classes held on the first Thursday of the month at noon, repeated on the second Tuesday at 6 PM, and also posted on our YouTube channel.

## **Taming the Wild with Chef Sunny Jin**

Demonstration Kitchen  
Sun 5/1/2022 2:00-3:00 PM

Join Chef Sunny for this seasonal guide to common wild edibles in our region and learn to bring Montana's backyard into your home kitchen.

## **MEMORY CAFE**

Activities for individuals experiencing memory loss, their caregivers, and family.

## **Telescopes with the Western Montana Astronomical Society**

Blackfoot Boardroom  
Tue 3/8/2022 2:00-3:00 PM

Amateur astronomer Nick Wethington will show his hand-made telescope. Learn how mirrors are ground and shaped from a disc of glass, polished and coated into a telescope mirror. Bring your questions about astronomy!

## **Bamboo Bodies**

Location: Cooper Room A/B  
Tue 4/12/2022 2:00-3:00 PM

Angi McClure with Bamboo Bodies will lead us in a movement-based session. This class will challenge what you think you know about your body as explore your strengths and mindfulness through movement.

## **Gardening with the MUD Tool Library**

Cooper Room A/B  
Tue 5/10/2022 2:00-3:00 PM

Missoula's MUD Tool Library (Missoula Urban Demonstration Project) presents this program on gardening. We will discuss gardening and each have the chance to plant our own seeds to take home and watch grow.

## **TUESDAY YOGA @ THE LIBRARY**

Location: Cooper Room A  
Every Tue 6:30-7:30 PM

End your Tuesdays right with yoga! Instructor Kristen Stoeger will introduce 4-part yoga postures (integrating breath work, mindful movement, meditation, and gratitude) that promote flexibility. Emphasis is on basic skills, simplicity, repetition, ease of movement. Relaxation and balance are achieved through a circuit of the range of motion, standing/sitting postures, twists, folds, and hip openers. Beginners welcome. Bring your own mat or use one that is provided. Face masks are required during this class. Sign a liability waiver prior to the session by downloading and printing it or fill out a copy before class begins. Liability waiver (PDF) is at <https://tinyurl.com/5f5h4jvw> or visit MPL's website for the link. Space limited, online registration is required at <https://registerfortuesdayyoga.eventbrite.com>.



# Spring 2022 | Adults and All Ages

## HISTORY & CULTURE



### Family History Scavenger Hunt

Virtual, March 1-31, 2022

Celebrate Women's History Month with a genealogy scavenger hunt. Every Friday in March, registered participants receive a research clue via email; and have until 5:00 p.m. the following Thursday to use free, online resources to complete the hunt and answer questions about what you discover. For each correct response, your name will be entered for a chance to win a FREE copy of the book *Practical Genealogy: 50 Simple Steps to Research Your Diverse Family History* by Brian Sheffey. The scavenger hunt is open to cardholders of MPL and its branches. Valid email address required to participate. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/253711837937>

### Women's Oral History Interviews Open Hours

MCAT Podcast Room; Every Mon in March 4:00-7:00 PM

Discover the history of the women in your life by recording an interview with a grandmother, aunt, cousin, friend, or neighbor and learn more about their stories. Use one of MCAT's podcast rooms and equipment to record and preserve this important personal history. Open hours Mondays from 4-7 PM at MCAT on Level One.

### Reading Between the Lines: A Sampling of Women's Diaries, Reminiscences & Oral Histories in Montana Historical Society Collections

Cooper Room A; Sat 3/5/2022 2:00-3:00 PM

Women are vital to Montana's history. From personal manuscripts to blog posts, oral histories to community cookbooks, the Historical Society holds a vast collection of women's stories. Presenter Zoe Ann Stoltz explores the variety of sources and promotes public access to these treasures. As Reference Historian for MHS, Zoe Ann has a passion for the people and history of Montana, including regional foodways, and livestock brand records.

### Looking like the Enemy: Alien Detention Center Era at Fort Missoula

Cooper Room A/B; Fri 3/25/2022 7:00-9:00 PM

This 4HistoryBuffs program, presented by Emma Sieh, explores experiences of men held at Ft Missoula after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and what it means to have one's loyalty questioned. During WWII, Ft Missoula was turned over to the Dept of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service for use as an Alien Detention Center. 1941-1944, the center held 1200 non-military Italian men, 1000 Japanese resident aliens, and many others.

### History of the Bison Range: A 4HistoryBuffs Program

Cooper Room B  
Fri 5/20/2022 7:00-9:00 PM

Brian Upton provides an overview of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes' relationship and history with the National Bison Range and its bison herd. The documentary "In the Spirit of Atatice: The Untold Story of the National Bison Range" will be shown; Q & A will follow.

### History of the Flathead Lake Biological Station: A 4HistoryBuffs Program

Cooper Room A/B  
Fri 4/29/2022 7:00-9:00 PM

Tom Bansak shares the regional endeavors and impacts of Morton Elrod, UM's first biology professor and pioneer naturalist. Tom is a freshwater ecologist at the UM Flathead Lake Biological Station and currently serves as its Associate Director and resident historian. Starting at FLBS in 1996 as a graduate studying river ecology, Tom has been active in the battle against Aquatic Invasive Species.

### Western Montana Genealogical Society

Blackfoot Room  
Tue 3/8/2022 6:30-8:00 PM  
Tue 5/10/2022 6:30-8:00 PM

The Western Montana Genealogical Society meets at MPL on the 2nd Tuesdays of September, November, January, March, and May in the Blackfoot Room. Join the members of this group for general genealogy discussions and tips on making your family history research more productive.

### Genealogical Society Work Days

Blackfoot Room  
Sat 3/12/2022 12:00-4:00 PM  
Sat 4/9/2022 12:00-4:00 PM  
Sat 5/14/2022 12:00-4:00 PM

The Western Montana Genealogical Society hosts a Work Day in the Blackfoot Room of the library on the second Saturday of each month. Bring a part of your genealogical project to the gathering. Others will be working on their projects, can lend a hand if needed, and share websites and advice on research problems.

### MCAT's Memory Media Workshop

Sun 5/8/2022 2:00-4:00 PM

Learn to scan and restore old photos from prints or negatives. Workshop size is limited, registration is required.

## ONCE UPON A SYMPHONY

### Once Upon a Symphony: Meet the Composer

Blackfoot Rm, Sat 4/28/2022 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

The Library Foundation collaborates with the Missoula Symphony Orchestra to bring the musical journey "Once Upon A Symphony" to the Library. In this free community talk, Chicago-based composer James Stephenson shares his creative process and passion for music education.



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## APRIL IS POETRY MONTH

### National Poetry Month Kickoff Reading

Cooper Room B, Mon 4/4/2022 6:00-7:30 PM

Humor has the power to disarm. Humor in poetry isn't just for kids, limericks or dusty bawdy tales—good humor like good poetry, it's for everyone. Because at the core of a funny poem lives empathy. We need laughter. We need poetry. So this Poetry Month, let's gather at the Library, celebrate, laugh and maybe even cry. Helping us kick things off is hometown poetic hero, humorist, and the Montana Poet Laureate—Mark Gibbons. Gibbons and other local poets will read their humor-inspired verse and other favorite poems of wit and wisdom.

### Poetry Writing Workshop with Robert Lee

Cooper Room B, Sat 4/9/2022 1:00-4:00 PM

Not all poems with humor require a laugh, some might even make you cry from the humanness, our collective humanness. In this adult-minded writing workshop, Missoula poet and Writing Collaborative teacher Robert Lee will guide you in your own work to deliver a poem of wit and wisdom.

### Poetry Writing Workshop with Sheryl Noethe

Cooper Room B, Sat 4/23/2022 12:00-2:00 PM

An afternoon of laughter and all the feelings through reading and writing poetry with former MT Poet Laureate and Missoula Writing Collaborative Artistic Director Sheryl Noethe. This workshop is great for the young and the young at heart. Sheryl has published five collections and is the recipient of several awards including the Montana Arts Council's 2021 Artist Innovation Award. For a sample of her poetry click here: <https://art.mt.gov/PDFs/aia2021samples/SherylNoethe.pdf>

### National Poetry Month Celebration Culmination Reading

Cooper Room B, Mon 4/25/2022 6:00-7:30 PM

Join MPL and a cast of local poets, as we close out National Poetry Month with a reading open to all. Bring your work, or your favorite work by another. With humbleness in our hearts and humor in our bellies, let's gather to read, celebrate, and laugh out loud with full-bodied joy!!



### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Missoula Writes Awards Reception

Cooper Room A, Sat 5/7/2022 2:00-5:00 PM

Celebrate winners of our 14th Annual Writing Contest! Join us for the awards, readings by winners in each age category, recognition of sponsors, treats and drinks.

## REIMAGINING DEATH

### A Year-Long Cultural Series

In the wake of the pandemic, the Library partners with UM Humanities Institute to present this series engaging our community in challenging discussions about death, dying, and loss. Throughout 2022, we will hold two events each month featuring UM professors in who will share expertise on a variety topics, including: death rituals around the world; death experiences from the past; shifting attitudes and cultural practices; and new movements to de-stigmatize discussion of death.

### Irish Traditions of Lament

With Dr. Katie Kane and Dr. Bernadette Sweeney  
Cooper Room A, Mon 3/7/2022 5:30-7:00 PM

### Manifestations and Performances of Grief in Irish Culture

With Dr. Katie Kane and Dr. Bernadette Sweeney  
Cooper Room A, Mon 3/14/2022 5:30-7:00 PM

### Short Stories Discussion

With Dr. Clary Loisel Location  
Cooper Room A, Mon 4/11/2022 5:30-7:00 PM

Featuring "The Son" by Horacio Quiroga and "Walking Out" by David Quammen.

### Indigenous Trickster Tropes on Death and Demise

With Dr. Kate Shanley  
Cooper Room A, Mon 4/18/2022 5:30-7:00 PM

### Orphans, Actors, and Ghosts: Exiled Writers on Loss and Life

With Prof. Erin Saldin  
Cooper Room A, Mon 5/9/2022 5:30-7:00 PM

### Book Discussion: Darah Horn's *People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present*

Led by Dr. Matthew Semanoff  
Cooper Room A, Mon 5/23/2022 5:30-7:00 PM

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

### Wednesdays with the Mayor

Level Four Pre-Function Area  
Wed 3/23/2022 6:00-7:30 PM;  
Wed 4/27/2022 6:00-7:30 PM  
Wed 5/25/2022 6:00-7:30 PM

These informal conversations with Mayor John Engen take place every 4th Wed; featuring a current topic followed by Q+A and discussion on issues of interest to city residents. You can watch online by going to <https://www.mcat.org>, selecting Watch Now, and choosing Local Live and phone us in questions at 406-552-6002.

**CONFIRM PROGRAM SCHEDULES & UPDATES AT**  
**[www.missoulapubliclibrary.org](http://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org)**

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## OH SNAP!

### Photography Basics with Rocky Mountain School of Photography

Do you want to get a handle on some photography basics, or maybe brush up on skills you haven't used in a while? MPL partners with Rocky Mountain School of Photography to offer free classes on topics including exposure techniques, landscape, and portraiture photography. No experience necessary, but participants new to photography should attend this first lesson on exposure basics to get the most from following classes.

**Exposure Basics** With Neil Chaput de Saintonge  
Cooper Room A, Wed 3/16/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

Neil will cover the basics of exposure including ISO, shutter speeds, and F-stops available on interchangeable lens cameras.

**Basic Landscape Photography** With Rob Gappert  
Cooper Room A, Wed 4/20/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

Students will learn how to start seeing like a landscape photographer and how to best use cameras and other gear to create perfect shots every time. A basic understanding of exposure is recommended.

**Basic Portraiture** With Quinn Hegwood  
Cooper Room A, Wed 5/18/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

Students will learn how to strengthen portrait images through detailed instruction on depth of field, composition, and capturing authentic expressions. A basic understanding of exposure is recommended.

## CREATE, MAKE, & PLAY

### Altered Books for Everyone

Cooper Room B, Sat 5/7/2022 2:30-4:30 PM

People of all ages are welcome to join us and transform discarded books into art using an abundance of provided art materials.

### Watercolor Painting

Cooper Room A/B  
Every Friday 12:00-2:00 PM

In this class local artist Robert Peltzer helps participants develop watercolor skills, techniques, and appreciation. Open to adults 18 and older. Students should bring their own watercolor paper, paints, brushes, and a palette.

### Yarns@MPL

Blackfoot Board Room  
Every Friday 12:00-2:00 PM

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Bring a lunch and your latest project to end the week with crafty fun.

## IN THE MAKERSPACE

**Open Hours:** Explore the Library's maker equipment and resources with trained staff. See the Calendar section of this Guide for days/times.



### 3D Printing 101 Workshop

Wed 3/9/2022 6:30-7:30 PM  
Wed 5/25/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn to use MPL's 3D printers. Topics include how to set up prints, where to find 3D objects online, and resources available for 3D modeling. Space limited to 10 participants and online registration is required at (March workshop): <https://tinyurl.com/mpl3dprinting101march2022> or (May workshop): <https://mpl3dprinting101may2022.eventbrite.com>

### Intro to 3D Scanning

Wed 4/6/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn how the library's 3D scanners work to digitize real-world objects. Space is limited to 10 participants and online registration is required at: <https://tinyurl.com/mpl3dscanningapril2022>

### Cricut Maker 101 Workshop

Wed 4/20/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn to use the Cricut Maker—a die cut cutting machine that can cut digital designs and text into paper, cardstock, adhesive vinyl, and other materials—and the software that runs it. Space is limited to 10 participants and online registration is required at: <https://mplcricutapril2022.eventbrite.com>

### Intro to the Laser Engraver

Wed 03/23/2022 6:30-7:30 PM  
Wed 5/11/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

Learn how to use the library's laser engraver and cutting machine. Space is limited to 10 participants and online registration is required at (March workshop): <https://tinyurl.com/mpllasermarch2022> or (May workshop): <https://mpllasermay2022.eventbrite.com>

## BIG SKY BRANCH

### 3D Printing Open Hours

Big Sky High School Library  
Every Tue 4:15-7:30 PM; Every Thu 4:15-7:30 PM

The new Monoprice Maker Select 3D Printer v2 is available for public use. Staff can provide basic help finding free 3D files online and using Cura Ultimaker 3D printing software. Contact [bdoyle@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:bdoyle@missoula.lib.mt.us) for info.

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## MCAT MEDIA PROGRAMS

**All programs** take place at MCAT on Level 1 unless otherwise noted. To register go to <https://mcat.submittable.com/submit/199914/mcat-workshops> and choose your preferred workshop and date.

### MCAT Tour & Training

Every Mon 5:30-6:30 PM & every Sat 10:00-11:00 AM

Learn about all the media resources MCAT offers for public use. The tour includes the studio, computer editing, podcast rooms and cameras for check-out. The tour and training is offered every Saturday at 10 AM and every Monday at 5:30 PM. For more information, or to arrange a custom tour for groups, call MCAT media instructors at (406)542-6228.

### Learn MCAT's 3 Camera Studio

Every Wed 5:30-6:30 PM

Have you ever wanted to do a talk show or create special effects in a studio? Learn MCAT's three-camera studio, special effects switcher and adjustable lighting. To learn more, or arrange a custom workshop for a group call MCAT media instructors at (406)542-6228.

### Intro to Podcasting

Every Tue 5:30-6:30 PM & every Thu 2:00-3:00 PM

Learn to use MCAT's podcasting equipment including headphones and microphones for up to four participants. A smart phone connection makes doing phone interviews clear and easy. Find out more by calling MCAT instructors at (406)542-6228.

### Intro to Video Editing

Every Mon & Tue 2:15-3:15 PM

Learn computer video editing software from MCAT staff: Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere or DaVinci Resolve, depending on your needs and the computer type you use. Call MCAT instructors at (406)542-6228 to learn more.

### Intro to Video Editing Adobe Premiere

Every Fri 3:00-4:00 PM

Learn video editing using Adobe Creative Suite which offers Premiere for video and Audition for audio. The Creative Suite offers many tools for advanced video editing and functions on a PC type computer. Individual instruction is available after the lesson.

### Photoshop Workshop

Every Fri 4:00-5:00 PM

Learn photo manipulation software that enables correct sharpness, color balance, and exposure. The software can also be used to create special effects.

### Screenwriting Workshop

Ellingson Conference Room  
Every Thu 3:00-6:00 PM

Ready to share your vision and sensibility with others? Bring ideas and scripts to workshop for constructive feedback and inspiration. This series is led by MCAT's Dylan Albans, who received his degree in Film and Photography at MSU. Dylan is looking forward to working with a group and giving your projects a voice.

### MCAT Movie Club

Wed 3/30/2022 6:00-7:00 PM

Wed 4/27/2022 6:00-7:00 PM

Wed 5/25/2022 6:00-7:00 PM

Like a Book Club, but without the paper cuts! This club talks about movies, makes movies, and brings aspiring filmmakers and actors together. For info contact Scott or Neil at (406) 542-6228.

## ON THE JOB MARKET?

### Job Search and Resume Workshop

Location: Cooper Room B

Mon 3/7/2022 2:30-4:30 PM

Mon 4/11/2022 2:30-4:30 PM

Mon 5/9/2022 2:30-4:30 PM

With Missoula Job Service. An in-depth look at how to design your resume and navigate your job search. Learn to use Applicant Tracking Systems to your advantage, search for and analyze job postings, and write and format a resume that stands out. This is where to start if you are looking to take your job search to the next level, and secure an interview for the job you want.

### Missoula Job Service: Resume Office Hours

Location: Cooper A

Wed 3/9/2021 2:30-4:30 PM

Wed 4/13/2021 2:30-4:30 PM

Wed 5/11/2021 2:30-4:30 PM

Work directly with Workforce Consultants from Missoula Job Service to get constructive feedback. Sharpen your resume, edit your cover letter, and focus your job search. Registration required. Call 721-2665 or email [crystalk@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:crystalk@missoula.lib.mt.us) to register. Participants need to bring their resume or cover letter on a flash drive or access it online for this workshop.

## GIVE HOPE

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Cooper A/B; Tue 4/5/2022 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

To make an appointment, go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code missoulalibrary or zip code 59801, or call (800) 448-3543. Face masks required when entering donation space. Donors who are vaccinated for COVID-19 symptom-free, may donate with no deferral time. Let's keep the blood supply stable this spring!



# Spring 2022 | Kids and Families

## **Expedition Dance: An Inclusive & Educational Dance Experience**

Imaginarium; Every Tue 4:00-5:00 PM

Dance is a fun and engaging way for us to explore emotions and learn about all kinds of topics! Join local dance instructor Megan Johnson on Tuesdays after school to explore the human body, animals, and more through dance. Megan is a compassionate teacher and advocate for inclusive dance education. School-aged children and their caregivers are welcome to attend. Masks required to participate. March's theme: "Let's Explore the Body."

"The Respiratory System" 3/1/2022

"The Skeletal System" 3/8/2022

"The Circulatory System" 3/15/2022

"The Muscular System" 3/22/2022

"Let's Explore the Body" 3/29/2022

"Under the Sea!" 4/5/2022

"Safari" Tue 4/12/2022

"Rain Forests" 4/19/2022

"Animals of Montana" 4/26/2022

"Rain and Snow" 5/3/2022

"Wind and Storm" 5/10/2022

"Clouds" 5/17/2022

"Tornadoes" 5/24/2022

"Let's Explore the Weather" 5/31/2022

## **Tiny Tales** Imaginarium; Every Thu 10:30-11:00 AM

Tiny Tales uses sounds, rhythms, and movement to help your child learn to read. Participants sing songs, learn finger-plays and nursery rhymes, and hear stories. Presented by various Youth Services staff.

## **Story Time** Art Box; Every Fri and Sat 10:30-11:30 AM

Story Time is for children ages 3 and older and their caregivers. Join us on Fridays and Saturdays at 10:30 AM for stories and fun in the Art Box on level two.

## **Lego Club** Imaginarium; Every Mon 3:30-5:00 PM

Build to your heart's content every Monday afternoon. Drop by anytime from 3:30-5 PM and create fantastic Lego structures!

## **You're an Engineer**

Imaginarium

Thu 3/17/2022 3:30-4:30 PM

Thu 4/21/2022 3:30-4:30 PM

Thu 5/19/2022 3:30-4:30 PM

Join your friends at the library when we build and create with oversized Building Blocks, Legos, and Rig-a-ma-jig. The Rig-a-ma-jig is a set of wooden planks with pulleys, oversized nuts and bolts, and screws. Enjoy solo freestyle building or participate in group challenges.

## **Kids Cook with Chop Chop**

Demonstration Kitchen; Thu 3/3/2022 3:30-4:30 PM

Thu 4/7/2022 3:30-4:30 PM; Thu 5/5/2022 3:30-4:30 PM

Learn fun cooking ideas and new recipes from the kid's magazine Chop Chop.

## **The BFG: Family Matinee**

Cooper Room A/B

Sat 3/12/2022 4:30-6:30 PM

Special screening of the movie "The BFG," based on Roald Dahl's book. The reading of the book is also featured on the MTPR afternoon Pea Green Boat program (weekdays 4-5 PM), Feb 23- Mar 11.

## **Children's Mushroom Papermaking Workshop**

Art Box; Sat 3/19/2022 12:00-1:00 PM & 1:00-2:00 PM

For Ages 6 and up. Learn how to make paper out of mushrooms and other plant materials! We will share about the history of paper, what kinds of mushrooms we are using, and where to find them in the forest, and then through the papermaking process. Take home a piece of art from the forest! Cathryn Raan and Sydney Morical of the Western MT Mycological Assoc. are passionate about mushrooms, plants, and strengthening people's relationships with them. Space is limited to 12 participants per session, and advance registration is required.

Register for the 12:00-1:00 PM session at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/childrens-mushroom-papermaking-tickets-264391230287>.

Register for the 1:00-2:00 PM session at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/childrens-mushroom-papermaking-tickets-264404770787>.

## **In the ArtBox: Light and Shadows**

Art Box; Tue 4/5/2022 4:00-5:00 PM

Children ages 5-10 are invited to join the Children's Dept for a fun hour exploring light and shadows.

## **Mask-making for WildWalk**

Art Box; Sat 4/23/2022 10:00-11:00 AM

Make a wild animal mask to celebrate the 45th annual International Wildlife Film Festival! Kids can make and then take their masks down to Higgins Ave to watch the WildWalk parade. Parade starts at 11 AM, gathers in the parking lot of the First Interstate Bank building on Front and Higgins, and continues down Higgins to the XXX's. WildFest kickoff is at 12 PM and festival ends at 3 PM.

## **Animal Wonders Visits the Library**

Imaginarium; Sat 4/23/2022 2:00-3:00 PM

Celebrate Missoula's International Wildlife Film Festival when Animal Wonders visits the Library! Join the animal ambassadors to meet and learn about the wildlife they care for. Program is appropriate for school-aged children and caregivers. Space is limited, registration (required) opens April 1 at:

<https://animalwondersatmpl.eventbrite.com>.

**CONFIRM PROGRAM SCHEDULES & UPDATES AT**  
**[www.missoulapubliclibrary.org](http://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org)**



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## Once Upon a Symphony

Imaginarium; Thu 4/28/2020, 3:00 PM-4:00 PM

Composer James Stephenson shows kids how music can tell a story in this library-themed musical adventure with Missoula Symphony Orchestra. Co-sponsored by the Library Foundation.

## Altered Books for Everyone

Cooper Room B; Sat 5/7/2022 2:30-4:30 PM

All ages are welcome to transform discarded books into art using an abundance of provided art materials.

## Trashformations: Second Annual Early Education Upcycled Art Show

Cooper Room A/B; Fri 5/6/2022 5:00-8:00 PM

At this special First Friday Reception, art from classrooms across Missoula and beyond will be featured. Support community and collaboration among early education programs, while instilling the knowledge and passion of upcycling in your family. Trashformations seeks to inspire young children to take action to reduce waste and better the Earth. Light refreshments provided.

## MCAT's Drop-In Stop Animation for Kids

Every Sat 1:00-3:00 PM

Kids can have fun together, learn computer skills, and express themselves artistically in our free two-hour workshop session for education and play. Includes Lego Stop Animation, animated drawing and live-action skits. For kids 9 to 13. Call (406) 542-6228 to learn more.



## Living Lab Research Studies for Kids

UM Living Lab; Fri 4/1/2022-Tue 5/31/2022  
Every Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Children ages 3+ are invited to participate in research studies at the UM Living Lab! The studies are brief and child-friendly, involving games, play, and questions that children and parents find enjoyable! Children receive a small thank you gift for their participation. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/mindslab>

## Explore the Social Brain

UM Living Lab; Thu 4/7/2022 4:30-5:30 PM

Youth visitors are invited to explore the social brain with Amber Thatcher, Behavioral and Systems Neuroscience doctoral student in the UM Dept of Psychology. Amber will share her neuroscience research with degus (a highly social Chilean rodent) to understand the neural underpinnings of social behavior and engage older children and teens in a neuron-building activity. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/271464205747>

## TEENS

### Middle School Writers' Group

Virtual; Every Wed 3:15-5:15 PM

For writers and would-be writers in 6th-8th grades. We share original stories, poems, novels; give and receive feedback; and do fun writing activities. It's about creation and imagination! We meet on Zoom until further notice. To join email Dana [danam@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:danam@missoula.lib.mt.us).

### Young Adult Writers' Group

Virtual; Every Fri 3:15-5:45 PM

For writers and aspiring writers ages 16-19. We share our work aloud—poems, stories, songs, rants, novel—and give and receive respectful feedback. All genres, tones, styles are welcome. We laugh, we shiver, we cringe, we swoon and we ENJOY WORDS! To join, email Dana at [danam@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:danam@missoula.lib.mt.us).

### Big Sky Writers' Group

Big Sky High School Library  
Every Wed 4:30-5:30 PM

Looking to practice creative writing in a setting that's less structured than English class but more organized than a party? Searching for inspiration or just need a platform to share all your ideas? Share poems, stories, novels, rants, and writing games. This group meets all year long in the Big Sky High School Library. To join email Brian at [bdoyle@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:bdoyle@missoula.lib.mt.us) or just come in and find us in the library's back corner.

### D&D Guild for Teens Virtual

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Sat 4/9/2022 3:00-5:00 PM; Sat 4/23/2022 3:00-5:00 PM  
Sat 5/7/2022 3:00-5:00 PM; Sat 5/21/2022 3:00-5:00 PM

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### The Democracy Project

Cooper Room B; Every Wed in March 6:00-7:45 PM

Contact [linette@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:linette@missoula.lib.mt.us) or 541-8876 to confirm this week's meeting. The Democracy Project is a partnership with Humanities Montana.



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**FAMILIES FIRST**  
LEARNING LAB

## **Magic Play Mondays**

FFLL Classroom; Every Mon 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Discover the magic of dramatic play with Families First!

## **Preschool Art with a Purpose**

FFLL Classroom; Every Tue 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

A program that allows preschool children the ability to be creative while serving our community!

## **Blue Block Building**

FFLL Classroom; Every Wed 1:00-5:00 PM

Build something amazing with our giant blue blocks.

## **Community Connections**

FFLL Classroom; Every Thu & Fri 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Mini exhibits inspire hands-on exploration and dramatic play with a focus on empathy-building, social-emotional development, cultural expression, and imagination.

## **Dr. Seuss Day**

FFLL Classroom; Wed 3/2/2022 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Celebrate Dr. Seuss with us! FFLL will have activities, snacks, and take-home kits in honor of Dr. Seuss.

## **Kid's Montana Art**

Art Box; Thu 3/10/2022 3:00-5:00 PM

Thu 4/14/2022 3:00-5:00 PM

Thu 5/12/2022 3:00-5:00 PM

Make amazing Montana-inspired art.

## **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**

FFLL Classroom; Thu 3/17/2022 3:00-5:00 PM

St. Patrick's Day fun! Don't forget to wear green.

## **Families First Learning Lab Birthday Party**

FFLL Classroom; Fri 3/4/2022 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

It's Families First Learning Lab's birthday! Join us for play, activities, parenting information, and more!

## **Volunteer Day**

FFLL Classroom

Mon 3/7/2022 12:00-1:00 PM & 5:00-6:00 PM

Mon 4/13/2022 12:00-1:00 PM & 5:00-6:00 PM

Looking to help out? Come see Families First for some fun volunteer opportunities.

## **International Women's Day**

FFLL Classroom; Tue 3/8/2022 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Celebrate International Women's Day with hands-on activities, art projects, and more.

## **Plant a Flower Day**

Art Box; Sat 3/12/2022 1:00-3:00 PM

Get your hands in some dirt and plant your very own plant to take home

## **Spring Break Fun**

FFLL Classroom

Mon 3/21/2022 1:00-5:00 PM

Tue 3/22/2022 1:00-5:00 PM

Wed 3/23/2022 1:00-5:00 PM

Thu 3/24/2022 1:00-5:00 PM

Looking for something fun to do during spring break? Visit Families First for art, activities and more.

## **Week of the Young Child Tiny Town Day**

Throughout Level Two

Sat 4/9/2022 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Discover the magic of play. Help us celebrate the Week of the Young Child.

## **Earth Day Celebration**

FFLL Classroom

Fri 4/22/2022 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Celebrate our beautiful planet with Earth-friendly fun.

## **Child Development Center Screenings**

FFLL Consult Rooms

Thu 3/3/2022 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Thu 4/7/2022 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Thu 5/5/2022 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Your baby's first three years of life are an incredible time of growth and learning. Watching your child grow, it's not uncommon to have questions or concerns about physical development, eye contact, speech, etc. Every child is unique, but key milestones do help track your baby's healthy development. This free early childhood screening can help determine if further free evaluation or early intervention services might benefit your child.

## **Consult Drop In**

FFLL Consult Rooms

Thu 3/10/2022 1:00-6:00 PM

Thu 4/14/2022 1:00-6:00 PM

Thu 5/12/2022 1:00-6:00 PM

Families First was based on the consultation approach introduced by John Sommers-Flanagan. Consultations provide individualized support to help families navigate obstacles within family systems. The foundation of our program stems from the idea that all parents love their children. Our goal is to give families from any background practical help with family issues in a confidential, solution-focused setting. Spend 20-30 minutes in a free, consultation to discuss personal goals, areas of support, and future direction. Registration required: <https://www.familiesfirstmt.org/consultations.html>

## Dads & Dialogue

Families First Classroom

Wednesdays: 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11

This course strengthens families by enhancing parent wellness and knowledge of parenting and child development. Participants explore their resilience, relationships, support, and communication—with an emphasis on the experiences related to being a dad. Based on the five protective factors by Strengthening Families™, workshops work to break down rigid and problematic stereotypes of men, particularly fathers; and build healthy parent-child relationships. Registration is required at: <https://www.familiesfirstmt.org/dad.html>



## spectrUM Open Hours

Every Tue-Sat 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

spectrUM on Level Two

## spectrUM Museum Closed

Closed temporarily for Exhibit Swap

Tue 4/19/2022- Thu 4/21/2022

## Science Sprouts

Artbox; Every Wed 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

For preschoolers and their families.

## Special Guest: Insectarium

spectrUM; Every Thu 3:00-5:00 PM

The Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium visit with their bug ambassadors and fun activities.

## Discovery Bench

Guided activities with weekly themes at the spectrUM Discovery Bench Tuesday-Saturday 2:00 PM-6:00 PM.

"Earth Science" Tue 3/1/2022-Sat 3/5/2022

"Physics and Astronomy" Tue 3/8/2022-Sat 3/12/2022

"Brain Awareness Week" Tue 3/15/2022-Sat 3/19/2022

"Plants and Animals" Tue 3/22/2022-Sat 3/26/2022

"Making Madness" Tue 3/29/2022-Sat 4/2/2022

"Magic of Chemistry" Tue 4/5/2022-Sat 4/9/2022

"Circuits and Robotics" Tue 4/12/2022-Sat 4/16/2022

"Aliens and Outer Space" Fri 4/22/2022-Sat 4/23/2022

"Science-Palooza" Thu 4/28/2022-Sat 4/30/2022

"Biology" Tue 5/3/2022-Fri 5/7/2022

"Chemical Reactions" Tue 5/10/2022-Sat 5/14/2022

"Engineering /Contraptions" Tue 5/17/2022-Sat 5/21/2022

"Astronomy" Tue 5/24/2022-Sat 5/28/2022

## 2nd Wednesday Book Group

MPL's 2nd Wed Book Group meets online. To join, email [chrish@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:chrish@missoula.lib.mt.us) with "2nd Wednesday Book Group" in the subject line.

MARCH: *Shuggie Bain: A Novel* by Douglas Stuart  
Virtual; Wed 3/9/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

APRIL: *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead  
Virtual; Wed 4/13/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

MAY: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean  
Virtual; Wed 5/11/2022 6:30-7:30 PM

## 3rd Wednesday Book Discussion

MPL's 3rd Wed Book Group meets at the Library. To join, email Pam at [pamc@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:pamc@missoula.lib.mt.us).

MARCH: *All That She Carried* by Tiya Miles  
Blackfoot Rm, Wed 3/16/2022 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

APRIL: *Woman From Denmark* by Christine Frasier  
Blackfoot Rm, Wed 4/20/2022 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

MAY: *Defending Jacob: A Novel* by William Landay  
Blackfoot Rm, Wed 5/18/2022 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

## Montana Racial Equity Project Book Club

The MREP Book Club selects titles about social justice, equity, and issues affecting marginalized communities. Facilitator is Chris Young-Greer, MREP Education Initiative lead. More info at <https://www.themtrep.org/what-we-do/book-club.html> or email [info@themtrep.org](mailto:info@themtrep.org). MPL may have a few copies of each title available for check out. Chapter One Bookstore in Hamilton and Fact & Fiction in Missoula sell MREP titles at a discount for participants.

MARCH: *Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot* by Mikki Kendall  
Cooper A, Wed 3/23/2022 6:00-7:45 PM

APRIL: *America on Fire: The Untold History of Police Violence and Black Rebellion Since the 1960s* by Elizabeth Hinton. Cooper A, Wed 4/27/2022 6:00-7:45 PM

MAY: *All About Love: New Visions* by bell hooks and the children's book *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard  
Cooper A, Wed 5/25/2022 6:00-7:45 PM

## 2021 Montana Book Award

The winner of the 2021 Montana Book Award was announced in March: *Brothers on Three: A True Story of Family, Resistance, and Hope on a Reservation in Montana* by Abe Streep, published by Celadon Books. This annual award, founded by the Friends of Missoula Public Library, recognizes literary and/or artistic excellence in a book written or illustrated by someone who lives in Montana, is set in Montana, or deals with Montana themes. Presentations and a reception for authors will take place on August 3 in Missoula.



## NOW SHOWING

### World Wide Cinema Cooper A

*Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy* (Japan) Dir. Ryūsuke Hamaguchi  
Fri 3/11/2022 6:30-9:00 PM  
Running time 121 minutes.

*Wildland* (Denmark) Dir. Jeanette Nordahl  
Fri 4/8/2022 6:30-9:00 PM  
Running time 88 minutes

*Memory House* (Brazil) Dir. João Paulo Miranda Maria  
Fri 5/13/2022 6:30-9:00 PM  
Running time 94 minutes

MPL's free monthly film series of first-run independent and foreign films. All films are shown in the original language with English subtitles. Please go to [www.missoulapubliclibrary.org](http://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org) for film descriptions. Doors open from 6:15 - 6:45, film starts at 6:30, late entry not allowed. Attendees must enter from the library's parking garage, all other doors are locked.

### Cheap Date Night Cooper Room A/B

*Harriet*, Dir. Kasi Lemmons  
Fri 3/18/2022 6:30-9:00 PM  
Running time 125 minutes

*Licorice Pizza*, Dir. Paul Thomas Anderson  
Fri 05/20/2022 6:30-9:00 PM  
Running time is 133 minutes

*Walking Out*: Special Screening!  
Fri 04/15/2022 6:30-9:00 PM  
April's special screening and discussion of Alex and Andrew Smith's 2017 film *Walking Out* is in conjunction with the year-long series Re-Imagining Death: Conversations on Dying, Loss, and Grief, an MPL partnership with UM's Humanities Institute. Running time is 95 minutes

For Cheap Date Night doors open from 6:15 - 6:45, film starts at 6:30, late entry not allowed. Attendees must enter from the library's parking garage, all other doors are locked.

## RPG WITH MPL

### D&D Guild for Adults Virtual

Fri 3/4/2022 6:00-8:00 PM; Fri 3/18/2022 6:00-8:00 PM  
Fri 4/1/2022 6:00-8:00 PM; Fri 4/15/2022 6:00-8:00 PM  
Fri 4/29/2022 6:00-8:00 PM; Fri 5/13/2022 6:00-8:00 PM; Fri 5/27/2022 6:00-8:00 PM

MPL offers Dungeons & Dragons for adults 18+. Beginners are welcome! Limited to 8 participants per session. Adult games are held every other Friday on Zoom. If you're interested in joining, please contact us at [bdoyle@missoula.lib.mt.us](mailto:bdoyle@missoula.lib.mt.us).

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