**The MPL Mission**

Spark curiosity. Make connections. Thrive together.

Missoula Public Library achieves its mission by fostering community engagement, providing core services, and promoting sustainability and wellness.

* **Big Sky Branch– July**

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| **Community Visits (Patrons)** | 160 |
| **Patron Queries (phone & in person):** | 37 |
| **Public PC Users:** | 3 |

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| **PROGRAMMING** | **# EVENTS** | **# ATTENDING** |
| **All Ages** | 10 | 21 |
| **KIDS (0-5)** |  |  |
| **KIDS (6-11)** | 5 | 24 |
| **YOUNG ADULTS (12-18)** |  |  |
| **ADULTS** |  |  |
| **TECH INSTRUCTION (Includes Makerspace)** | 10 | 3 |

**Community Engagement**

* Slight uptick in patrons, a few more coming to Tuesday kids arts & crafts but still not as popular as last year. Those that did come had fun making casts, making slime, and painting rocks. Had a nice surge in interest in Wednesday programming, both D&D and Writers’ Group. A father and son came in to learn the game near the beginning of the month and after that the son also joined the online Teen D&D Guild. A pair of younger sisters have also come three times now and started bringing friends. The two people who showed interest in the Writers’ Group both brought some friends and coworkers, and we also had a Creative Writing graduate from the university who came in to get some feedback on her first novel. A few patrons took advantage of Thursdays Tech Time and 3D printing open hours as well.

We did face a challenge for the first time when it came to offering library programming in conjunction with our partner SpectrUM. Someone from the district talked with them when they came in to help with the yearly “Be a Scientist” program on a Tuesday, and then later called and said they might not be able to assist with programming in the future for liability reasons. It seems like there’s some sort of misunderstanding since the person who called kept calling them a “science camp” (rather than a library partner offering science-based library programming), but Amanda Allpress is in talks with the school district and will hopefully get to the bottom of it soon.

**Core Services**

* Offering interesting and entertaining library programming is one of our core services, and we’re doing our best to maintain that in the future. At worst, we just might not be able to have organizations help with it if they’re not directly employed by the library.

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* Gave away dozens of free summer meals from the food bank to kids coming to Tuesdays Arts & Crafts programming. Took a vacation and had the branch covered by Carolyn Kamrud and Elizabeth Lofts.