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SUMMER 2023 GUIDE



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SUMMER LEARNING & FUN

All Together Now Summer Learning

SUMMER READING, LEARNING & FUN!

Reading is a journey that can be enjoyed by everyone, regardless of age or background! We invite you to come on this adventure with us and discover programs that aim to foster a sense of community and unity by bringing people together through reading and learning.

Starting June 1, patrons of all ages can pick up a printed reading log (for young readers) or Library BINGO card (for teens and adults) as well as enjoy a variety of fantastic offerings. For full All Together Now Summer Learning Program details visit our website at <https://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/home/programs-events/summer-learning-program/>

The Summer Learning Program is made possible with support from the Missoula Public Library Foundation.



PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG READERS

Plant a Pollinator Garden!

Location: Imaginarium
Tue 6/13 2:00-3:00 PM

Learn about pollinators, make seed bombs, and help plant a pollinator garden on the second floor balcony. We'll observe the garden and pollinators that visit all summer.

Library Pen Pals

Location: Imaginarium
Tue 6/20 2:00-3:00 PM

Join for this kick-off event, where kids can write postcards to a library across the state! Supplies are provided. Kids can send postcards all summer! Responses from pen pal libraries will be posted on the 2nd floor all summer.

Chris Sand Sings Songs for Sprouting Children and Other Human Beans

Location: Imaginarium
Sat 7/8 2:00-3:00 PM



Join local musician Chris Sand, the Rappin' Cowboy, for songs from his new album and songbook "Magic Beans!" Enjoy songs for kids and all other human "beans"!

I'm Trying to Love Spiders!

Location: Imaginarium
Wed 7/12 2:00-3:00 PM

Come learn to appreciate and even love spiders! With the guidance of expert educators from the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium, children will gain confidence and learn how to observe spiders safely. To register email Sydney at sydney@familiesfirstmt.org

Mission2Mars with spectrUM

Location: Imaginarium
Tue 7/18 2:00-3:00 PM

Are you ready to blast off on an adventure this summer? spectrUM and MPL are teaming up for another Mission2Mars event! This experience will ignite your imagination, challenge your mind, and inspire you to reach for the stars. Enjoy hands-on activities that will give you a taste of what it's like to be part of a real-life space mission. Get ready to launch!

Tilly the Bear

Location: Imaginarium
Tue 7/25 2:00-3:00 PM

Tilly is lost and she needs our help to find her way back up the mountain! Through movement, songs, and dance children help Tilly pass over obstacles like a river, a forest, and a dry desert to get her safely home. This bilingual program (English and Spanish) is designed to empower children through their own act of helping others.

Pollinator Playtime

Location: Imaginarium
Tue 8/1 2:00-3:00 PM



Join the National Wildlife Federation's Dan French, Garden for Wildlife coordinator for Missoula, for a short story about our friendly neighborhood pollinators. After the story, stick around for a fun pollinator themed arts and crafts activity.

Helping Pets

Location: Imaginarium
Tue 8/8 2:00-3:00 PM



Learn all about helping pets in our community as we visit with Humane Society staff and the animals they bring.

Blankets for Love

Location: Imaginarium
Wed 8/16 2:00-3:00 PM

Kids can learn how to make no-sew blankets and hats using colorful fleece fabric. Each blanket and hat made will be donated to the Missoula YWCA, bringing warmth and comfort to those in need. Have fun while making a difference! For details email sydney@familiesfirstmt.org.

End-of-Summer Field Day

Location: Kiwanis Park
Tue 8/22 1:00-4:00 PM

Join the library and our All Under One Roof partners as we bid farewell to summer with a bang! The library will have games and prizes every half hour starting at 1:30 PM. Activities include the Hula Hoop Hustle, 3-legged race, Water Balloon Toss and a Crab Walk Race. Join the UM Living Lab for "Brain Games," games designed with challenges so your brain has to work in different and fun ways. Families First will have their Blue Blocks out for play, and spectrUM will have their Stomp Rockets.



Program at Missoula Public Library

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Science that Serves with Montana Fish & Wildlife



Sessions Throughout the Summer

We're teaming up with Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks to offer this series of courses for adults and teens. Conservation and continued public access to nature depends on community action and community science. Through this program, we hope to empower community members to protect their local wild spaces and serve as educators themselves for others in our community. Earn a certificate of completion by attending all of the sessions. For dates and topics please visit <https://tinyurl.com/communitynaturalist>

An Intro to Gardening for Wildlife

Location: Cooper Room B
Mon 6/5 6:00-7:30 PM

Dan French, the National Wildlife Federation's Garden for Wildlife coordinator for Missoula to learn about how we can create habitat space for native animals through gardening. By using native plants and reincorporating elements of habitat back in to our outdoor spaces, we can make a habitat that is enjoyable for the animals and for us. After the talk, stick around for a hands-on activity.

Surviving & Thriving: Perpetuating Oral Tradition

Location: Cooper Room B
Wed 6/14 6:00-7:30 PM

Salish leader Shelly Fyant and Rabbi Mark Kula discuss how they connect to the traditional essence of their people and feel actively connected to previous generations through the enduring power of oral tradition. They will discuss what it means to ingrain oral tradition in their communities intergenerationally, and to trust the organic shifts that preserve its vitality. The aim of this program is to show that, if we provide the opportunity to share and listen, it becomes clear that our similarities are profound, meaningful, and more prevalent than our differences. This program will be moderated by Thomas McClure, Director of Health Promotions and Lida Running Crane, NCC LCPC LAC Counselor, both of All Nations Health Center. Many thanks to our program partners, All Nations Health Center and Zootown Jews.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

Pet Food and Toy Drive

Bring Donations to Families First on Level Two
6/1 - 8/31 During Open Hours

MPL and Families First are teaming up to collect pet food and pet toys for organizations that help animals in our community. Your food, toys, or cash will be donated to Animeals, Missoula Animal Control, the Humane Society of Western Montana, and other area rescues.



Art Unleashed: A Transformative Community Art Project

Location: Missoula Public Library
6/1 - 8/31 During Open Hours

We are thrilled to present a community art project that will unleash the hidden artist within us, transforming our library into a gallery of imagination! We invite everyone, from seasoned artists to enthusiastic beginners, to contribute their unique talents and perspectives to a collective masterpiece. We aim to foster a sense of belonging, encourage collaboration, and celebrate the diversity of our community. Participate in 2 ways: Make a self-portrait and bring it to the library and we will display it on the 4th floor or pick up a puzzle piece at any of our service desks. Take your piece home or stay in the library to decorate it! We will create a unique work of art as we put all of the pieces back together.

Altered Books for Everyone

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Sat 6/3 & 7/1 2:30-5:00 PM

Turn a discarded book into a work of art. All books and art materials will be provided as well as enthusiastic support! You can also take home any books whether you altered them or not. This summer, MPL teams up with the Western Montana Fair with a Creative Reuse arts category for the Fair's exhibition - Altered Books! Prizes are awarded to different age groups, including one Friends of the Library Choice award. For details and contest rules visit: <https://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/home/programs-events/summer-learning-program/>

All Ages Metal Music Fest

Location: Level One
Sat 6/10 7:00-10:00 PM



Summer rocks hard, and so do libraries! Enjoy local metal bands, Walking Corpse Syndrome, Damntheluck, and Elephant Graveyard. The show is free, but donations are accepted, and will benefit the Free Verse Project: <https://www.freeverseproject.org/>, a local non-profit supporting youth incarcerated in Montana through humanities-based educational programming. Definitely no shushing here! Doors open at 6:30 PM and the show starts at 7:00 PM. For more information about the bands visit our website.

Stone Soup Community Day

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Sat 8/19 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

MPL is teaming up with the Montana Racial Equity Project to bring this fun event to Missoula! Join us for stories and immersive demonstrations by community members highlighting traditional and cultural activities. We'll read the classic story of Stone Soup by Marcia Brown and start our own stone soup at noon - everyone can add their favorite ingredients to the pot (ingredients provided)! Bring your own bowls and spoons; we'll start dishing up stone soup at 2PM. Come meet your neighbors and make new friends!

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WHAT WE'RE READING

2nd Wednesday Book Group

Location: Blackfoot Room and Online

This group meets in the library and online for discussion. To join, email chrish@missoulapubliclibrary.org with "2nd Wednesday Book Group" in the subject line.

Wish You Were Here: A Novel by Jodi Picoult
Wed 6/14 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

The Five Wounds by Kirstin Valdez Quade
Wed 7/12 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict
Wed 8/9 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

3rd Wednesday Book Group

Location: Ellingson Room

A lively book discussion group facilitated by a librarian. New members always welcome! Email Pam at pamc@missoulapubliclibrary.org for more information.

Out Stealing Horses by Per Patterson
Wed 6/21 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Oh William by Elizabeth Strout
Wed 7/19 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
Wed 8/16 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Montana Racial Equity Project Book Club

MPL sponsors The Montana Racial Equity Project's Book Club in Missoula. This group meets in the Ellingson Room the fourth Wednesday of every month. Please note that we will not meet in July. For a current list of Book Club titles please visit <https://tinyurl.com/book-groups>. Based on availability, holds may be placed on Book Club titles through the library, but participants may need to purchase their own copy.

Seeley Lake Library Book Club

Location: 456 Airport Dr, Seeley Lake
Thu 6/1, 7/6, 8/3 10:00-11:00 AM

Meets the 1st Thursday the month alternating between fiction and non-fiction titles. Refreshments provided.

Swan Valley Community Library Book Chat

Location: 6811 Highway 83, Condon
Wed 6/14, 7/12, 8/9 1:00-3:00 PM

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Books chosen by consensus. Refreshments provided. For details call 406-754-2521.

Frenchtown Book Club

Location: Frenchtown School/Community Library
Wed 6/15, 7/20, 8/17 5:45-8:00 PM

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to join. For details call 406-626-2730.



Josh Slotnick Book Release & Reading

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Thu 8/10 6:30-7:30 PM

Enjoy a reading of Josh Slotnick's book, *If Only*, that documents an ongoing effort to recognize good stories when they come by. We don't make these types of stories up, so much as we spot them when they enter our lives. This little volume is a collection of that effort from the last handful of years, written while wrestling with Third Act Trouble, and a long-time farmer's round awareness of time, all in an age of profound and perilous uncertainty.

BRANCH PROGRAMING FOR ALL AGES

Big Sky Arts & Crafts

Location: Big Sky High School Library
Every Tuesday until August 15

Create! Learn! Discover! Drop-in DIY Arts & Crafts projects for young kids and their families. For info about upcoming projects email bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Big Sky Family Movie

Location: Big Sky High School Library
Every Thursday

Eat free popcorn and enjoy family movies shown in the Theater. For upcoming titles email bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Be a Physicist! with SpectrUM

Join SpectrUM as they lead fun activities around the science of physics! Children and their families will learn new things, perform experiments, and receive take-home kits for continued science fun at home.

Big Sky Branch Library

Wed 6/27 12:00-3:00 PM

Potomac Branch Library

Wed 6/28 1:30-4:30 PM

Mini Concert Series with Missoula Symphony

Enjoy this free mini concert series by the Missoula Symphony! Meet the string instruments as our symphony musicians perform in a quartet and talk about the music they play. This intimate concert experience is designed for kids and families, where the audience can sit up close with the musicians and ask questions at the end of the concert.

Swan Valley Community Library

Location: 6811 Highway 83, Condon
Wed 6/28 1:00-2:00 PM

Seeley Lake Library

Location: 456 Airport Dr, Seeley Lake
Wed 6/28 3:00-4:00 PM

Seeley Lake Library Open Podcasting Studio

Location: 456 Airport Dr, Seeley Lake
Mon 6/5, 8/7, 8/14 4:00-6:00 PM

Come and try out the new podcasting machine courtesy of MCAT. For details call Carrie 406-677-8995.

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Big Sky Summer Game Day

Location: Big Sky High School Library
Wed 6/14, 7/12, 8/9 2:00-4:30 PM

Enjoy board games for checkout, the PS4 hooked up to the projector with an extensive library of video games. Try a tabletop roleplaying game, and a short "one-shot" Dungeons and Dragons adventures ready to go! No experience necessary, just bring your imagination! For details contact bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org

Summer Learning Program at Potomac Branch Library

Location: 29750 Potomac Road

Kindness Trees and Paper Chains

Wed 7/12 2:30-4:00 PM

Celebrate togetherness by adding leaves to the Kindness Tree or by making a Kindness Paper Chain!

Community Rocks

Wed 8/2 2:30-4:00 PM

Show the Potomac community how much it rocks by painting rocks! Paint a rock and place it around the community. Seeing these rocks in the wild lets us know that while we may be small, we are strong!

Flower Power

Sat 8/12 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Learn about local wildflowers and pollinators while painting your own flower pot! Take-home kits available.

Chalk the Walk

Wed 8/16 2:30-4:00 PM

Chalk the Walk in front of the library with messages and pictures of kindness, positivity, and happiness! Chalk and snacks will be provided.



HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

4HISTORYBUFFS

Calling all history enthusiasts! Join guest speakers for lively and entertaining presentations of historical interest. For more details, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4HistoryBufs>.

The Civilian Conservation Corps at Fort Missoula

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Fri 6/23 7:00-9:00 PM

Join Historical Museum at Fort Missoula staff for an exploration of the CCC through historic photographs and artifacts.

Mullan Monuments with Leif Fredrickson

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Fri 7/28 7:00-9:00 PM

Presenter Leif Fredrickson discuss the reasons that drove historians to memorialize John Mullan.

FOSSILS ROCK! LECTURE SERIES

Jurassic Park - Fact of Fiction

Location: Cooper Room B
Wed 6/21 6:00-7:30 PM

When the original *Jurassic Park* movie came out, it gave the most up to date look at dinosaurs and their behaviors. Join us to find out what still holds up, what doesn't, and how close we are to using ancient DNA to create a real-life Jurassic Park.

GENEALOGY @ MPL

Strategies to Discover Ancestors Playing Hide & Seek

Location: Cooper Room A
Tue 6/20 1:30-3:00 PM

Webinar presented by Francine Crowley Griffis.

A Deep Dive into U.S. City Directories

Location: Cooper Room A
Mon 7/31 1:30-3:00 PM

Webinar presented by presented by Katharine Andrew.

Genealogy for the Absolute Beginner

Location: Blackfoot Room
Mon 8/14 1:30-3:00 PM

A hands-on class for beginners! Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/601622137007>.

Western Montana Genealogical Society Work Day

Location: Blackfoot Room
Sat 6/17, 7/15 8/19 12:00-4:00 PM

Fellow genealogists help each other in this group and share websites and advice on research problems.

CELEBRATING MISSOULA PRIDE

Enjoy programs that foster inclusivity, promote love and understanding, and celebrate diversity in our community.

Business Ally Panel Discussion

Location: Cooper Room A
Sat 6/17 2:30-3:30 PM



What does it mean for your business to be a truly supportive and authentic ally to LGBTQIA2S+ and BIPOC community members? Join leaders of local businesses for this discussion exploring strategies, lessons learned, and examples for implementing successful inclusivity practices into business models.

Queer Communities in Confinement

Location: Cooper Room B
Sat 6/17 4:00-5:30 PM

BIPOC and LGBTQIA2S+ people are disproportionately represented in the confinement system not only nationwide, but here in Missoula. This panel discussion strives to center the queer youth erased by that system, especially in Montana. Panelist Leo Thompson (she/they) is a Two-Spirit Yoeme woman with a BA in English Literature and an MAEd in Indigenous Education.

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CREATIVITY. HEALTH. ADVENTURE.

Yarns @ MPL

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

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Bring your lunch and your latest project to the Blackfoot Board Room every Friday to end your week with some crafty fun.

Knit in Public Day

Location: Main Street Lawn
Sat 6/10 10:00 AM-2:00 PM



Join the Yarns @MPL program for a gathering in the spirit of knitting. Bring your own project or some yarn will be provided. We will have chairs or bring your own. Learn about ongoing charity projects in which we are participating. For details email paulette@missoulapubliclibrary.org

Watercolor Painting Class

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Every Friday until June 30 12:00-2:00 PM

Local artist Robert Peltzer will help you develop the skills and techniques necessary to enjoy and succeed at watercolor painting. Open to ages 18 and older. Bring your own watercolor paper, paints, brushes, and palette. Classes will resume on September 29.

D&D Guild for Adults

Location: Virtual
Fri 6/9, 6/23 6:00-8:00 PM
Fri 7/7, 7/21 6:00-8:00 PM
Fri 8/4, 8/18 6:00-8:00 PM

A bi-weekly online Dungeons & Dragons game for adults 18+. Beginners welcome but space is limited. To join contact Brian at bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

MT International Choral Festival Choir Crawl

Location: Level One
Wed 7/19 2:00-4:00 PM

Enjoy 15-minute pop-up performances from the artists participating in the MT International Choral Festival!

MEMORY CAFÉ

Enjoy activities in a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for individuals experiencing memory loss.
Location: Cooper Room A/B

Game On!

Tue 6/13 2:00-3:00 PM

Let's have some fun together with a variety of board games, lawn games, puzzles, and laughter.

Massage Therapist Debra Shorrock Visits

Tue 7/11 2:00-3:00 PM

Licensed Massage Therapist, Debra Shorrock, leads us in effective self-care techniques through massage, simple movements and body awareness.

Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium

Tue 8/8 2:00-3:00 PM

The Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium will introduce us to some of their live Bug Ambassadors.

MONTANA HERBAL FESTIVAL

Sat 8/5 9:00 AM-5:00 PM



The first annual MT Herbal Festival! Creating connection through medicinal plants, community & music! Enjoy a full day of herbal classes and demonstrations.

Course Location: Cooper Room

9-10 AM: Kate Wilburn - Phoenixes Rising Native Plants - Larger Context for your Garden

10-11 AM: Susan Teitelman - Ethnobotany of Montana

11 AM-12 PM: Tina Glaessner - Planting the Herbscape

12-1 PM: Lunch - Singing Bowls with Dylan Running Crane

1-2 PM: Bonita - Herbs for the Chakras

2-3 PM: Suzanne M. Tabert - Herbal Bitters for your Health

3-4 PM: Rachel Dunham - Attracting Pollinators to your Garden

4-5 PM: Sonic Experience & Closing

Course Location: Outside

9-11 AM: Cathryn Raan & Sydney Morical - Wild Wanders: Urban Foraging

1-3 PM: Medical Botanist Robyn Klein, M.Sc. - Plant Identification for Herbalists

Location: Demonstration Kitchen

10 AM-12 PM: Armelle Essomeyo LMT - Cooking with Herbs and Spices from Gabon, Africa

1-2 PM: Hillary Sargent - Herbal Tea Blending Demo

3-5 PM: Greta de la Montagne, Clinical Herbalist, RH(AHG) - How to Make Shotgun Salve

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Missoula Public Library has more than just books and movies! Your library card gets you access to a variety of nontraditional collection items as well.

Our Library of Things Collection includes:

Life Jackets	Rokus
Assistive Reading Devices	Memory Kits
Automotive Diagnostic	Kitchen Gadgets
Travel Kits/Trail Guides	Cake Pans
Binoculars/Birding Backpacks	Wireless Hotspots
Board Games	Phone/Device Chargers
Puzzles	Ready 2 Read Trunk
Kill-a-Watt Meter	And So Much More!
Telescopes	
Bike Locks	

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IN THE MAKERSPACE

MakerSpace Walk-In Hours

Thursday & Saturday 2:30-5:30 PM
Fridays 9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Sundays 2:30-5:00 PM



MakerSpace Appointment Hours

Appointments allow uninterrupted access for projects and enable staff to provide guided orientations. All bookings must be made through contacting MakerSpace staff by email makerspace@missoulapubliclibrary.org, phone 406-541-8861 or during Walk-in Hours.

Sewing and Mending

First Saturday of the month 2:00-6:00 PM

Make a quick sewing craft or mend your garments in this sewing-centered walk-in time. Regular Makerspace use is also available.

Girls Who Code Club

Location: MakerSpace
Every Thursday 3:30-4:30 PM

Kids and teens of all genders and experience levels are invited to join this club, where they will not only learn to code with games and engaging lesson plans, they will also join an international network of coding professionals and computer scientists. You can pre-register at <https://girlswhocode.com/>, or simply register at the first meeting by bringing a valid email address.

Open AIR Artist-Led Workshop: Direct Animation with Justine Lai

Wed 6/7 5:00-8:00 PM

This beginner workshop is designed to introduce and explore experimental animation made "directly" onto movie film. Participants will learn to manipulate the surface of 16mm film using a variety of cameraless filmmaking techniques: painting, scratching, collage, and masking. All materials will be provided, and a digitized copy of students' creations will be available following the workshop. This workshop is free and suitable for ages 16+. No experience necessary. Registration at <https://form.jotform.com/231344920353147>

Tinkering with Gravity - A 3D Modeling Workshop

Wed 7/19 6:00-7:30 PM

This all ages workshop will explore adding gravity to 3D models in Tinkercad's Sim Lab.

Intro to Arduino Workshop

Wed 8/2 6:00-8:00 PM

Arduino is an open-source electronics platform based on easy-to-use hardware and software, and it's a great starting point if you'd like to make your own interactive electronics. In this workshop you will learn some Arduino basics and be guided through a beginner-level project. Age 10+ recommended: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/intro-to-arduino-workshop-tickets-635561079297>

SPECIAL SERVICES @ MPL

Home Library Services

MPL's Home Library Service provides in person library services to residential locations throughout Missoula. Please see the schedule below for the dates and times that MPL will visit your residential facility. Meet with Missoula Public Library staff at your residence to check out books, audiobooks, DVDs and place holds! Questions? Call Joleen at 406-721-2665 option 4 or email joleenj@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Books By Mail

You can request most library items to be mailed to your home for a \$3 per package fee! If you fall within the federal poverty guidelines and are mentally or physically handicapped, you can apply to receive free home delivery by using the Application for Free Books by Mail Service. Forms will need to be printed, signed by you, and signed by a medical or other professional to confirm need. Books by Mail is funded by the Missoula Public Library Foundation and Friends of Missoula Public Library. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2d5yfjje> to see if you are eligible for free delivery.

Chromebooks and Wireless Hotspots Available for Checkout

Did you know that your MPL library card give you free access to Chromebooks and wireless hotspots? Chromebooks and laptops are available to checkout for 3 hours for use within the library. Ask a friendly staff member for more information or a demonstration. Need internet access at home? Missoula Public Library and its Branches have Wi-Fi hotspots for check out. You can connect any device, or multiple devices, and access the internet wherever you are!

DATABASES A - Z

We subscribe to a variety of databases to assist you with research, genealogy, investing, and more! You can enjoy free access to databases including:

Ancestry: Library Edition

Search the world's largest online family history collection. With 4 billion records available, discovering your family's story is easier than ever. (Inside our building access only)

Missoularian Index

An index of Missoularian articles, archived here at the Library dating back to 1978!

Creativebug

The number one inspirational resource for DIY, crafters and makers. Creativebug has thousands of award winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.

Mango Languages

An online language-learning system that teaches actual conversation skills for over 40 languages including ESL!

For a full list of databases visit <https://tinyurl.com/MPLDatabasesAtoZ>

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PROGRAMS JUST FOR KIDS!

MakerSpace: Girls Who Code Club

Location: MakerSpace
Every Thursday 3:30-5:00 PM

Kids and teens of any experience level are invited to join this club, where they will not only learn to code with games and engaging lesson plans, they will also join an international network of coding professionals and computer scientists. This club is open to all genders. Participants may pre-register by creating an account at <https://girlswhocode.com/>, or may register at their first meeting by bringing a valid email address.

Kids Cook with Chop Chop

Location: Demonstration Kitchen
Thu 6/1, 7/6, 8/3 3:30-4:30 PM

Taking inspiration from our kid's magazine ChopChop, learn how to create tasty snacks and easy meal options you can make at home.

You're an Engineer

Location: Imaginarium
Thu 6/15, 7/20, 8/17 3:30-4:30 PM

Build and create with oversized Building Blocks and our Rig-a-ma-jig. Enjoy free building time or join the building challenges.

MakerSpace: Mission2Mars Route-Making with the Mars Rover

Fri 8/11 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Use a NASA board game to simulate the decision-making and command-sequencing process scientists, engineers and computer scientists engage in to explore Mars.

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Tiny Tales

Location: Imaginarium
Every Thursday & Friday 10:30-11:00 AM

Tiny Tales uses sounds, rhythm, and movement to help your child learn to read! Participants sing songs, learn finger-plays and nursery rhymes, and hear stories.

Story Time

Location: Art Box
Every Friday & Saturday 10:30-11:30 AM

For children ages 3 and older and their caregivers. Story Time is also recorded and posted online at a later date on the library's website and YouTube channel.

Read with Dogs

Location: Imaginarium
Every Tuesday 3:30-4:30 PM

Registered Pet Partners Therapy Dogs are just waiting for your child to read them a book. Great for hesitant readers or kids who just love dogs.

Young Kids Dance Party with MCAT

Location: MCAT Studio
Every Saturday 11:00-11:45 AM

MCAT offers a disco dance for kids and caregivers every Saturday. Stop by the MCAT Studio after Story Time to enjoy a fantastic light show and kid-friendly playlist.

Lego Club

Location: Imaginarium
Every Monday & Friday 2:30-5:00 PM

Drop in and build fantastic Lego structures to your heart's content every Monday and Friday afternoon.

Stop Animation for Kids with MCAT

Location: MCAT Studio
Every Saturday in June 1:00-3:00 PM

A two hour workshop that fosters fun, computer skills, and artistic expression. Program suitable for ages 9-13, call (406) 542-6228 to learn more.

Middle School Writers' Group

Location: Art Box and Virtual
Every Wednesday 3:30-5:00 PM

For writers in 6th-8th grades. We share original stories, poems, novels; give and receive feedback; and do fun writing activities. It's all about creation and imagination! To join, email Dana danam@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

NEW! WELCOME LIBRARY Coming Soon To Level 2

The Welcome Library invites readers to "Read to Welcome, Read to Belong". These books reflect both America's diverse Immigrant and New Generation communities and our local communities. Children will read stories of themselves and their friends reflected in the pages. Everyone at Missoula Public Library can't wait to welcome you!



THE TEEN ZONE

D&D Guild for Teens

Location: Virtual
Sat 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12, 8/26 3:00-5:00 PM

An ongoing online Dungeons & Dragons game for teens aged 12-17. Beginners welcome but space is limited. To join email Brian at bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org

Big Sky 3D Printing Open Hours

Location: Big Sky High School Library
Thu 6/1 4:30-7:30 PM
Wed 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/16 2:00-4:30 PM

Staff can help with finding basic free 3D files online and using the Cura Ultimaker 3D printing software. For more info, contact Brian at bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org

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THE TEEN ZONE Continued

Big Sky Gaming Station

Location: Big Sky High School Library
Tue 6/6 4:30-7:00 PM

PlayStation 4 and hundreds of games available for use on the projector screen at the High School Library. Challenge your friends or explore new worlds on your own! Email bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org for more.

Big Sky Writers' Group

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

Join this group to share and receive feedback on your poems, stories, novels, rants, and everything in between. Those interested in the group should email Brian at bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org or just come in and find us at the study tables in the library.

Young Adult Writers' Group

Location: Art Box and Virtual
Every Friday 3:30-5:30 PM

For writers and aspiring writers ages 16-19. We share our work aloud and give and receive respectful feedback. All genres, tones, styles welcome. We laugh, shiver, cringe, swoon and enjoy words! To join, email Dana at danam@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

READ TO RIDE

WIN FREE RIDES AT THE
WESTERN MONTANA FAIR!

NEW THIS SUMMER!

KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED HALF OR MORE OF THEIR SUMMER READING LOGS BY AUGUST 1ST CAN ENTER A DRAWING FOR FREE RIDES AT THE WESTERN MONTANA FAIR! KIDS HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN 1 OF 50 RIDE BOOKLETS CONTAINING 6 RIDE VOUCHERS OR 1 OF 10 "GOLDEN TICKET" WRIST BANDS FOR UNLIMITED RIDES! BRING YOUR READING LOG WITH AT LEAST HALF OF YOUR SUMMER READING COMPLETED TO LEVEL 2 LIBRARY STAFF ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 TO GET YOUR NAME IN THE DRAWING. WINNERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OF THESE PRIZES ONLY AND WILL BE NOTIFIED ON AUGUST 4.



AUOR END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION WEEK



Get ready to bid farewell to summer during our spectacular AUOR End of Summer Celebration Week! We've planned a series of fun-filled activities and events to mark the end of the summer season.

Families First Learning Lab Back-To-School Bash

Location: Families First Classroom
Sat 8/19 11:00 AM-2:00 PM



Help prepare kiddos for a successful school year! Join us for this Back to School Bash where kiddos can come pick up some free school supplies and welcome in the new school year! We will have fun games and you can join us for creative art projects.

Toy Fix-It Clinic with Home ReSource

Location: MakerSpace
Sat 8/19 1:00-5:00 PM



Bring your broken toys, ripped stuffed animals or clothes, and Fix-It coaches will help repair them by sharing their skills. Learn something new, and keep those beloved items out of the landfill! Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/MakerSpaceToyFixItClinic>. For questions, email learn@homeresource.org or call 406-541-8300 ext. 209.

End-of-Summer Field Day

Location: Kiwanis Park
Tue 8/22 1:00-4:00 PM



Join the library and our All Under One Roof partners as we bid farewell to summer with a bang! The library will have games and prizes every half hour starting at 1:30. Activities include the Hula Hoop Hustle, 3-legged race, Water Balloon Toss and a Crab Walk Race. Join the UM Living Lab for "Brain Games," games designed with challenges so your brain has to work in different and fun ways. Families First will have their Blue Blocks out for play, and spectrUM will have their Stomp Rockets.

spectrUM Back-To-School Science Fiction Week

Enjoy guided activities with special Back-To-School Science Fiction themes at the Discovery Bench!
Location: spectrUM Discovery Area 2:00-6:00 PM

Tue 8/22	Rockets & Space Elevators
Wed 8/23	Black Holes & Time Travel
Thu 8/24	Aliens
Fri 8/25	Frankenstein
Sat 8/26	Superpowers



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FAMILIES FIRST LEARNING LAB

Art with a Purpose

Location: Families First Classroom
Tue 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 7/18, 8/1, 8/22 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

A program that gives children an opportunity to get creative while serving our community!

Back to School Bash

Location: Families First Classroom
Sat 8/19 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

For part of the AUOR End of Summer Celebration week help prepare kiddos for a successful school year! Every August Families First puts together this event where kiddos can come pick up free school supplies. Come celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of school with fun games and art projects.

Blue Block Wednesdays

Location: Families First Classroom
Every Wednesday 1:00-5:00 PM

Build something amazing with our giant blue blocks.

Community Connections

Location: Families First Classrooms
Select Fridays 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Mini-interactive exhibits for children that inspire hands-on exploration and play while focusing on building empathy & kindness, social-emotional development, cultural expression, and imaginative & dramatic play.

Dads & Dialogue

Location: Families First Classroom
Wed 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28 6:00-7:30 PM
Wed 7/19, 7/26 6:00-7:30 PM
Wed 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23 6:00-7:30 PM

This is a psychoeducational support group for dads. It's a great place to meet and learn from each other. This group is highly sought after and participation is limited. Registration is required at www.familiesfirstmt.org. For details visit: www.familiesfirstmt.org/dad.

Downtown ToNight

Location: Caras Park
Thu 6/22, 7/6 5:00-8:00 PM

Join us at Downtown ToNight in Caras Park where FFL will be offering fun kid activities for free!

Dream Bigger

Location: Families First Classroom
Every Tuesday & Thursday - Starting 6/13 12:30-4:30 PM

Explore your passions, interests, and self through workshops, mentoring, and on the job experiences. We aim to help participants find meaning and purpose as they discover who they are and what they have to share with the world. Free to everyone, scholarship monies are awarded toward pursuit of passions. For details visit <https://www.familiesfirstmt.org/dbapplication.html>

Eating & Reading

Futura Mobile Park 12:00-1:30 PM
Tue 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8, 8/15
Travois Mobile Park 12:00-1:30 PM
Thu 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17

Throughout the summer, Families First and the Missoula Food Bank bring this program to varying neighborhoods free of cost! Children can enjoy a lunch and pick up a book to help prevent summer learning loss.

Kids Cooking Class

Location: Demo Kitchen
Wed 6/21, 7/19, 8/16 4:00-5:00 PM

This class brings families together by teaching children and adults lifelong cooking skills that can ignite creativity, build self-esteem, and create memories.

Out to Lunch

Location: Caras Park
Wed 6/14, 6/28, 7/19, 8/9, 8/30 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Join Families First at one of Missoula's best parts of summer. FFL will be offering fun kid activities for free!

Parenting Consultation Drop-In Day

Location: Families First Learning Lab
Thu 6/8, 7/13, 8/10 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

In a 20-30 minutes in a free consultation, discuss your personal goals, areas of support, and the best route for future consultations.

Volunteer at the Color Run

Location: Fort Missoula
Sun 7/9 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Looking for a fun way to give back to the community? FFL is looking for volunteers to help with our Color Run. For more visit <https://www.familiesfirstmt.org/volunteer.html>



Research Studies + Activities

Children (3+) can participate in fun, brief, child-friendly research activities. Participants receive a small thank you gift. Walk in or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/mindslab>.

Summer Hours:

6/1-6/10:

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 3-6 PM
Sat 10 AM-6 PM
Sun 12-5 PM

6/12-6/19

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 12-5 PM
Fri 10 AM-5 PM
Sat 10 AM-6 PM

6/26-6/30:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 1-5 PM
Sat 10 AM-6 PM

7/1-8/19:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu 12-5 PM
Fri 10 AM-5 PM
Sat 10 AM-6 PM

8/20-8/27:

UM Living Lab Closed

8/28-8/31:

Mon, Wed, Thu 3-6 PM

Holiday Closures:

June 19 & July 3-4

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To register for programs or for more details visit mcats.org or call 406-542-6228

Community Radio DJ Auditions

Location: MCAT Podcast Room 121
Every Sunday 2:00-4:00 PM

Missoula Community Radio (KFGM, 101.5 FM) is a volunteer based radio station housed at MCAT. If you would like to have your own radio show, consider making an audition demo with help from MCAT staff. Learn more at: <https://www.1015kfgm.org>.

Introduction to Podcasting

Location: MCAT Podcast Room 121
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM & Thursdays 2:00-3:00 PM in June

Learn to use MCAT's podcasting equipment featuring headphones and microphones for up to four participants.

Learn MCAT's 3 Camera Studio

Location: MCAT
Wed 6/7, 6/14, 6/28 5:30-6:30 PM

Learn how to operate our 3 camera studio effects switcher. Call to arrange a custom workshop.

Learn to Video Edit

Location: MCAT
Mondays and Wednesdays in June 2:00-4:00 PM

This class covers how to edit video using a variety of platforms, including Final Cut Pro for Apple, or Adobe Premiere or DaVinci for PC.

MCAT Tour & Training

Location: MCAT
Every Saturday in June 10:00-10:45 AM

Tour includes the studio, computer editing, podcast rooms, and cameras for check-out. For more info, or to arrange a custom tour for groups, call (406) 542-6228.

Music Sunday at MCAT Studios

Location: MCAT Studio
Every Sunday 12:00-1:30 PM

Record yourself and your friends playing music in MCAT's studio. We'll have lights and cameras--you supply the action!

One Day Short Film Production

Location: MCAT Studio Room 121
Every Sunday 2:00-5:00 PM

Plan & execute a short film each week while learning the basics of filmmaking. Starting from a pre-written 1-3 page script, you will participate in pre-production & production including how to revise your work as well as real-time creative problem-solving. Films made will be edited by instructor and shown the following week.

Video Camera Tour

Location: MCAT
Every Tuesday in June 2:00-4:00 PM

Learn about MCAT's video cameras and find out which type might be right for your video project. Lessons are required before checking out cameras and accessories.

Virtual Reality Tour

Location: MCAT Studio Room 120
Every Saturday in June 4:00-5:30 PM

Drop into MCAT's media studio to experience the world of Virtual Reality. MCAT offers games and experiences with our VR headset.



spectrUM Open Hours

Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Holiday Closures 6/19, 7/3, 7/4

Missoula Butterfly House & Insectarium Visit

Location: spectrUM
Every Thursday Until 7/27 3:00-5:00 PM

The Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium visit the spectrUM museum with their bug ambassadors and fun activities. This is a drop-in activity.

Discovery Bench Themes

Guided activities at our Discovery Bench every Tuesday-Saturday 2-6 PM. No registration required.

Science Palooza	Tue 5/31 - Sat 6/3
Making Madness	Tue 6/6 - Sat 6/10
Biology	Tue 6/13 - Sat 6/17
Geology & Fossils	Tue 6/20 - Sat 6/24
Crazy Chemistry	Tue 6/27 - Sat 7/1
Robotics & Coding	Tue 7/5 - Sat 7/8
Plants and Animals	Tue 7/11 - Sat 7/15
Space Exploration	Tue 7/18 - Sat 7/22
Creating Contraptions	Tue 7/25 - Fri 7/29
All About Anatomy	Tue 8/1 - Sat 8/5
Forces & Motion	Tue 8/8 - Sat 8/12
Science of Color	Tue 8/15 - Sat 8/19
Science Fiction Week	Tue 8/22 - Sat 8/26
Science Extravaganza	Tue 8/29 - Sat 9/2

Special Discovery Bench Activity Themes

Dissection	Fri 6/16
Slime	Fri 6/30
Design a Robot	Fri 7/7
Shark Week	Tue 7/11
Heart Dissection	Fri 8/4
Fractals	Fri 8/18

Summer News



Hidden Disabilities Sunflower

The Missoula Public Library has joined the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower to support people with disabilities that may not be immediately visible, such as autism, dementia, mental health issues or learning difficulties. People can choose to wear a lanyard bearing a sunflower logo as a subtle way of letting others know that they have a non-visible disability and may require additional support, assistance or a bit more time. Ask a Missoula Public Library staff member about this service, or for a Sunflower lanyard to wear while you visit the library. Find out more at www.hiddendisabilitiesstore.com.



Wednesdays with the Mayor

Location: Cooper Room B
Wed 6/28, 7/26, 8/23 6:00-7:30 PM

Join Mayor Jordan Hess for discussions of current affairs and City governance. All are welcome! Broadcast journalist Dennis Bragg moderates. Watch the live-stream or view meetings later on MCAT's Facebook or YouTube. During the meeting you may also phone in questions at 552-6002. Visit the City's website closer to the event to see the topic of the month: <https://www.ci.missoula.mt.us/2875/Wednesdays-with-the-Mayor>



Red Cross Blood Drive

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Tue 6/27, 8/22 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
Thu 7/27 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

The need for blood doesn't take a summer break. To help keep the blood supply stable during this critical season, MPL will host three opportunities to give. Thanks to the generosity of a special library fan, donors at the June 27 drive may enter a drawing for a \$15 Starbucks gift card. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code missoulalibrary or 59801, or simply call 800-448-3543. Together, we can save lives so sign up today!



Missoula Public Seed Library

Did you know that Missoula Public Library has its own Seed Library? Our friends at Five Valleys Seed Library have donated seeds to us so we can establish MPL's very own seed library. You will find the seeds right outside the Level Three Demo Kitchen. The library can accept donations of unopened seed packets. Happy Growing!



Lolo Branch Library Closure

The current Lolo Branch will be closed to the public beginning June 21st. After June 15th there will be no more access to the current Lolo Branch and items will not be able to be returned there. All items can be returned to the MPL main library, any of our branch libraries, or any of our book returns. Lolo patrons will have to select a pickup location other than Lolo to receive holds during the closed period.



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Wednesday 9 AM-8 PM

Thursday 9 AM-6 PM

Friday 9 AM-6 PM

Saturday 9 AM-6 PM

Sunday 12 PM-5 PM

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