



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

- Creativebug Website Hosting
- Family Reading Program
- Senior Outreach
- MakerSpace Programs
- Poetry Workshops
- Children's and Young Adult Programs
- Large Type Books
- Home Services
- Plant Care
- Support for MLA
- Special Events
- Staff Celebrations
- National Library Week Events
- New York Times Online
- Missoula Reads
- Volunteer Celebrations
- Shelving
- Photocopiers
- Staff Room Improvements



the friends of missoula public library

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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

Donations are always welcome!

Sales from donated materials are used to support and enhance library programs and services. How to donate books or materials:

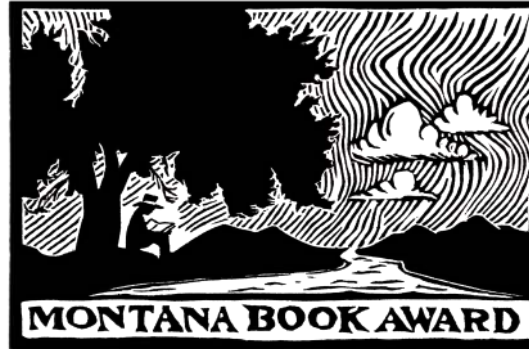
- Small quantities can be brought to the library and dropped off at the store.
- For donations more than one box, please call 406-721-2665 to arrange a drop off time.
- Materials should be in good condition. We cannot accept, text books, encyclopedias, computer/medical manuals, VHS/cassette tapes/LPs/records, or dirty/damaged/musty/moldy items.

book sale

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 Friends volunteers work throughout the year sorting and stacking materials that have been donated or withdrawn from the Library's collection. Be sure to check out our special collectibles section behind the sales counter, where you will find signed editions and other Montana and noteworthy selections.

book chat bags

The Friends sponsor Book Chat Bags — book group kits that can be checked out and include multiple copies of a single title and a discussion guide. The guide comes complete with book reviews, author information, discussion questions, and additional tips and resources for groups.



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 be a Friend and support our Missoula Public Library! Just fill out this form, mail it, or drop off at The Store at MPL on Level One.

For more information about gifts and memorials, contact the Director of Missoula Public Library, Slaven Lee at slavenl@missoulapubliclibrary.org

become a volunteer

If you would like to become a volunteer at MPL, fill out the form below or email Robert at: rmueller@missoulapubliclibrary.org

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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make a donation

Donations large and small help continue programs and enrich the cultural lives of Missoula area citizens with community events and activities.

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Missoula, MT 59802

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