



NEA Big Read • AUOR Halloween Celebration • Family History Month



FALL SPECIAL EVENTS

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS BIG READ



The NEA Big Read will feature *The Cold Millions* by Jess Walter. An initiative of the NEA in partnership with Arts Midwest, the NEA Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our communities, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience.

SEPT 8 6-8 PM **NEA Big Read Launch Party - Level 1**
Get a copy of *The Cold Millions*, enjoy specialty drinks by Bamboo Bar, live music by Wailing Aaron Jennings, and an old-time photobooth.

SEPT 8 THRU OCT 11 **Food Drive for the Missoula Food Bank**
MPL will hold a food drive in recognition of the themes of hardship and economic inequality in *The Cold Millions*. Donate food and enter to win an MPL Big Read gift basket.

SEPT 12 2-3 PM **Memory Café: Rail Tales & Travel Cooper A/B**
All aboard! Enjoy memories, experiences, and activities all about trains.

SEPT 16 2-3 PM **Frank Little, Father of the Western Free Speech Fight - Cooper A/B**
Jane Little Botkin will discuss the first 1909 western free speech fight held in Missoula.

SEPT 20 5:30 PM **Author Event with Jess Walter Cooper A/B**
Missoula County Commissioner Josh Slotnick welcomes author Jess Walter for a lively presentation, discussion, and Q&A.

SEPT 21 5:30 PM **An Evening with Jess Walter - Seeley Lake**
Missoula County Commissioner Juanita Vero welcomes author Jess Walter for this lively presentation, discussion, and Q&A.

SEPT 22 & 23 10:30 AM **Story Time: Big Read Edition - Art Box**
Enjoy a special Story Time related to the themes of this year's NEA Big Read book *The Cold Millions*.

For full program descriptions visit: readmissoula.org

SEPT 23 12-1 PM **Kid Gloves and Brass Knuckles with Mary Jane Bradbury - Imaginarium**
The story of Nancy Cooper Russell is brought to life in this all-ages interactive program.

SEPT 23 2:30 PM **MakerSpace: Lasered Leather - Level 1**
Drop in and use the laser cutter to cut and engrave your own free piece of leather with a design to commemorate the NEA Big Read.

SEPT 25 6 PM **A History of Organized Labor in MT with State Archivist Rich Aarstad - Cooper A/B**
A presentation and discussion about the long and robust labor union history in MT.

SEPT 30 2 PM **Saturday Matinee: Newsies - Cooper A/B**
In honor of the newsboys featured in *The Cold Millions*, enjoy a matinee showing of Disney's 1992 historical musical, *Newsies*.

OCT 3 ALL DAY **Literature & Libations Podcast Book Discussion - Online**
Enjoy a discussion of *The Cold Millions* during this entertaining prerecorded podcast.

OCT 3 6:30 PM **Stolen: If They Haven't Come for Yours, They Will with Chris La Tray - Cooper A**
Using the lens of the Little Shell Tribe's history, La Tray draws parallels to events unfolding in communities across the country.

FINAL EVENT OCT 11 6-8 PM **NEA Big Read Closing Party - Cooper A/B**
Celebrate *The Cold Millions*, MT history, local music, with the *Death in the West* podcast team, and singer-songwriter Dylan Running Crane. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Missoula Public Library.

The Cold Millions Book Discussions

SEPT 13 - 6:30 PM: MPL 2ND WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

SEPT 13 - 6:30 PM: POTOMAC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

SEPT 14 - 6 PM: LOLO BOOK DISCUSSION

SEPT 19 - 12:30 PM: UM CAMPUS BOOK DISCUSSION

SEPT 20 - 5:30 PM: 3RD WEDNESDAY BOOK GROUP

SEPT 21 - 5:45 PM: FRENCHTOWN BOOK CLUB

OCT 5 - 11 AM: 2ND SEELEY LAKE BOOK DISCUSSION



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OCTOBER 29



12-4 PM

Join the AUOR family for a Spooktacular Halloween Extravaganza at Missoula Public Library! Get ready for a hauntingly good time as we transform our library into a Halloween wonderland filled with treats, tricks, and tons of fun activities for all ages.

Missoula Public Library:

Face Painting by Ann Karp

Location: Level Two - 12:00-4:00 PM

Face painting with Ann Karp of Sideways Gaze Art & Sign.

Delectable Halloween Treats

Location: Demonstration Kitchen - 1:30-2:30 PM
Create and eat some yummy Halloween treats.

Spooky Story Time

Location: Imaginarium - 3:30-4:00 PM

Spooky Pop-Up Performances by Curtains Up! Company

Location: Level One - 2:30-2:45 PM & 3:00-3:15 PM
Don't miss these uncanny dance performances!

MakerSpace: Paranormal Paper Crafts

Location: MakerSpace - 12:00-3:00 PM

Use the Cricut to make spooky scenes and more.

UM Living Lab:

Bat Crafts and Bat Facts

Location: UM Living Lab - 12:00-3:00 PM

Make a bat ornament and learn all about bats.

Families First Learning Lab:

Families First Halloween Bash

Location: Cooper Room A/B - 1:00-4:00 PM

Come trick or treat, enjoy child enrichment activities with 25+ exhibits, and grab a free family photo.

MCAT:

Halloween Photo-Op Selfie Snaps

Location: MCAT Studio - 12:00-4:00 PM

Capture your costume with these spooky pictures.

Graveyard Dance Party

Location: MCAT Studio - 12:00-4:00 PM

Enjoy a Disco Party Monster Mash.



spectrUM:

Discovery Bench Activity: Spooky Science

Location: spectrUM - 1:00-4:00 PM

Giant Brain Exhibit

Location: Level One - 1:00-4:00 PM

This colossal exhibit includes a tunnel for kids to explore!

Escape Room for Kids

Location: Level Two Study Rooms - 1:00-3:30 PM

Try your hand at one of spectrUM's escape rooms.

THIS FALL IN THE MAKERSPACE

Where creativity and curiosity merge into a space that uses innovative tools and technologies for educational, recreational, and business pursuits.

MakerSpace Walk-In Hours

Thursday & Saturday 2:30-5:30 PM

Fridays 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Sundays 2:30-5:00 PM



Sewing and Mending

First Saturdays 9/2, 10/7, 11/4 2:30-5:30 PM

Make a quick sewing craft or mend your garments.

Beginner Circuits and Soldering:

Making a Meow Mixer

Sat 9/9/2023 4:00-6:00 PM

Participants high school age and older will learn to solder their own free, cat-shaped electronic badge with Kody Kinzie. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/MeowMixer>

Intro to Arduino Workshop

Wed 9/27 6:00-8:00 PM

In this workshop learn some Arduino basics and be guided through a beginner-level project. For ages 10+. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/MPLMakerSpaceArduino>.

Spooky Studs - A Jewelry Workshop

Wed 10/11 6:00-7:30 PM

Learn how to create Halloween-themed stud earrings with our laser cutter and jewelry supplies. Free and open to all ages. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SpookyStuds>.

Soldering and Microcontroller Basics

Make Your Own LED Light Box

Sat 10/21 3:30-4:30 PM & 5:00-6:00 PM

Learn the basics of soldering, microcontrollers, and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies by making your own LED lamp. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/LEDLightBox>.

Living with AI: Understanding and Using Artificial Intelligence

Location: Cooper A

Wed 11/8 6:30-7:30 PM

Join Dan Hubing as he explains Artificial Intelligence and its applications in this free, beginner-friendly class.

Cat Got Your Password:

A Wi-Fi Hacking Self-Defense Workshop

Location: Cooper A

Sat 11/18 3:00-6:00 PM

Learn the basics of Wi-Fi security with hands-on experience using advanced Wi-Fi hacking techniques. Receive a free Wi-Fi Nugget development board upon completion. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/CatGotYour>.

Cricut Basics: Winter Window Clings

Wed 11/29 4:00-5:30 PM

Make your own winter-themed window cling. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/WinterWindowCling>.

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WHAT WE'RE READING

Look for NEA Big Read Discussions!



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.

NEA Big Read *The Cold Millions: A Novel* by Jess Walter
Wed 9/13 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Nomanland: Surviving America in the 21st Century
by Jessica Bruder
Wed 10/11 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Perma Red by Debra Earling
Wed 11/8 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.

NEA Big Read *The Cold Millions: A Novel* by Jess Walter
Wed 9/20 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Aviary by Deidre McNamer
Wed 10/18 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Hunger: A Memoir of (my) Body by Roxanne Gay
Wed 11/15 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Frenchtown Book Club

Location: Frenchtown School/Community Library
Thu 9/21(NEA Big Read), 10/19, 11/16 5:45-8:00 PM

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

Lolo Library Book Discussion - *The Cold Millions*

Location: 5305 Farm Lane, Lolo
Thu 9/14 6:00-7:00 PM

Enjoy a discussion about *The Cold Millions* by Jess Walter.

Potomac Library Book Club

Location: 29750 Potomac Rd., Potomac
Wed 9/13 (NEA Big Read), 10/18, 11/15 6:30-7:30 PM

Meets every 3rd Wednesday. For more information email: kaylaw@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Seeley Lake Library Book Club

Location: 456 Airport Dr., Seeley Lake
Thu 9/7, 10/5 (NEA Big Read), 11/2 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

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

Swan Valley Community Library Book Chat

Location: 6811 Highway 83, Condon
Wed 9/13, 10/11, 11/8 1:00-3:00 PM

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Books are chosen by consensus. For details call (406) 754-2521.

University of Montana Campus Book Discussion

Location: Mansfield Library Commons - Level 3
Tue 9/19 12:30-1:30 PM

All are welcome to join this informal conversation on *The Cold Millions* by Jess Walter. The first 10 people to sign up get a free copy of the book. Register in advance at: <https://tinyurl.com/UMCampusBookDiscussion>.

AUTHORS AT THE LIBRARY

NEA Big Read: *The Cold Millions* Author Event with Jess Walter

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Wed 9/20 5:30-7:30 PM

Join Missoula County Commissioner Josh Slotnick in welcoming author Jess Walter for this lively presentation and discussion of his book and our 2023 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read title, *The Cold Millions*. This NEA Big Read program is presented in partnership with the County Commissioners' Office and Fact & Fiction Bookstore, with support from the NEA.

NEA Big Read: *The Cold Millions* An Evening with Author Jess Walter in Seeley Lake

Location: West Wing Seeley Lake Community Foundation Building, 3150 MT Hwy 83 N.
Thu 9/21 5:30-7:30 PM

Join Missoula County Commissioner Juanita Vero in welcoming author Jess Walter for this lively presentation and discussion of his book and our 2023 National Endowment for the Arts Big Read title, *The Cold Millions*. This NEA Big Read program is presented in partnership with the County Commissioners' Office and Seeley Lake Community Foundation, with support from the NEA.

An Evening with Author David Quammen

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Thu 10/26 6:00-8:00 PM

MPL, in partnership with Shakespeare & Co. Bookstore, will host a reading by celebrated author David Quammen. One of the world's top science writers, Quammen will read from his new collection of essays *The Heartbeat of the Wild: Dispatches from Landscapes of Wonder, Peril, & Hope*. Quammen takes readers to places where civilization meets raw nature and explores the challenge of balancing the needs of both. For this afterhours event please use the Main Street entrance, all other doors will be closed.

An Evening with Author Stephanie Land

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Sun 11/19 7:00-9:00 PM

MPL, in partnership with Fact & Fiction Bookstore, will hosts *New York Times* bestselling author Stephanie Land who will discuss her latest work *Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education* with a book signing to follow. Land's book *Maid* was handpicked by President Barack Obama as one of the best books of 2019 and was later adapted into a hit series on Netflix. For this afterhours event please use the Main Street entrance, all other doors will be closed.

FALL 2023 | Adults and All Ages

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WELCOMING WEEK COOKING DEMO By United We Eat

Location: Demonstration Kitchen
Thu 9/14 3:00-5:00 PM



Join United We Eat Chef, Kamar Tajou, to learn how to prepare delicious comfort food from her home country of Syria! During this cooking demonstration, Chef Kamar will show you how to make Fattet Djaj, a belly-warming dish with chicken and rich ingredients. This cooking demonstration is brought to you by MPL and Soft Landing Missoula as part of Welcoming Week 2023, an annual initiative by organizations, nonprofits and communities around the country to build support for immigrant and refugee neighbors.

RACE AND CHANGE ACROSS CULTURES AND GENERATIONS: A Journey in Stories and Music

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Mon 9/18 6:00-7:30 PM

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Join this Montana Conversation with Dr. Kitty Oliver. This multimedia program blends memoir and music with cross-cultural stories and research into an innovative dialogue on the complexities of race and ethnic relations in the U.S. today with international perspectives. Drawing on her landmark Race and Change Oral Histories archive of native-born and immigrant voices that she is expanding in her travels, Dr. Oliver explores how far we've come and how progress can be made in a hopeful way that inspires our youth. Funding for Montana Conversations is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana's Cultural Trust, and private donations. For more details, visit our calendar of events at: missoulapubliclibrary.org.

UNPLUG AND RECYCLE: PROPER METHODS FOR E-WASTE DISPOSAL

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Sat 10/28 1:00-3:00 PM



Do you have an old computer, smartphone, or other electronics (e-waste) in need of recycling? Bring them in and learn about what e-waste is and what your local options are for disposing of it properly with Mykal Funk, owner of Missoula Re.Tech. Mykal will give an overview of e-waste recycling options in Missoula and considerations for proper disposal, including keeping your data safe. Bring in items you want to get rid of and Missoula Re.Tech will recycle and repurpose them for free.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Tue 10/31 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

This isn't a trick! Treat someone to the gift of life at MPL's Halloween Day blood drive. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code missoulalibrary or 59801, or simply call 800-448-3543. Together, we can save lives.



MONTANA BOOK FESTIVAL

Missoula's annual celebration of all things literary! Enjoy an exciting array of readings, panels, and exhibits with your favorite, and soon-to-be favorite, literary personalities of the West. For program information visit: <https://montanabookfestival.com/>.

All Events are Located on Level Four

September 7:

Festival Opening Ceremonies with Adria Jawort

11:00AM-12 PM Cooper A/B

Outward Exploration as Self-Exploration

12:30-1:45 PM Cooper A

Selections from Awake in the World Vol. 3

2:15-3:30 PM Cooper B

Writing the West

3:30-4:45 PM Cooper A

Blood Money and the Beating Heart of America

5:00-6:15 PM Cooper A

September 8:

Poetry Roundtable I

10:00-11:15 AM Cooper A

Where Humans & Wildlife Meet - 2023 Edition

11:30 AM-12:15 PM Cooper A

(Almost) Every Question You've Ever Had About Psilocybin for Women

11:45 AM-1:00 PM Cooper B

The Poetry of Parents, Their Children, and Vice Versa

1:00-2:15 PM Cooper A

Border Crossings

1:15-2:30 PM Cooper B

Cascadia Field Guide

2:30-3:45 PM Cooper A

A Little Poetry Between Friends

2:45-4:00 PM Cooper B

The State of Genre in 2023

4:00-5:15 PM Cooper A

Sly, Witchy, Twisted, Free

4:15-5:45 PM Cooper B

September 9:

Creative Art Space

9:00-11:45 AM Cooper A

Poetry Round Table II

9:15-10:30 AM Cooper B

Missoula Writing Collaborative

10:45 AM-12 PM Cooper B

Short Story Collections as Communal Narratives

12:00-1:15 PM Cooper A

Poetry of Process

12:15-1:30 PM Cooper B

The Elusive & Ever Present Literary Novel

1:30-2:45 PM Cooper A

What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger

1:45-3:00 PM Cooper B

The Necessity & Challenges of Holocaust Narratives

3:15-4:30 PM Cooper B

From Farm to Table

4:30-5:45 PM Cooper A

September 10:

The Importance of a Creative Community

12:00-1:15 PM Cooper A

The Women Who Made the Mountain West

12:15-1:30 PM Cooper B

Mansfield & Dirksen: Bipartisan Giants of the State

1:30-2:45 PM Cooper A

Art & Experiment of the Essay

1:45-3:00 PM Cooper B

The First Best Guides to the Last Best Place

3:00-4:15 PM Cooper A

This is Wildfire

3:15-4:30 PM Cooper B

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CREATIVITY. HEALTH. ADVENTURE.

Yarns @ MPL

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

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

Yarns and Threads Retreat

Location: Swan Valley Branch Library
Sat 9/16 10:00 AM-4:00 PM



Knit, crochet, and embroider while in the company of others! Bring a project, make new friends, and create some fun! Participants can learn about the Yarns@MPL's Charity Project and enjoy an exchange table for old and no longer used pattern books, yarns, and threads. Lunch will be provided. Registration is preferred. For questions email: paulette@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Watercolor Painting Class

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Every Friday Starting 9/29 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. No class on November 3 & 24.

D&D Guild for Adults

Location: Virtual
Fri 9/1, 9/15, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10 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.

Tech Time @ MPL

Location: Ellingson Room
Thu 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Thu 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Thu 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Get one-on-one assistance with basic technology issues and library services. Bring your own device, or use a library laptop. No appointment required.

International Games Month: Game Day @ Your Library

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Sat 11/4 10:00 AM-5:00 PM



Celebrate gaming in libraries during our International Games Month Game Day event! We'll provide the video games, tabletop games, and snacks. Check out our newly expanded roleplaying game collection, play in a Super Smash Bros Ultimate tournament, or play some Halo with your friends. Board games from the library's awesome games collection will be available for free-play or to checkout. Gamers can also bring their own tabletop games to share. Don't forget to check out our gaming station on Level One. Game on!

YMCA Yoga @ the Library

Location: Cooper Room A
Thursdays 12:00-1:00 PM Starting September 14

MPL partners with Missoula Family YMCA to offer free yoga at the library! Focus on basic yoga postures, alignment principles, and breathing techniques that help balance, strengthen, and stretch the body. Beginners welcome. Participants must sign a liability waiver prior to class by downloading and printing it or by signing a provided copy before class begins. Download the waiver at: <https://tinyurl.com/2994wjwv>. Bring your own yoga mat or use mats that are provided.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Location: Cooper Room A/B

Enjoy activities in a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for individuals experiencing memory loss.

NEA Big Read: Rail Tales & Travel

Tue 9/12 2:00-3:00 PM

All Aboard! Let's travel the rails together in solidarity with this year's NEA Big Read book *The Cold Millions* by Jess Walter. We'll enjoy memories, experiences, and activities.

Turning the Wheel Visits

Tue 11/14 2:00-3:00 PM

Enjoy joyful connections with movement games, rhythm and wordplay to inspire mental and physical creativity.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Introduction to Nature Journaling

Location: Blackfoot Boardroom
Sat 10/7 2:00-3:30 PM

Valerie Bayer and Kathy Settevendemie of Northern Rockies Nature Journaling will give an introduction to the principals, techniques and joys of nature journaling. Registration for this workshop is required by emailing Sarah at: svelk@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Tips for Using MPL's Map PCs: Hunters Edition

Location: Blackfoot Boardroom
Wed 10/18 6:00-7:00 PM

Learn how to use the basic features of the Terrain Navigator Pro map program on MPL's map PCs. Attendees will learn how to find an area, scale the size, design the layout, print a map, and more. Registration for this workshop is required by emailing Sarah at: svelk@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Waterfowl Protection at Berkeley Pit

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Mon 10/23 6:00-7:30 PM



Dr. Stella Capoccia, associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Butte's MT Technological University, presents her research on protecting waterfowl that land in the Berkeley Pit. This presentation covers climate trends, biodiversity, and avian biology, and showcases the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to successful waterfowl and water bird protection efforts.

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HISTORY AND GENEALOGY

4HISTORYBUFFS

Calling all history enthusiasts! Join guest speakers for lively and entertaining presentations of historical interest. Details at: <https://tinyurl.com/4HistoryBuffs>.

Buffalo Soldiers & Band Music with Susan Hintz

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

Learn about the people and activities of the 25th Infantry Band while it was stationed at Fort Missoula.

Western Montana Restricted Districts with Sophia Etier

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Fri 10/27 7:00-9:00 PM

This program will dive into the rich history of restricted "red light" districts in the cities of Missoula and Hamilton.

Montana 1864 with Ken Robison

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Fri 11/17 7:00-9:00 PM

This program will tell the story of steamboats from St. Louis in the 1860s fighting their way up the Missouri to deliver Indian annuities, trade goods, and supplies to gold camps, as well as adventurers, families, and soldiers to the head of navigation.

GENEALOGY @ MPL

Western Montana Genealogical Society

Location: Blackfoot Boardroom
Tue 9/12, 11/14 6:30-8:00 PM

Join the members of this group for general genealogy discussions and tips on making your family history research more productive.

Western Montana Genealogical Society Work Day

Location: Blackfoot Boardroom
Sat 9/16, 10/21 11/18 12:00-4:00 PM

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

Family History Roadshow

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Sat 10/21 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

MPL and the Western Montana Genealogical Society are hosting this Genealogy Roadshow-style event at the library! Spend 15-20 minutes with an experienced genealogist and find your ancestors' stories. This event is free and open to the public. Please come prepared with the name of an ancestor, approximate birth year and place, death information and a specific question you would like us to try to answer. Having a starting point will set us up for success.

OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

Whether you're a seasoned genealogist or just starting to delve into your family's past, Family History Month offers a chance to uncover the rich tapestry of your family tree.

Genealogy for the Absolute Beginner

Location: Blackfoot Boardroom
Mondays 1:30-3:00 PM

A hands-on class for beginners! Registration required:
9/25: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/683839501357>
11/27: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/683882409697>

FAMILY WRITING CONTEST

Sun 10/1/2023 - Fri 3/1/2024

Calling all family historians! Enter genealogical writing about your Montana ancestors in MPL's first annual Family History Writing Contest starting October 1. Entries are accepted until March 1, 2024 at:

<https://missoulapubliclibrary.submittable.com/submit>.

Full contest rules are available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/FamilyHistoryWritingContest>

WRITING WORKSHOPS

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Heirlooms Family History Writing Workshop

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Tue 10/10 5:30-7:30 PM

A hands-on, interactive family history writing workshop that will help you organize what you know about your family history into interesting stories.

Heirlooms Creative Life Story Writing Workshop

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Tue 10/24 5:30-7:30 PM

A hands-on, interactive writing workshop that will help you learn to write shorter, more-focused stories from your life.

GENEALOGY BOOK GROUP

Location: Blackfoot Boardroom

New to MPL! Join fellow history enthusiasts, genealogists, and those curious about their roots in an exciting exploration of genealogy through books.

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline

Mon 10/16 1:00-3:00 PM

All That She Carried by Tiya Miles

Mon 11/13 1:00-3:00 PM

Paper Love: Searching for the Girl My Grandfather Left Behind by Sarah Wildman

Mon 12/11 1:00-3:00 PM

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FALL 2023 | Kids and Families

PROGRAMS JUST FOR KIDS!

Kids Cook with *ChopChop*

Location: Demonstration Kitchen
Thu 9/7, 10/5, 11/2 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.

MakerSpace: Space Night Mission2Mars Activity

Wed 10/25 6:00-8:00 PM

Kids will learn to explore Mars with paper helicopters and candy core samples in this free event.

Missoula Scholastic Chess Club at MPL

Location: Imaginarium
First Thursdays 9/7, 10/5 (Art Box), 11/2 3:30-5:30 PM

New at Missoula Public Library! Join the Missoula Chess Club for this monthly meeting throughout the school year. Students from grades 2-12 are welcome to come play and learn new moves. Beginners are welcome.

Symphony Kids: Missoula Symphony Library Concert Series #1

Location: Imaginarium
Wed 9/20 4:30-5:30 PM

Hear Missoula Symphony's principal flute and harp and discover the angelic voices of these two instruments.

Missoula Symphony Library Concert Series #2

Location: Imaginarium
Wed 11/1 4:30-5:30 PM

Explore the magic of the cello's deep and rich sounds through not just one cello, but four!

You're an Engineer

Location: Imaginarium
Thu 9/21, 10/19, 11/16 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.

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. Stop by 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 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.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

D&D Guild for Teens

Location: Virtual
Sat 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/18 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.

Young Adult Writers Group

Location: Art Box and Virtual
Fridays 3:30-5:30 PM

For writers and aspiring writers ages 16-19. We share our work aloud including poems, stories, songs, rants, novels and give and receive respectful feedback. All genres, tones, and styles are welcome. Questions or to join email Dana at: danam@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

New! Teens Only Taskforce Coming Soon

Are you a teen with ideas for turning the teen corner into a fabulous place? We need your talent, innovation, and sense of style! Bring your friends for food, fun, and creativity. For details contact Linette at: (406) 541-8876 or linette@missoulapubliclibrary.org

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BRANCH PROGRAMS

Big Sky 3D Printing Open Hours

Location: Big Sky High School Library
Every Thursday 4:30-7:30 PM

Staff can help with finding free 3D files online and using Cura Ultimaker 3D printing software. For details email: bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

Seeley Lake Library Open Podcasting Studio

Location: 456 Airport Dr., Seeley Lake
Mon 9/11, 10/2, 10/23, 11/6 4:00-6:00 PM

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

NEW. INSPIRING. COMMUNITY.

Introducing Missoula Public Library's New Children's Welcoming Library

Location: Level Two

On Level Two of the Missoula Public Library, you will find our new Welcoming Library.



We chose the items in this collection to build community belonging with books, and raise a new generation who welcome all. Our collection consists of items that feature the experiences of refugee, immigrant, BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ communities and others. These items can serve as windows into cultures and experiences different from your own or mirrors of your lived experience. Please stop by and take a look!

Solar Eclipse Glasses Available @ MPL

Location: Level One Service Points
Thu 9/14 - Sat 10/14

The upcoming annular solar eclipse should be visible in Missoula on the morning of October 14, 2023. Starting September 14, you can pick up a pair of eclipse viewing glasses while supplies last for free at Level One service points, one pair per person. Our viewing glasses are generously donated by the Space Science Institute with funding from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. For more information about the eclipse visit: <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/eclipses/2023/oct-14-annular/overview/>.

Talk Time

Location: Imaginarium
Thu 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19 5:30-7:00 PM

Practice speaking with other English language learners in this Missoula Public Library program. Learn about U.S. culture and meet people from around the world. Connect with your community, share stories, and create lasting connections in an inclusive community setting. Childcare enrichment activities are provided onsite in collaboration with Families First Learning Lab.



Home ReSource Spontaneous Construction Exhibit

Location: Throughout the Library
Wed 9/20-Thu 10/12 During Open Hours



Celebrate creative reuse with Home ReSource, the nonprofit working for sustainability in Western MT. The Library will display functional art created during Home ReSource's SponCon event on September 16. View functional art created by local builders, artists, and hobbyists from items otherwise destined for the landfill. SponCon items will be sold during a live auction and fundraiser at Missoula County Fairgrounds on October 13 to benefit Home ReSource's programs.

Home ReSource Spontaneous Construction Reception

Location: Cooper Room A/B
Fri 10/6 5:00-7:00 PM

Join us during October's First Friday art walk to celebrate creative reuse with Home ReSource, the nonprofit working for sustainability in Western Montana. The Library will display functional art created during Home ReSource's Spontaneous Construction event (SponCon). There will also be a creative reuse pop-up of local artisans selling goods like jewelry, art, and home decor, a scavenger hunt, and refreshments! This event is family friendly and free to attend.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Location: Cooper Room B
Sat 10/14 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sun 10/15 12:00-4:00 PM



The Friends of Missoula Public Library annual book sale is coming soon! Don't miss this great sale that is happening on Saturday, October 14, from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, October 15 from 12 to 4 PM. On Sunday, all books from 2-4 PM will be free! Shoppers can purchase a bag for \$5, and then fill it up with books and other items of their choice. What a deal! The sale will feature plenty of non-fiction, fiction, children's books, audio visual materials, and much more. Most items are old library items and will have library markings. All proceeds of the sale support library programming.

FALL

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

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| Sunday, September 3 | Labor Day |
| Monday, September 4 | Labor Day |
| Monday, October 9 | Indigenous Peoples' Day |
| Saturday, November 11 | Veterans Day |
| Wednesday, November 22 | Thanksgiving |
| Thursday, November 23 | Thanksgiving |
| Friday, November 24 | Thanksgiving |

FALL 2023 | AUOR Partner Programs



FAMILIES FIRST LEARNING LAB

Preschool Art with a Purpose

Location: Families First Classroom
Tuesdays 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

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

Blue Block Wednesdays

Location: Families First Classroom
Every Wednesday 1:00-3:00 PM

Build something amazing with our giant blue blocks.

CDC Screenings

Location: Families First Learning Lab
Thu 9/7, 10/5, 11/2 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Are you curious about developmental milestones? Do you have questions about your child's development? According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 6 U.S. children experience a developmental delay. These delays can often be easily addressed if they're caught early. Drop in to get your child tested for free on select days.

Community Connections

Location: Families First Classrooms
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 and dramatic play.

Dads & Dialogue

Location: Families First Classroom
Wed 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27 6:00-7:30 PM
Wed 10/4, 10/11 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. Dads will learn about the different ways that their power influences and affects the family system. Registration is required at <https://www.familiesfirstmt.org/dad.html>.

Early Out Activities

Location: Families First Classroom
Thu 9/14, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9 3:00-5:00 PM

Looking for something to do on Thursday, early release from school? Join FFL for a variety of fun activities.

Kids Cooking Class

Location: Demonstration Kitchen
Wed 9/20, 10/18, 11/15 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.

School's Out Activities

Location: Families First Learning Lab
Thu 10/19 All Day
Fri 10/20, 11/10 All Day

Looking for something to do while school's out? Swing by the Families First table located outside the office to pick up a fun and educational take-home activity.

Volunteer Days

Location: Families First Classroom
Thu 9/14, 10/12 12:00-1:00 PM & 5:00-6:00 PM
Wed 11/8 12:00-1:00 PM & 5:00-6:00 PM

Families First is looking for volunteers for help on various impactful projects. Please lend a hand if you can! For more visit <https://www.familiesfirstmt.org/volunteer.html>.

World Kindness Week

Location: Families First Classroom
November 13-18 All Day

November 13th is World Kindness Day. Families First will be celebrating throughout the week with kindness kits to take home. Stop by the Families First table outside the lobby to pick up activities.



Research Studies + Activities

The Minds Lab studies how children think about others' minds and internal states. Researchers are interested in how young children's conception of others' minds inform their learning and their moral

judgments. The Minds Lab examines these questions developmentally from preschoolers to early adolescence.

UM Living Lab Open Hours

Monday - Thursday 3:00-6:00 PM
Friday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM & 3:00-6:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

Closures: 9/4, 10/9, 11/11, 11/22, 11/23, 11/24

Fun, brief, child-friendly research activities for kids. Those interested can walk in during open hours or sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/mindslab>.

The UM Living Lab is part of the LINK collective, a Science Education Partnership Award (NIH) funded collaboration between the City of Missoula, University of Montana, and Missoula Public Library to inspire the next generation and create on-ramps to higher education.



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To register for programs or for more details visit mcat.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
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM & Thursdays 2:00-3:00 PM

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

Learn MCAT's 3 Camera Studio

Location: MCAT
Every Wednesday 5:00-6:00 PM

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

Learn to Video Edit

Location: MCAT
Every Monday 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
Mondays 2:00-3:00 PM & Saturdays 10:00-11:00 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 120
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 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
Every Saturday 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.

Missoula Community Radio

Missoula Community Radio provides tools and techniques for every user and creates a medium for community members to enrich and engage their community directly and freely by producing educational, socially just, culturally aware, and entertaining radio programming.



spectrUM Open Hours

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Closures 9/22 (Big Night), 10/9, 11/11, 11/22 - 11/25

Discovery Bench Themes

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

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| Science Extravaganza | Tue 8/29 - Sat 9/2 |
| Robotics & Coding | Tue 9/5 - Sat 9/9 |
| Rocks, Minerals & Fossils | Tue 9/12 - Sat 9/16 |
| Making Madness | Tue 9/19 - Sat 9/23 |
| Biology & Nano | Tue 9/26 - Sat 9/30 |
| World Space Week | Tue 10/3 - Sat 10/7 |
| National Earth Science Week | Tue 10/10 - Sat 10/14 |
| National Chemistry Week | Tue 10/17 - Sat 10/21 |
| Creepy Science | Tue 10/24 - Sat 10/28 |
| Science Polooza | Tue 10/31 - Sat 11/4 |
| Physics, Forces, & Motion | Tue 11/7 - Sat 11/11 |
| Color in Science | Tue 11/14 - Sat 11/18 |
| All About Anatomy | Tue 11/21 |
| Forensics | Tue 11/28 - Sat 12/2 |

Special Discovery Bench Activity Themes

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| The Three Sisters | Wed 9/27 |
| Dissection | Fri 9/29 |
| Create a Nebula | Fri 10/6 |
| Fire Science | Wed 10/11 |
| Chemistry Magic in a Bag | Fri 10/20 |
| Haunted Senses | Tue 10/31 |
| Slime | Fri 11/17 |

Fall 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 9/27, 10/25, 11/29 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 page or YouTube channel. 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>



Potomac Public Library Hours

Location: 29750 Potomac Rd., Potomac
Starting in September 3:00-7:00 PM

Starting September 2023, the Potomac School and Community Library will have updated hours: Wednesdays 3:00 - 7:00 PM with occasional Saturday hours from 3:00 - 7:00 PM. Open Saturdays will be announced in advance via the Potomac Branch's Facebook page. For more information call 406-721-2665.



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 to Reopen Soon!

If all goes to plan, the Lolo School and Branch Library is set to open its doors to students and the public this September. The district broke ground in the spring of 2022. Voters in the district passed a \$22.1 million bond in 2020 to help pay for the project. This new building will be a fresh start for more than 500 students and the entire community in Lolo this fall. For updates on this project visit: <https://www.loloschools.org/>.



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Monday 9 AM-8 PM
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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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