



MARCH GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

SEED SWAP

with FIVE VALLEYS SEED LIBRARY

Saturday 3/15 10:00 AM-2:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Join us at the library for the annual Five Valleys Seed Library's Seed Swap. Explore gardening resources from local experts and take home FREE seeds. Bring in your saved seeds to share or trade. Don't miss the House Plant Swap and the plant and garden book exchange!

This year's speakers are:

- Paul Buck, High Altitude (CO & MT) Master Gardener
- Elaine Sheff, Founder of Green Path Herb School
- Kate Wilburn, Permaculturalist & Local Gardener



Get Lit! is MPL's ongoing promotion of all things literacy-related! Come Get Lit! at the library this spring and beyond. March programs:

PainSavvy Health Literacy

Sun 3/9 Ellingson Rm. & 3/23 Blackfoot Rm. 1:00-1:50 PM

A health literacy class covering strategies for preventing and overcoming persistent pain and increase movement.

How to Make Bone Broth Cooking Class

Mon 3/10 6:00-7:30 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Join the library and Basal to learn the art of making bone broth, from ingredients to storage. Get recipes, tips, and ideas for enjoying broth. Space is limited so arrive early!

Grow Music Presents...

Sun 3/9 3:00-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

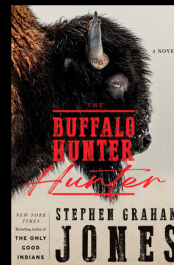
Grow Music and MPL present this music series featuring local youth in partnership with adult musicians. This month we will welcome Ouzel: Acoustic Soundscapes.

SCAN FOR MARCH'S BOOKMOBILE LOCATIONS



READING WITH NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES



MARCH 23

DOORS OPEN 5 PM
EVENT AT 5:30 PM



YOGA STORY TIME FOR KIDS @ MPL



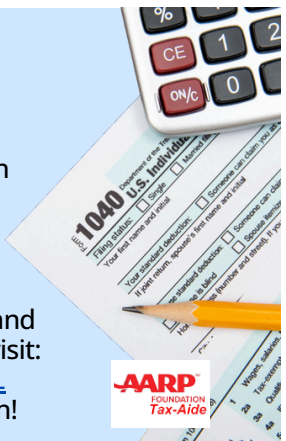
Sat 3/15 10:30 AM - Imaginarium

Stretch, move, and practice mindfulness together at Yoga Story Time! Enjoy engaging stories and calming crafts paired with fun beginner yoga poses for kids ages 3-7 and their caregivers. Limited to 12 participants and mats are provided.

AARP TAXAIDE

Select Mondays and Tuesdays
9:00 AM-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A

This tax season, the AARP Foundation TaxAide will offer free Federal and State tax preparation. From students to seniors and everyone in between, anyone filing a simple 1040 Form is welcome. To make an appointment and to learn more call (406) 285-1715 or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/AARPTaxAideMPL> and eliminate the stress of tax season!



MONTANA REPERTORY THEATRE: FIRST READS

Sat 3/29 2:00-5:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

MPL hosts Montana Repertory Theatre's First Reads, a staged reading series where local actors read three contemporary plays being considered for full productions. These readings allow audiences to experience the stories before sets or costumes are added. Perfect for theatre lovers and avid readers!



PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Infant to 3-Year-Old Playgroup

Tue 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 10:30-11:30 AM - Imaginarium

Every Tuesday, Families First and MPL host a play group for infants to three-year-olds. Activities focus on early childhood development, play and the importance of community.

Missoula Scholastic Chess Club

Thu 3/6 3:30-5:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Students from grades 2-12 can play chess with friends and learn new moves. Beginners welcome!

Cooking for Kids

Thu 3/6 3:30-4:30 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Young chefs, join us at the library to make tasty treats and fun snacks! Enjoy hands-on cooking and take home your creations. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Hellgate High School Art Show

Fri 3/7 5:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Celebrate National Youth Art Month with a First Friday reception and juried exhibit. Enjoy live music from Hellgate's Jazz Band and view the exhibit throughout March!



Story Time for Diverse Abilities

Wed 3/12, 3/26 1:00-2:00 PM - Art Box

Youth Services librarians read a selection of engaging stories geared toward teens through adults with cognitive or other disabilities.

Sensory Story Time with Advanced Therapy Clinic

Sat 3/22 11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Imaginarium

An interactive story time to support individuals with autism or sensory processing challenges. Attendees can move and engage with restorative materials, offering an inclusive experience. Space is limited to 10 participants. Though designed for children, all ages are welcome.

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER

MakerSpace: Sewing and Mending Drop-In

Wed 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26 2:00-5:30 PM - MakerSpace

Bring in your damaged clothing and learn the art of mending during our sewing-focused walk-in hours. Whether you're fixing a tear, patching up holes, or starting a new sewing project, all skill levels and creative ideas are welcome!

Windows User Group

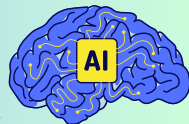
Wed 3/12 2:00-4:00 PM - Imaginarium

Want to be more confident using Microsoft Windows? In this class, participants will have fun learning everything about Windows with facilitator, Dan Hubing.

MakerSpace: AI for the Average Individual

Tue 3/18 5:30-7:30 PM - MakerSpace

Through live demonstrations of ChatGPT and Microsoft's Copilot, this program will help you boost your abilities, discover AI applications, distinguish between internet searches and chatbot prompts, learn almost anything using AI, and protect your personal information.



EXPLORE THE PAST

Introduction to Irish Research

Sat 3/1 2:00-3:30 PM - Blackfoot Room

Curious about your Irish heritage? Discover tips, resources, and strategies to find your family across the Emerald Isle.

Western Montana Genealogical Society Work Day

Sat 3/15 12:00-4:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Bring in your genealogical project and fellow genealogists can assist with your research, share websites, and offer advice.

4HistoryBuffs: History of Old Faithful Inn

Tue 3/25 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Join presenter Jim McDonald for a lively and entertaining presentation on the history of the Old Faithful Inn.

LET'S READ TOGETHER!

2nd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 3/12 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online

Loot by Tania James

Potomac Branch Library Book Club

Wed 3/12 6:00-7:00 PM - Potomac Branch Library

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

3rd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 3/19 6:30-7:30 PM - Ellingson Room

The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Irish Dancing

Mon 3/15 3:00-4:00 PM - Imaginarium

Join dancers from the Carroll-Henderson School of Irish Dancing for a St. Patrick's Day performance followed by a dance lesson! Appropriate for all ages.



Oscars Watch Party

Sun 3/2 3:00-9:00 PM - Level Four

Lights, camera, OSCARS! Watch the 97th Academy Awards, predict the winners, and win prizes including one from The Roxy Theatre! Dress your best for the red carpet party photo booth then enjoy bingo, food, and drinks. Please enter through the Main St. doors before 5:15 PM for Hollywood's biggest night!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tue 3/4 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Cooper Room

Make an appointment to give at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800) 733-2767. All donors in March will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/March

Resource Access Day (RAD)

Thu 3/13 12:00-3:00 PM - Level Four

MPL, Missoula Municipal Courts, and the Pretrial Assistance to Support Success (PASS) program, are partnering to provide free resources for everyone! Resources include legal support, housing and benefits assistance, healthcare, and more. Services are on a drop-in basis and lunch will be provided.

