GO ON AN ADVENTURE!

Children, teens, and adults alike are invited to go on a quest for knowledge, creativity, and fun. Join us this summer as we set sail for adventure with hands-on activities, engaging presentations, and entertaining programs for everyone!

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 Summer Learning Program details visit our website at https://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/summer-learning-program/

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PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG READERS

Library Adventures Scavenger Hunt
Location: Throughout the Library
June 1st - August 24th

The library must be explored! Pick up a scavenger hunt sheet on Level Two and start your quest! Follow the clues to find letters hidden throughout the library. Once you find all the letters, solve the puzzle and receive a prize!

Summer Learning Kick Off with Kate DiCamillo
Location: Cooper Room A/B
Sat 6/1 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Kick off Summer Learning with New York Times best-selling children's author and 2 time Newbery medalist, Kate DiCamillo. The former National Ambassador for Young Peoples Literature will join us live via Zoom for a conversation about reading and writing with some of her well-loved characters such as Winn Dixie, Mercy Watson, Edward Tulane and many more.

Pollinators - Make a Butterfly Puddler
Location: Imaginarium
Tue 6/11 2:00-3:00 PM

Join Eliza from the National Wildlife Federation and learn all about pollinators and the Garden for Wildlife program. Make a butterfly puddler to provide water for our fabulous flying friends. We'll make a puddler for our Level Two balcony pollinator garden and one to take home!

MCAT Media Shenanigans
Location: Imaginarium & MCAT
Mon 6/24 2:00-3:00 PM

Want to picture yourself in outer space, a remote jungle or give yourself a spooky or wacky voice? Join MCAT as they digitally change your world! Get a taste of the many ways MCAT can help you customize your own movie, vlog, or just have some goofy fun for an afternoon.

Birding Journals for Kids
Location: Art Box
Tue 7/12 1:00-2:00 PM

The bird is the word! Decorate your own birding journal and practice your birdwatching skills with a fun interactive bird scavenger hunt.

The Hearing Dog
Location: Imaginarium
Fri 7/12 2:00-3:00 PM

Come see a demonstration about how dogs help those who are hard of hearing or have other disabilities. You can interact with the dogs and see them perform helpful acts and fun tricks.

Mission2Mars with spectrUM
Location: Imaginarium
Sat 7/20 1:30-2:30 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!

All About Break Dancing
Location: Imaginarium
Tue 7/30 1:30-2:30 PM

Learn about one of the newest events at the Olympics, Breaking (also known as Break Dancing). Discover this unique dance style with a local break dancer who will teach us some moves.

READ TO RIDE

Win Free Rides for the Western Montanan Fair

Kids that complete half their reading log by July 26th can be entered in a drawing for free rides at the Western Montana Fair!
Hush Hour Missoula
Location: Level Four Balcony
Thu 6/13, 7/18, 8/8 6:00-8:30 PM
MPL, Hush Hour Missoula, and KFGM invite all readers who want to grab a drink, listen to live tunes, and take in beautiful views all while getting lost in a good book. Readers can grab a drink, find a seat, and relax with live music from 6-7 PM. Silent reading will start at 7 PM, with discussion and socializing after from 8-8:30 PM.

Teen Adventures in Cooking
Location: Art Box & Demonstration Kitchen
Sat 6/15 2:00-4:00 PM - Visit Taiwan
Sat 7/13 2:00-4:00 PM - Mycological Mystery Tour
On June 15 come and learn about Taiwan as you make Boba tea, Peng Bing cookies, and Taiwanese milk mochi. On July 13 make mushroom grow bags and sample amazing mushroom dishes. For teens grades 7-12.

Home Resource Fix-It Clinic
Location: MakerSpace
Sat 6/22 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Bring in items you’d like to learn how to fix. Outdoor gear, bikes, lights, you name it, and the Home Resource coaches will teach you how to fix it.

Hands-On Plant Lab
Location: Cooper Room B
Tue 6/25 6:00-7:30 PM
This hands-on workshop will take your botany knowledge to the next level. Join local naturalist Drew Lefebvre of Turnstone Nature Education to observe real plants up close, discussing plant characteristics, patterns, terminology, field guides, and more. We’ll observe, decode, compare, and even dissect!

Olympics Watch Party
Location: Cooper Room A
Mon 8/5, Tue 8/6, Wed 8/7 5:00-8:00 PM
Come to the library to watch the Olympic Games in Paris for three nights straight. The library will provide drinks, themed snacks, fun facts, books about the Olympics, and of course a live stream of the Olympics Games.

Voices of the Valley: Salish Language, Art, and History with Aspen Decker
Location: Cooper Room A/B
Sat 8/17 1:00-2:00 PM
Join Aspen Decker, an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (t̓at̓ʔayaqn, Ql̓isp̓é & Ksanka) and a speaker of her tribal Nsélišcn ‘Salish language’, for this engaging educational program where Aspen will speak about the Salish language, art, and the rich history of the Salish and Kootenai Tribes.
**Cooking for Kids!**  
**Location:** Demonstration Kitchen  
**Thu 6/6 & 8/1 3:30-4:30 PM**  
Learn how to make tasty treats, simple meals, and fun foodstuffs at your local library! Kid-friendly recipes will be shared with young chefs, who will get the chance to make their own food to enjoy and take home.

**Special Story Time: Plant a Pollinator Garden**  
**Location:** Art Box and Level Two Balcony  
**Sat 6/15 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
Celebrate Pride and pollinators by listening to some books, learning how you can help pollinators at home, making some seed bombs, and helping plant a pollinator on the library's second floor balcony.

**Community Library Symphony Concert with Missoula Symphony**  
**Location:** Frenchtown School/Community Library  
**8/7 12:00-1:00 PM**  
Enjoy a free mini concert series by the Missoula Symphony at our Frenchtown and Lolo branch libraries. Meet the woodwind instruments in the orchestra as the symphony musicians perform in a quintet (group of 5) 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 to listen to their music and ask questions at the end of the concert.

**Young Kids Dance Party with MCAT**  
**Location:** MCAT Studio  
**Every Saturday 11:00-11:45 AM**  
Stop by the MCAT studio after Story Time to enjoy a little quality dance time with your kids. The light show will be fantastic and the playlist is very kid friendly.

**Tiny Tales @ EmPower Place**  
**Location:** EmPower Place, 1720 Wyoming St  
**Every Tuesday 11:45 AM-12:15 PM**  
Tiny Tales uses sounds, rhythms, and movement to help your child learn to read. Come sing songs, learn finger-plays and nursery rhymes, and hear stories! This will be held in the 2nd floor EmPower Place conference room.

**Game On! @ MPL**  
**Location:** Imaginarium  
**Every Thursday 2:30-5:30 PM**  
Prove you are master of Rainbow Road or smash your opponents in Super Smash Bros.! Game On is for ages 16 and under. During play no food or drinks are allowed, players must share and play with other gamers while being respectful of the equipment and each other.

**THIS SUMMER AT OUR BRANCHES**

**Big Sky Branch Arts & Crafts**  
**Location:** Big Sky High School Library  
**Every Tuesday 12:00-3:00 PM**  
Create! Learn! Discover! Drop-in DIY Arts & Crafts projects for young kids and their families at the Big Sky Branch every Tuesday. For upcoming projects email bdoyle@missoulapubliclibrary.org

**Big Sky Branch Tech Time**  
**Location:** Big Sky High School Library  
**Every Thursday 3:00-5:00 PM Until 8/22**  
Meet with a library staff member and get one-on-one assistance with basic technology issues and library services. Bring your own device or use one of ours.

**Big Sky Branch Game Day**  
**Location:** Big Sky High School Library  
**Wed 6/12, 7/10, 8/14 2:00-4:30 PM**  
Enjoy board games for checkout, a PS4 hooked up to a projector with an extensive library of video games, and a tabletop roleplaying game! Players can try a short "one-shot" Dungeons and Dragons adventure ready to go.

**Potomac Branch Summer Reading Club**  
**Location:** Potomac Library 29750 Potomac Road  
**Every Wednesday 6/24-8/21 4:00-5:00 PM**  
Calling all Potomac summer readers! Want to share what you’ve been reading? Need some inspiration for your next book? Then stop by this summer for this unstructured, read-what-you-want book club! Snacks and bookish enthusiasm will be provided by your friendly librarian.
LISTEN. ENGAGE. LEARN.

English as a Second Language Class
Location: Blackfoot Room
Sat 6/1, 6/15, 6/29, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24 9:30-11:30 AM
The International Rescue Committee (IRC) and MPL are happy to offer this free entry level ESL class to help those needing to learn English as a second language.

Financial Literacy Class
Location: Cooper Room A
Mon 6/10, 7/8, 8/12 Tue 6/11, 7/9, 8/13 5:30-7:30 PM
Fri 6/14, 7/12, 8/16 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Want to take control of your finances? The International Rescue Committee and Clearwater Credit Union offer an ongoing financial education course. Classes will be held in English with interpretations to follow: Mondays - Dari/ Pashto, Tuesdays – Arabic, Fridays – Swahili.

Norman Maclean: A Life of Letters and Rivers
Location: Cooper Room A/B
Wed 6/5 6:00-7:30 PM
Enjoy a discussion and reading with author Rebecca McCarthy from her new book. McCarthy will be joined by O. Alan Weltzien, editor of The Norman Maclean Reader.

World Wide Knit in Public with Yarns @ MPL
Location: Library Lawn or Blackfoot Room
Sat 6/8 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Join fiber artists around the globe bringing attention to the crafts of knitting, crocheting, and other crafts. Grab a free kit that includes needles, yarn, and a pattern.

OpenAIR Soft Sculpture Workshop & Presentation
MakerSpace Workshop - 6/1 1:00-4:00 PM
Cooper Room A Presentation - 6/14 4:00-6:00 PM
At the workshop, Artist-in-Resident Genevieve Waller will talk about the history of soft sculpture and then will help you create a sculptural work of your own. Registration is required at https://www.openairmt.org/events. At the presentation, meet with the artist and enjoy refreshments.

Becoming Little Shell Book Launch with Chris La Tray
Location: Cooper Room A/B
Wed 8/21 6:00-8:00 PM
Join MT Poet Laureate and Little Shell Chippewa member, Chris La Tray for a book launch program celebrating the release of the highly-anticipated new book, Becoming Little Shell: A Landless Indian’s Journey Home.

Books on Tap @ Imagine Nation Brewing
Location: 1151 West Broadway
Tue 8/20 5:30-8:00 PM
Gather for a night of trivia based on a handpicked booklist by MPL librarians! Selections are from the 2024 Missoula Reads categories. Read more, win more!

4HISTORYBUFFS
Calling all history enthusiasts! Join guest speakers for lively and entertaining presentations of historical interest.

The First Homesteaders on Mullan Road
Fri 6/28 7:00-9:00 PM
Mullan Monuments: History and Memory
Tue 7/30 6:00-8:00 PM
Soaking Up the History of Hot Springs Resorts
Tue 8/27 6:00-8:00 PM

GIVING BACK & HELPING OTHERS

First Friday Reception: Poverello Past & Future
Location: Level Four
Fri 6/7 5:00-7:00 PM
2024 marks the Poverello Center's 50th Anniversary! This interactive exhibit will feature a glimpse into Missoula as it was in 1974, the calling to serve felt by Missoulians throughout the years, and the ability to provide food, shelter, help, and hope for the next 50 years.

Poverello Past & Future Cocktail Reception
Location: Level Four
Thu 6/27 5:30-8:00 PM
Enjoy live music, art, a silent auction, and hors d’oeuvres while celebrating the Poverello Center's 50th Anniversary. This is a ticketed event. Tickets are available at https://tinyurl.com/PoverelloAnniversaryGala24

Pint Night @ Imagine Nation Brewing Co.
Location: 1151 West Broadway
Wed 7/24 5:00-8:00 PM
Join us for Pint Night, an evening celebrating MPL! Discover what the library is doing this summer in a fun and vibrant atmosphere. Every pint purchased donates $1 to the Friends of the Library.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Location: Cooper Room A/B
Tue 6/18, 7/2, 8/27 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
Be a kind-hearted hero when donating at a summertime blood drive hosted by MPL. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter code missoulalibrary or 59801, or call (800) 733-2767. Giving saves lives!

MEMORY CAFÉ
Enjoy activities in a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for individuals experiencing memory loss.
Location: Cooper Room A/B
Meet and Greet with Registered Therapy Dog Teams
Tue 6/11 2:00-3:00 PM
Moving Correctly in T’ai Chi Chih with Lynne Roberts
Tue 7/9 2:00-3:00 PM
Olympic Games Fun
Tue 8/13 2:00-3:00 PM
**Parent Consultations**  
Location: Families First Office  
Every Day 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Parenting consultations provide individualized support to help families navigate obstacles within their family system. These consultations are free to qualifying individuals. For details email hannahw@familiesfirstmt.org.

**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!

**Community Connections**  
Location: Families First Classroom  
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 6/26 6:00-7:30 PM  
Wed 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 6:00-7:30 PM  
Wed 8/14, 8/21, 8/28 6:00-7:30 PM

In this group dads come together to connect about the experience of fatherhood. Session topics are centered around Dr. John Sommers-Flanagan’s research and work involving parental power dynamics and the Parent Influence Model. Dads will learn about and explore the different ways that their power influences affect the family system. Free dinner and childcare provided. Space is limited and registration is required at: https://www.familiesfirstmt.org/dad.html.

**Kids Cooking Class**  
Location: Demonstration Kitchen  
Wed 7/24 & 8/21 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.

**Back to School Bash**  
Location: Level Two  
Sun 8/18 12:00-2:00 PM

Every August Families First puts together an event where kiddos can come pick up free school supplies. There will be a variety of supplies, activities, books, and fun ways to get your school year started. Come celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of school with us!

**UM Living Lab Appointment Hours**  
6/1-7/31 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 2:00-6:00 PM  
Friday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM & 2:00-6:00 PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM  
8/1-8/31 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 3:00-6:00 PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM

**Closures:** August 19-25

Visit the UM Living Lab for fun science activities and research studies for kids! [www.umt.edu/living-lab](http://www.umt.edu/living-lab)

**Robot Obstacle Course Challenge**  
Location: UM Living Lab  
Saturdays 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Hey kids do you like a challenge?! Then come and drive a human-sized robot through an obstacle course.

The UM Living Lab is part of the LINK collective, a Science Education Partnership Award (NIH) funded collaboration with the City of Missoula, University of Montana, and MPL to inspire the next generation and create on-ramps to higher education.
To register for programs or for more details visit mcat.org or call (406) 542-6228

**Community Radio DJ Auditions**
Location: MCAT
Every Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM

If you would like to have your own radio show, consider making an audition demo with help from MCAT staff.

**Introduction to Podcasting**
Location: MCAT Podcast Room
Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 PM

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

**Learn Computer Video Editing**
Location: MCAT
Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 PM

Learn how to edit your videos with computer software.

**MCAT Tour & Training**
Location: MCAT
Monday 6:00-7:00 PM

Tour includes the studio, computer editing, podcast rooms, and cameras for check-out.

**Music Saturday at MCAT Studio**
Location: MCAT Studio
Every Saturday 1:00-4:30 PM

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

**KFGM The FreeSessions**
Location: Cooper Room A/B
Mon 6/24, 7/29, 8/26 5:00-8:00 PM

FreeSessions is an improvised music and movement jam session to promote collaboration amongst creatives in Missoula. The aim is to cultivate a healthy musical eco-system across genres and ages, through the encouragement of active listening and a full acceptance of all musicians. Every month a curator presents a new piece of music, concept, or improvisation. Curators include: Sarah Frazier, Cooper Godfrey, Teague Goodvoice. For details visit: [https://www.1015kfgm.org/](https://www.1015kfgm.org/).

**KFGM A/V Club**
Location: MCAT Studio
Wed 6/26, 7/24, 8/28 5:00-8:00 PM

Every fourth Wednesday join KFGM’s A/V workshop and creative meetup. No experience required, workshops are free, and materials are provided.

**special Discovery Bench Activity Themes**

**Virtual Reality**
Fri 6/14

**Mystery Powders**
Fri 7/5

**Nature of Dye**
Fri 7/19

**Stained Glass**
Fri 8/2

**spectrUM Science at the UM Living Lab**
Location: UM Living Lab
Sat 6/22, 8/10, 8/24 3:00-5:00 PM

Don’t miss the fun when spectrUM is brings hands-on science activities to the UM Living Lab!

**Be a Space Scientist! with spectrUM**
Location: Potomac School/Public Library
29750 Potomac Road
Wed 6/26 & 7/27 3:00-7:00 PM

Join our friends at spectrUM and be a space scientist this summer! GSK Science in the Summer is a fun free STEM program for elementary school-aged students that aims to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers. This program is led by the spectrUM Discovery Area in collaboration with GSK and Franklin Institute. spectrUM is excited to bring this program to the Potomac Branch of the Missoula Public Library!

**spectrUM Big Night Gala!**
September 28th from 6:00-9:00 PM
[https://tinyurl.com/spectrUMBigNight](https://tinyurl.com/spectrUMBigNight)
Come Read With Us

2nd Wednesday Book Group
Location: Blackfoot Room and Online
Discussions are in the library and online. To join, email chrish@missoulapubliclibrary.org with “2nd Wednesday Book Group” in the subject line.

Night of the Living Rez by Morgan Talty
Wed 6/12 6:30-7:30 PM

Women Talking: A Novel by Miriam Toews
Wed 7/10 6:30-7:30 PM

Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead
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3rd Wednesday Book Group
Location: Ellingson Room
Join us for this lively book discussion where new members are always welcome! pamc9701@gmail.com

The Guncle: A Novel by Steven Rowley
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Dinosaurs by Lydia Millet
Wed 7/17 6:30-7:30 PM

Small Mercies by Dennis Lehane
Wed 8/21 6:30-7:30 PM

Potomac Library Book Club
Location: 29750 Potomac Rd., Potomac
Join your fellow Potomac Valley readers for a lively book discussion each month. For more information contact Kayla at: kaylaw@missoulapubliclibrary.org.

The Age of Vice by Deepti Kapoor
Wed 6/12 6:00-7:00 PM

Holding Fire: A Reckoning with the American West by Bryce Andrews (Montana Book Award Honor Book)
Wed 7/10 6:30-7:30 PM

Parable of the Sower by Octavia E. Butler
Wed 8/14 6:30-7:30 PM

Frenchtown Book Club
Location: Frenchtown School/Community Library
Thu 6/20, 7/18, 8/15 5:45-8:00 PM
Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. All are welcome to join. For details call (406) 626-2730.

Seeley Lake Library Book Club
Location: 456 Airport Dr., Seeley Lake
Thu 6/6 & 8/11 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
This book club meets the 1st Thursday of the month.

Swan Valley Community Library Book Chat
Location: 6811 Highway 83, Condon
Wed 6/12, 7/10, 8/14 1:00-3:00 PM
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