**The MPL Mission**

Spark curiosity. Make connections. Thrive together.

Missoula Public Library achieves its mission by fostering community engagement, providing core services, and promoting sustainability and wellness.

* **Circulation – July 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* MPL hosted UM practicum student Kari Stack, who did her placement in Circulation, Youth Services and the Big Sky branch from June 5 to July 22

**Core Services**

* A Lyngsoe tech conducted a site visit on July 16 to maintain the AMH, conduct repairs and discuss upgrades to the self-check kiosks to include ADA compliance.
* Commenced Cataloging project to add a new Offsite collection held at the Western Montana's LGBTQ+ Community Center.
* Circulation lead workers Jon Tweeten, Ava Sweet and Will Klaczynski managed special system reports, work that included patron accounts cleanup of address errors, system user account assessment, and group card cleanup.
* Collection reports run to correct MCD call numbers, conduct selector collection management, and missed NEW to STACKS items.
* Migration and creation of SOP content (SharePoint MSLA Hub) 80% complete.
* MSL auto-renewal feature configured for MPL patrons. Courtesy notifications updated for qualifying patrons.

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* MSL Aspen updated with current employee and board information. Library Assistants Laura Cote and Teresa Clark refreshed their state certifications.
* EJ adjusted weekly work schedule to offer open office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
* Protective, Plexiglas doors installed on 3D printer cabinets to protect orders and prevent inadvertent injury.
* **Community Engagement – July 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* Attended the Arlee Pow Wow and Celebration and the Elmo Pow Wow and led art activities while educating about MPL resources and services.
* Did library card sign ups and outreach at Imagine Nation during a Friends of the Library pint night in July.
* Held interviews for our new Bookmobile Specialist and a selection was made. The new candidate will begin in the beginning of August.
* Hosted 3 weddings, a Trout Unlimited Banquet, and a private reception through our private rentals service.

**Core Services**

* In June, began using Project Outcome to evaluate and understand the impact of programming at MPL.
* Planning stages of launching a new service called HelpNow powered by Brainfuse which will provide live online tutoring sessions for all ages and study materials. Will launch at the end of August.
* Hosted several Summer Reading themed programs for adult or general audiences, most notably the Hush Hour event which was attended by a couple of our County Commissioners.

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* Planning a Resource Access Day (RAD) which can be described as a mini-Project Community Connect. Will launch in August.
* On-boarded a new full-time custodian.
* Collaborated with the International Rescue Committee to host English as a Second Language Classes every other Saturday.
* **Reference – July 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* Upcoming genealogy courses, including seven new ones: 9/14 Locality Guides for Family History; October Family History Month: 10/1 Busting Genealogy Myths, 10/8 MPL’s Family History Resources, 10/15 Photo Digitization (MCAT), 10/22 Oral Interviews (MCAT), 10/29 Family History Writing Contest Explained; 11/9 Civil War Ancestors
* Arranged tax assistance with the AARP for tax season.
* Improved procedures related to community service workers volunteering at the library.

**Core Services**

* On-boarded a new Passport Acceptance Agent.
* Took a training to assess the feasibility of using the Outreach module in Workflows. Testing continues in August.
* Celebrating Constitution Day/Week with a display pod, free pocket State-USA Constitutions to give away, and a pop up display with information about the 19th Amendment.
* Created a plan to shift youth services collections in preparation for moving and improving the young adult area.
* Established an inter-departmental digital project team using information from an 8-week digital archives training offered by WebJunction.

**Sustainability and Wellness**

* Received $1000 in grant funds from the Pad Project and $1000 from the Friends of the Library to distribute menstrual products in bathrooms. To create more welcoming spaces, products will be placed in multiple bathrooms, regardless of gender.
* Built a simple facilities tracker tool in SharePoint so all staff can see what issues need attention and the current status. New system should go live in August/September.
* Hosting four blood drives January – May 2025.
* **Youth Services – July 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* Storytime for hearing impaired MCPS students to increase inclusivity.
* Tiny Tales in Westside Park drew new participants, and we promoted Summer Learning.
* Partnered with PaddleHeads baseball team to run a Story Time, participate in a craft with attendees
* Cooking for Kids invited children from Soft Landings to participate in this month’s cooking class

**Core Services**

* Weeded JFIC to increase relevance and access to materials.
* Moved weekly Story Time to the Imaginarium to allow for more space and a more welcoming/centralized location

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* Teens loved our mushroom programs that focused on fun ways to prepare sustainable vegetables.
* Encouraged kids to learn a new skill and move around with the Breaking dance program.
* Provide location for free summer meals for kids that promote healthy, balanced eating.