

MPL Director's Report

September 25, 2024

Community Engagement

Outreach at the Franklin to the Fort Block Party. We spoke to 45 people and created ten new library cards.

Presented about All Under One Roof and MPL for a UM Public Administration class.

Presented about MPL and Digital Equity at the National Information and Telecommunications Administration's *Community Conversation on Creating Digital Opportunities in Montana* event.

Attended author event: *Displaced: Refugees, Trauma, and Integration within Nations* with Dr. Shaifali Sandhya.

Attended *Books on Tap* – library trivia at Imagination.

Went to the Missoula County Employee Appreciation Picnic.

Core Services

Subaward received for DNA Climber/NIH No-cost Extension. Funds are set aside for repairs to the Climber and for projects related to the area between the Water Table and DNA Climber.

Attended regular meetings: Friends of MPL, Management, Steering Committee, Bookmobile Committee, AUOR Executive Leadership, Reference, and 1:1s.

Met with a potential library school student to discuss work in public libraries.

Participated in the interview panel for the Families First Family Engagement Coordinator position.

Arranged job shadowing schedule for three library trustees and one County employee.

The secure door in the Montana Room has been having issues for months. A new glazier looked at it in July and we have been awaiting parts. Unfortunately, it shattered on a librarian when she was using it. She is safe and no one was harmed, but it was alarming. The new glazier has ordered a replacement door, which should arrive in one month.

Worked 5 hours of desk time.

Sustainability and Wellness

Arranged KnowB4 presentation for Management. KB4 is Missoula County's online provider of the world's largest security awareness training and simulated phishing platform. It also includes training about diversity, equity, and inclusion, and other professional development opportunities.

Interesting Reads

The Guardian view on public libraries: these vital spaces provide much more than books: Editorial

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/article/2024/sep/08/the-guardian-view-on-public-libraries-these-vital-spaces-provide-much-more-than-books>

Resources for Social Work and Library Collaboration

<https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/resources-for-social-work-library-collaboration.html>