**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 – December 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* The Makerspace enjoyed a high for volunteer hours in the year with 53 hours in the month of December.

**Core Services**

* Thanks to the efforts of Xavier Kneedler-Shorten, we now have two additional culture passes available for community use: Montana Natural History Center and Travelers’ Rest. With the Butterfly House and Carousel, this gives us 4 culture passes, which are available for checkout in the Marketplace.

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* **Community Engagement – December 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* The AUOR quarterly event was the Winter Celebration on Dec 7th. 2224 ppl entered the building that day which is 3x as many as a normal Saturday.
* In December the Bookmobile held two story times at the Council Groves stop
* The Bookmobile made special visits in December: Downtown Association Standing Holiday Parade, Made Fair, Animeals for a read to cats day, and visits in conjunction with the Food Bank to Travois and Futura Trailer parks.
* Outreach at December’s Shelter Court
* Travelers Rest and the Natural History Center were added to the Culture Pass Project

**Core Services**

* Jonathan Marquis talk had 85 ppl

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* RAD had 75 ppl
* **Reference – December 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* Digital Equity assessment: Obtained results from first target group and in the process of analyzing results. Completed translated surveys for second target group and in process of distributing with potential community partners.

**Core Services**

* Evaluated a nice quality donation of 40 USGS quad maps for MT & ID to add to or use as replacements for our map collection.

**Sustainability and Wellness**

* Coordinated volunteer cleaning party for closed day to increase public engagement with facility and improve building appearance.
* **Youth Services – December 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* Participated in the AUOR Winter Celebration event by hosting a Santa visit, providing a space for Har Shalom to do Hanukkah activities, and dancers from The Nutcracker to take pictures with children and teach them basic ballet poses.
* Hosted Jan Brett for the last stop on her Alice in a Winter Wonderland book tour – she described her writing process and demonstrated an illustration, then signed books for the attendees. About 260 people were in attendance.
* Santa visit for story time and cookie decorating for children of all ages and their families
* The 0-3 playgroup continues to meet weekly and gain in numbers; parents are seen to be making social connections and sharing resources

**Core Services**

* Tight shelves were shifted to create a better browsing experience for patrons

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* Met with a certified yoga instructor with child education experience to set up a series of yoga story times beginning in January