

Director's Report

January 2025

DNA Climber. Daniel's Woodland is scheduled for DNA Climber repairs from 2/3-2/10. Continuing to work with BrownKnows on the Tule Tipi play structure and signage.

Telehealth Pod. Met with Montana Pediatrics and Families First to design service. The library will have a special URL used in the pod that will connect anyone under 21 years old (with proper caregiver supervision when required) to pediatricians all over the State. Mountain Home has a pod and partnership with MT Pediatrics that has been successful. We hope to launch in February.

Families First director search. Participated in interview with potential candidate.

Facilities Enhancement Plan. Worked with the consultant from Cascadia and members of MPL management to develop a plan based on surveys and assessments.

MSW Practicum. Met with Theresa Williams, who will be the clinical supervisor, to coordinate onboarding and training. We interviewed a successful candidate who began the program on 1/16. We had planned to launch this program in the Fall but are using this opportunity as a soft launch.

MTR Door Repair. Coordinated service with vendor and communicated about other door issues.

Desk time. Worked 5 hours of desk time and the Missoula on Main special event on New Years Eve.

Research Evaluation Consulting. Attended AUOR training (funded by IMLS grant awarded to spectrUM) training about evaluation planning.

Journal of Museum Education. Collaborating with AUOR Executive Leaders to write a journal article for the Journal of Museum Education. We submitted a proposal about AUOR and intergenerational learning. It was accepted, so we met twice to check in about progress on the article due in late January.

Dick Anderson Construction. Created project list for DAC. They had workers available and offered to spend a few days making repairs. The Foundation is splitting the cost.

Equity Coaching Session. Took the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI), which offers a research-proven option for assessing and developing the "capability to shift cultural perspective and appropriately adapt behavior to cultural differences and commonalities" or intercultural competence. Had a coaching session with Adrienne Davis, the consultant contracted with the Food Bank.

Staff Party. Co-organized the annual party which took place at Oddpitch. AUOR staff were also invited and over 60 people attended. The event was funded by the Friends of MPL.

Puritan Commercial Cleaners. Met with the Regional Manager to review the account and discuss improvements from the Facilities Enhancement Plan.

Houseless Leaders Meeting. Invited to attend to learn more about the coordinated effort to provide additional shelter during severe weather and plans to advocate for more housing in Missoula.

Policy Manual Meeting. Visited Board/Staff committee to discuss Collection Development Policy.

Active Listening. Coordinated training for MPL and AUOR presented by Missoula's Crisis Intervention Team.

LVL Panel. Participated in a panel and answered participant questions for the Missoula Food Bank's Lived Experience Voices and Leaders program.

The Store. Met with Friends president to discuss best practices related to The Friends of the Library (and AUOR) store.

Interesting Reads

Testimonial written by former state senator, Mary Sheehy Moe

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These were the most borrowed books from public libraries in 2024

<https://www.npr.org/2024/12/29/nx-s1-5234258/most-borrowed-library-books-2024>

Missoula Public Library wins another international award

<https://dailymontanan.com/2025/01/01/missoula-public-library-wins-another-international-award/>