



JANUARY GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.



SYMPHONY KIDS SHERLOCK HOLMES AND A MAGICAL MYSTERY

Sat 1/25 10:00 AM-12:00 PM - Start on Level One

The Missoula Symphony and MPL invite families to a hands-on, interactive musical adventure. With Symphony musicians as their guides, families can grab an interactive map to solve a musical mystery! Join Sherlock Holmes and Music Director Julia Tai to find the clues and crack the case!

CHALLENGE YOURSELF IN 2025

MISSOULA *writes*

17th Annual Community Writing Contest
January 2 - February 15

Do you have the write stuff? The 17th annual writing contest kicks off on January 2! We will accept poetry, fiction, and non-fiction submissions until February 15. Prizes will be awarded for the top three submissions in each category and in four age groups: 8-10, 11-14, 15-18 and 19+. For full details visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MissoulaWrites2025>

missoula READS

2025 Missoula Reads 50-Book Challenge

New Year, new list! Can you read 50 books in 2025? The 2025 reading categories will be posted online and reading logs will be available on January 4 on Level Three. Fill out your log by the end of the year and win a fabulous prize!

Family History Writing Contest Continues
Entries Accepted Until March 1, 2025

Memorialize your family's history and compete for cash prizes. Prizes will be awarded for the top three submissions. Entries will be accepted until March 1, 2025. For full contest rules visit: <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyHistoryWritingContest>.

SCAN FOR JANUARY'S BOOKMOBILE LOCATIONS



LIVING WITH THE LAND

with Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer

Tue 1/21 6:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Experience the rich traditions and wisdom of the Anishinaabe people during this presentation with Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer. In Living with the Land, Louise will guide you through the fascinating world of medicinal plants, Indigenous history, and ways of life. Don't miss this captivating journey through the past, present, and future brought to you by the library and Humanities Montana



YOGA STORY TIME FOR KIDS @ MPL

Sat 1/18 10:30-11:30 AM - Imaginarium



Stretch, move, and practice mindfulness together at Yoga Story Time! Enjoy engaging stories and calming crafts paired with fun beginner yoga poses for kids and caregivers. No need to bring a mat, we've got you covered! Join us for the upcoming sessions on February 15 and March 15.

MEMORY CAFÉ

Tue 1/14 2:00-3:00 PM - Cooper Room

Memory Café is a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for individuals experiencing memory loss and their caregivers and family members. Memory Café is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. This month, Montana Natural History Center will help you come out of hibernation for a Naturalist-led presentation.



English as a Second Language

Sat 1/11 9:30-11:30 AM - Blackfoot Room

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) and MPL are happy to offer this free class every other Saturday to help community members needing to learn English as a second language. Join IRC and MPL for this entry level ESL class held every other Saturday.



PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Infant to 3-Year-Old Playgroup

Tue 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 10:30-11:30 AM - Imaginarium

Every Tuesday, Families First and MPL host a play group for infants to three-year-olds. Activities focus on early childhood development, play and the importance of community.

Missoula Scholastic Chess Club

Thu 1/2 3:30-5:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Students from grades 2-12 can play chess with friends and learn new moves. Beginners welcome!

DIY Recipe Books & Recipe Swap for Kids

Sat 1/4 1:00 PM-2:00 PM - Imaginarium

Young chefs are invited to make their own recipe books and exchange favorite recipes. Materials for the books will be provided, as well as blank recipe cards.



Sensory Story Time

Sat 1/11 11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Imaginarium

An inclusive, interactive experience that supports children with autism or sensory challenges. Led by Advanced Autism Center for Treatment staff. Space is limited to 10 children.



FAMILIES FIRST COLLABORATIONS

Teddy Bear Sleepover & Ice Cream for Breakfast

Fri 1/31 4:00-5:00 PM - Imaginarium

Sat 2/1 9:00-11:00 AM - Imaginarium & Art Box

Bring your fluffy best friend to the library for a fun teddy bear craft and Families First exhibit. If you want, leave your friend overnight and pick them up the next morning from 9-11 PM. We'll have a slideshow of your friends' sleepover shenanigans, and Families First will celebrate Ice Cream for Breakfast Day in the Art Box!



Dream Bigger Teen After School Program

Every Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-6:00 PM - Art Box

MPL and Families First partner to help teens lead their own projects with support from professional mentors. Teens will explore career paths through real-world experiences, and gain essential skills like critical thinking and collaboration. For more details on how your teen can get involved and to apply visit: <https://www.familiesfirstmt.org/dbafterschool.html>



JANUARY CLOSURES

Wednesday, January 1 | New Year's Day

Monday, January 20 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*Join EmpowerMT and MPL February 2 on Level 2 to view the winning pieces from the Youth Art & Essay Contest, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

EXPLORE THE PAST

The Family History Guide

Sat 1/4 2:00-3:30 PM - Cooper A



Overview of a free, online tool that will help you learn to use the most popular genealogy websites.

Western Montana Genealogical Society Work Day

Sat 1/18 12:00-4:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Bring in your genealogical project and fellow genealogists can assist with your research, share websites, and offer advice.

LET'S READ TOGETHER!

2nd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 1/8 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online

Tales of the City by Armistead Maupin.

Potomac Branch Library Book Club

Wed 1/8 6:00-7:00 PM - Potomac Branch Library

Euphoria by Lily King

3rd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 1/15 6:30-7:30 PM - Ellingson Room

Gender Queer, A Memoir by Marie Kobabe

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

YMCA Yoga at the Library

Every Thursday 12:00-1:00 PM - Cooper Room A

This free yoga will focus on basic yoga postures, alignment principles, and breathing. Participants must sign a liability waiver prior to class: <https://tinyurl.com/2994wjww>

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tue 1/7 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Cooper Room

January is National Blood Donor Month! Make an appointment to give at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800) 733-2767. Those who give will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans! Includes travel, hotel, and a \$1,000 gift card. Find details: RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl

Books On Tap

Tue 1/14 6:00-7:30 PM - 1151 West Broadway Street

Delve into trivia with MPL and Imagine Nation Brewing! The more you read, the more you can win. Trivia is from 6-7 PM and from 7-7:30 PM you can sign up for a library card.

PainSavvy Health Literacy

Sun 1/12 & 1/26 1:00-1:50 PM - Blackfoot Room

A health literacy class covering strategies for preventing and overcoming persistent pain and increase movement.

Resource Access Day (RAD)

Thu 1/9 12:00-3:00 PM - Level Four

MPL, Missoula Municipal Courts, and the Pretrial Assistance to Support Success (PASS) program, are partnering to provide free resources for everyone! Resources include legal support, housing and benefits assistance, healthcare, and more. Services are on a drop-in basis and lunch will be provided.

