



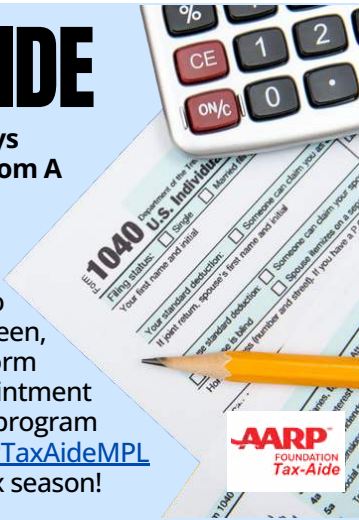
FEBRUARY GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

AARP TAXAIDE

Select Mondays and Tuesdays
9:00 AM-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A

This tax season, the AARP Foundation TaxAide will offer free Federal and State tax preparation. From students to seniors and everyone in between, anyone filing a simple 1040 Form is welcome. To make an appointment and to learn more about this program visit: <https://tinyurl.com/AARPTaxAideMPL> and eliminate the stress of tax season!



CHALLENGE YOURSELF IN 2025

MISSOULA *writes*

17th Annual Community Writing Contest
Deadline February 15

Do you have the write stuff? 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 are posted online and reading logs are available 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 FEBRUARY'S BOOKMOBILE LOCATIONS



FIRST FRIDAY WITH EMPOWERMT

Sat 2/7 5:00-7:00 PM - Level Two

Join EmpowerMT for a viewing of the winning pieces from the Youth Art & Essay Contest. This inspiring collection of essays and artwork honors the legacy and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., showcasing the voices and creativity of young artists and writers. Refreshments will be provided.



YOGA STORY TIME FOR KIDS @ MPL

Sat 2/15 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 ages 3-7 and their caregivers. Class limited to 12 participants and yoga mats are provided. Don't miss the upcoming session on March 15.

MEMORY CAFÉ MonTECH Show & Tell

Tue 2/11 2:00-3:00 PM - Cooper Room

Memory Café is a safe, welcoming, and supportive space for individuals experiencing memory loss, their caregivers, and family members. Memory Café is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. This month, enjoy a MonTECH Show and Tell of all the gadgets and technology that can make your life easier.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Sat 2/8 9:30-11:30 AM - Blackfoot Room

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) and MPL are happy to offer this free class to help those needing to learn english as a second language. Join IRC and MPL for this entry level ESL class. Class is held every other Saturday. For more information visit IRC on Instagram (@ircmissoula) or call 406-926-1982.



PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Infant to 3-Year-Old Playgroup

Tue 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 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

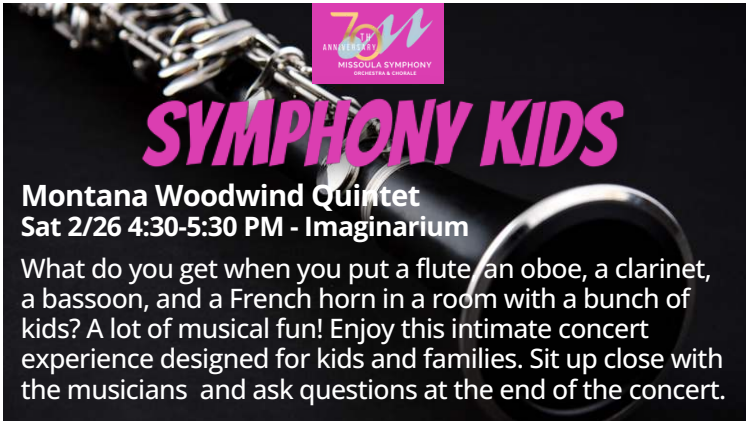
Thu 2/6 3:30-5:00 PM - Cooper Room B

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

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>



70th ANNIVERSARY
MISSOULA SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA & CHORUS

SYMPHONY KIDS

Montana Woodwind Quintet
Sat 2/26 4:30-5:30 PM - Imaginarium

What do you get when you put a flute, an oboe, a clarinet, a bassoon, and a French horn in a room with a bunch of kids? A lot of musical fun! Enjoy this intimate concert experience designed for kids and families. Sit up close with the musicians and ask questions at the end of the concert.

LET'S LEARN TOGETHER

MakerSpace: Arduino for Everyone

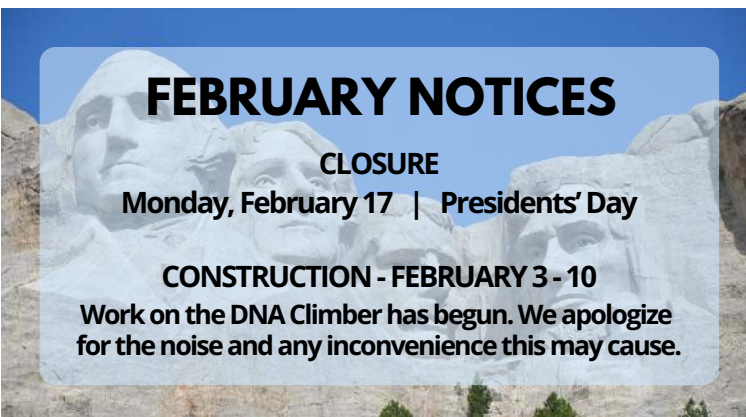
Sat 2/15 3:00-4:00 PM - MakerSpace

Learn the basics of electronics using an Arduino device. This class will help you learn about circuitry, coding, and more. All materials provided. Workshop is for ages 10 and up and space is limited to 10 participants.

Windows 11 User Group

Wed 2/12 12:00-4:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Want to be more confident using Microsoft Windows? In this class, participants will have fun learning everything about Windows with facilitator, Dan Hubing.



FEBRUARY NOTICES

CLOSURE
Monday, February 17 | Presidents' Day

CONSTRUCTION - FEBRUARY 3 - 10
Work on the DNA Climber has begun. We apologize for the noise and any inconvenience this may cause.

EXPLORE THE PAST

Busting Genealogy Myths

Sat 2/1 2:00-3:30 PM - Blackfoot Room

Did the government change your ancestor's name at Ellis Island? Is the census really held for 72 years due to privacy concerns? Learn about several common genealogy myths.

Western Montana Genealogical Society Work Day

Sat 2/15 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 2/12 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online

Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr.

Potomac Branch Library Book Club

Wed 2/12 6:00-7:00 PM - Potomac Branch Library

The Good Lord Bird by James McBride

3rd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 2/19 6:30-7:30 PM - Ellingson Room

The Fraud by Zadie Smith

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>


PainSavvy Health Literacy

Sun 2/9 & 2/23 1:00-1:50 PM - Blackfoot Room

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

Big Sky Documentary Film Festival DocShop 2025

February 17 - February 20

Four days of panels, masterclasses, roundtables and discussions, to arm filmmakers with an understanding of the obstacles and opportunities for reaching audiences with impactful documentary art and storytelling 

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tue 3/7 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Cooper Room

Make an appointment to give at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800) 733-2767. All donors in March will receive a \$10 Amazon.com gift card by email. For details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/March

Resource Access Day (RAD)

Thu 2/13 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.

