

Director's Report April 2025

Safe Environment. Emailed trustees regarding the incident on April 11. A patron experienced a medical emergency due to a suspected overdose. Staff acted quickly to notify emergency services, and paramedics revived the individual using something in an IV and then transported them for further care. Other incidents involved shouting profanities at staff, drinking alcohol in the library, vaping, and theft (shopping carts, laptops, items from Clyde Coffee).

DNA Climber. Coordinated tile delivery. Found a tile installer and worked together to schedule a time to finish the project. Communicated with safety inspector and County legal team. Some signage has been installed and carpet for the tipi.

MLA Conference. Attended the conference in Bozeman and successfully presented "Secrets of a Green Library" with Karl Olson. Several MPL staff also presented sessions about the Montana Book Award, Community Engagement, collaborating with academic libraries, and Bookmobile service.

Social Work Practicum Grants. Collaborated with library specialist to identify and apply for grants to fund MSW Practicum Students starting in the fall.

Brown Noise. Attended a Leadership Coaching retreat led by equity consultant Adrienne Davis.

North MRL Triangle. Approached by Missoula Redevelopment Agency about the [North MRL Triangle](#) development and interest in including a library branch on location.

MCAT Strategic Planning. Participated in planning session.

Montana Library2Go Membership Meeting. Participated in annual meeting to discuss service.

Telehealth Pod. Launch scheduled for April 30. Coordinated details.

Social Work Practicum Student. Final Evaluation.

ALA Core Forum. Proposal to present "Designing for Collective Impact: Missoula Public Library and All Under One Roof" at Core Forum in Denver was accepted. Co-presenting with Alex Sobin, spectrUM Director, and Traci Lesneski, MSR.

Regular Meetings. Friends of MPL, Management, Steering Committee, Social Work Practicum, AUOR Executive Leadership, Reference, and 1:1s.

Desk time. Worked 2 hours of desk time. Also staffed Project Community Connect for 5 hours, providing directional assistance, safety, cleaning, delivering pizzas, etc.

Interesting Reads

400 low-income people served at Missoula's Project Community Connect
https://missoulian.com/news/local/business/article_45fe4a4c-ef91-4e6f-a276-5681d0079b23.html

Humanities Montana surviving on reserve funds amid federal funding termination
<https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/story/humanities-montana-surviving-on-reserve-funds-amid-federal-funding-termination>

A narrower spectrUM
<https://thepulp.org/missoulas-spectrum-discovery-area-loses-major-funding-source/>