



APRIL GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

CELEBRATE EARTH WEEK!

Earth Day Story Time and Experiments
Sat 4/19 10:30-11:30 AM - Imaginarium

Celebrate Earth Day with a spectrUM Story Time! Enjoy engaging stories about the water cycle, bees, and gardening, followed by fun hands-on activities.

Photographing Birds & Where to Find Them
Mon 4/21 6:00-7:30 PM - Cooper Room B

Learn basic observational and photographic strategies to help you get the most from your time with Drew Lefebvre.

Make a Recycled Seed Starting Pot
Wed 4/23 3:30-5:00 PM - Imaginarium

Create and plant newspaper seed-starting pots. Grow plants in a eco-friendly, fun, and delightfully messy way. Teens, grab a pop tab bracelet kit at the Level Two service station and create your own accessory!

An Evening Honoring Author Chris La Tray
Wed 4/23 6:00-7:30 PM - Cooper Room

Come celebrate Chris La Tray, the 2025 William Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer, Montana Poet Laureate, Pacific Northwest Book Award winner, and Little Shell Chippewa member. The event begins with a reading at MPL, followed by a reception at Fact & Fiction Books.



Get Lit! is MPL's ongoing promotion of all things literacy-related! Get Lit! with these April programs:

PainSavvy Health Literacy
Sun 4/13 & 4/27 1:00-1:50 PM - Blackfoot Room

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

Cooking Demo with Mariah Gladstone
Fri 4/25 9:20-11:20 AM - Demonstration Kitchen

During this demonstration, Gladstone will prepare one of her original recipes and showcase other indigenous foods that can easily be used in your own kitchen.

SCAN FOR APRIL'S BOOKMOBILE LOCATIONS



PROJECT COMMUNITY CONNECT



APRIL 11 | 10 AM-3 PM
Missoula Public Library

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED WITH FREE:

- MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION RECOVERY
- MEDICAL/DENTAL CARE
- HOUSING SERVICES
- IDS & BIRTH CERTIFICATES
- HAIRCUTS
- PET SERVICES
- EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- LEGAL SERVICES
- FAMILY SERVICES
- VETERAN SERVICES
- AND SO MUCH MORE

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Pre-Project Community Connect free hot breakfast will be served 8-10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church 300 E. Main St.

This event is generously funded by:



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Open Mic Night

Tue 4/29 6:00-8:00 PM - Level One

An all-ages, family-friendly open mic night for those looking to perform music, poetry, storytelling, comedy, and everything in between! Poets, novelists, short story writers, scriptwriters, essayists, musicians and anyone who wants to hear something new are welcome! Performances are limited to 5 minutes and must be appropriate for a general audience. This program is open to all. Come to listen and share!



CRAFT SWAP

Sat 4/5 10:30 AM - 1 PM
Cooper Room B

SWAP SHARE AND EXPLORE



PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Missoula Scholastic Chess Club Thu 4/3 3:30-5:00 PM - Cooper Room B

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

First Friday Teen Art Show Fri 4/4 5:00-6:30 PM - Teen Space on Level Two

Celebrate Big Sky High seniors as they showcase their Greek mythology-themed art in the Teen Space on Level Two. Light refreshments will be provided.



Story Time for Diverse Abilities Wed 4/9 and 4/23 1:00-2:00 PM - Art Box

Youth Services librarians read a selection of engaging stories geared toward teens through adults with cognitive or other disabilities.

Symphony Kids - Library Concert Series #4 Wed 4/9 4:30-5:30 PM - Imaginarium

Percussion? What is percussion? Join us and find out! In this chamber ensemble experience, designed for kids and families, the percussion duo Ransom Notes will perform, and the musicians will talk with kids about the music they play. Sit up close, listen to music, and ask questions!

Sensory Story Time with Advanced Therapy Clinic Sat 4/19 11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Imaginarium

An interactive story time to support individuals with autism or sensory processing challenges. Attendees can move and engage with restorative materials, offering an inclusive experience. Space is limited to 10 participants.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Windows User Group Wed 4/9 2:00-4:00 PM - Ellingson Room

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

MakerSpace: Arduino for Everyone Sat 4/12 3:00-4:00 PM - MakerSpace

These classes are for anyone interested in the Arduino hardware and software; which is commonly used in robotics and other controlled devices. We have exercises for first time users and experienced users.

Preserving Your Pages: A Home Guide to Book Care Wed 4/30 6:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room B

During this informative talk, you will learn practical tips for preserving your treasured books at home. Audra Loyal from The Vespiary will also provide a lightning consultation session with personalized advice on caring for your books.

Montana Repertory Theatre: First Reads Sat 4/12 2:00-5:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

MPL hosts Montana Repertory Theatre's First Reads, a staged reading series where local actors read contemporary plays being considered for full productions. Perfect for theatre lovers and avid readers! This month enjoy *Cry It Out* by Molly Smith Metzler.



EXPLORE THE PAST

Getting Started with Family Search Wed 4/9 2:00-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A

Volunteers from the Kalispell FamilySearch Center will help you start building your family tree and preserving memories with one of the world's most powerful genealogy programs.

Western Montana Genealogical Society Work Day Sat 4/19 12:00-4:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

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

4HistoryBuffs: Western Montana's African American Community 1870-1940 Tue 4/29 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room

This month there will be a discussion on how for much of Western Montana's history, the story of the region's African American communities, has been one that was dominated by the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers.

LET'S READ TOGETHER!

2nd Wednesday Book Group Wed 4/9 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online *The Lost Journals of Sacajewea* by Debra Earling

Potomac Branch Library Book Club Wed 4/9 6:30-7:30 PM - Potomac Branch Library *Perma Red* by Debra Magpie Earling

3rd Wednesday Book Group Wed 4/16 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room *Truevine* by Beth Macy

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Memory Café: Get Ready to Garden Tue 4/8 2:00-3:00 PM - Cooper Room

This month Occupational Therapy student Rebecca Marcinko will lead a hands on gardening focused program.

Emotional Literacy: Building Stronger Bonds Through Emotion Sat 4/12 10:00-11:00 AM - Cooper Room B

Drawing from the wisdom of experts, this workshop will provide you with essential tools to deepen your self-awareness, cultivate emotional intelligence, and foster authentic connections with others.

American Red Cross Blood Drive Tue 4/15 11:00 AM-4:00 PM - Cooper Room

Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800)733-2767. All donors will get a NEW Red Cross T-Shirt while supplies last.

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. For details or to make an appointment and to learn more call (406) 285-1715 or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/AARPTaxAideMPL> and eliminate the stress of tax season!