



# AUGUST GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.



## SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

#### Hero Capes Craft

Sat 8/2 1:00-2:00 PM - Imaginarium

Transform a plain cape into your own superhero creation with fabric markers, puff paint, and more. Supplies are first come, first served.



#### End of Summer Celebration

Sat 8/16 1:00-3:00 PM - Kiwanis Park



Cool down and get creative with us at Kiwanis Park! Savor a scoop of ice cream while diving into hands-on fun like tie-dye, finger painting, and colorful crafts galore. It's our way of wrapping up a summer packed with discovery, imagination, and nonstop smiles.

### PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

#### Paint & Sip at the Library

Thu 8/14 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Unwind and get creative painting your own mug or glass! Whether you're a seasoned artist or just exploring something new, this free event for ages 16+ is perfect for all skill levels.



#### Boardgames and Relax

Wed 8/20 4:30-6:30 PM - Level One

Unwind, have fun, and connect with others through games!

### COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Sun 8/31 1:00-2:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Join admissions expert Karen Fong Donoghue for insider tips on essays, deadlines, and boosting your chances at your top-choice schools. Perfect for students and parents ready to tackle the process with confidence.

### SCIENCE BYTES WITH SPECTRUM

Thu 8/14 1:00-5:00 PM - Frenchtown Branch Library

Join our friends from spectrUM Discovery for an afternoon of "byte"-size science! Kids and families will explore a scientific topic by conducting different experiments that encourage creative thinking, learning, and fun!

## INDIGIPALOOZA MT INDIGENOUS ARTS & STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

A vibrant celebration of Indigenous creativity, culture, and community on August 1 & 2.

Centered around the power of story in all its forms, the festival features an inspiring lineup of Indigenous artists, writers, musicians, and makers sharing their work across multiple mediums—from poetry and literature to visual art, traditional foods, and music.

On Friday, August 1, enjoy the Missoula Art Museum curated art show from 4-6 PM and then help us welcome renowned poet and former U.S. Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo, as our keynote speaker at U of M's Montana Theater at 6:30 PM. On Saturday, August 2, explore the Indigenous Art Market, attend artist talks and readings, hear live music, and experience the rich traditions and evolving expressions of Indigenous storytelling. This event is made possible with the support of the Missoula Public Library Foundation, Sandra Roe, the Henry Family Foundation, the Montana Historical Society, the Potlatch Fund, and many other generous community members. Scan the code for the full schedule.



### VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK - CASEY MCQUISTON

Wed 8/20 5:00-6:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Casey McQuiston, author of the popular novel *Red, White & Royal Blue*, will be discussing their latest book, *The Pairing*, which explores romance through food and flirty fun. Join us for this virtual author event hosted by the library! You're welcome to attend in person in the Cooper Space or tune in from the comfort of your own home <https://libraryc.org/missoulapubliclibrarydemo/86139>.

### NOVELIST: UNLOCK YOUR NEXT GREAT READ

Sun 8/31 3:00-3:30 PM - Blackfoot Room

Learn about NoveList, the ultimate tool to make book recommendations smarter, faster, and more personalized than ever! Join us for a free hands-on workshop of this useful library resource.



## PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

### Story Time for Diverse Abilities Wed 8/13 & 8/27 1:00-2:00 PM - FF Classroom

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

### Tiny Tales in the Park with Missoula Parks & Rec Fridays 10:30-11:00 AM - Westside Park 1100 Sherwood

Meet us under the trees on the Sherwood side of the park for songs, rhymes, and movements for kids aged 0-3.

### Summer Lego Club Fridays 4:00-5:00 PM - Imaginarium

Build to your heart's content every Friday evening. Drop by the Imaginarium anytime from 4-5 PM and create fantastic LEGO structures!

### Sensory Story Time Sat 8/16 11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Imaginarium

An interactive storytelling approach that supports individuals with autism or sensory processing challenges. This story time offers the opportunity to move and interact with restorative materials. Limited to 10 participants.

### Crafting for a Cause Sat 8/16 2:00-4:00 PM - Imaginarium

Join the Boys & Girls Club of Missoula where volunteers of all ages are invited to help us create enchanting props for our upcoming Harry Potter-themed fundraiser. We'll provide all the materials, you bring the magic!



### Story Time with the PaddleHeads Sat 8/23 10:30-11:30 AM - Imaginarium

Read, read, read with your home team! Join us for a special Story Time with players from Missoula's baseball team. Kids can step up to the plate for stories and hands-on crafts!

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### Memory Café: Fair Fun Tue 8/12 2:00-3:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

This month the fair is in town! Try your luck at carnival games and have nonstop fun.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive Tue 8/19 11:00 AM-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

The need for blood doesn't take a summer break. Make an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800)733-2767.

### Death Café at MPL Thu 8/21 12:00-2:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Death Cafe is a warm, welcoming space to share drinks and open conversations about life and death. Hestia Advantage will host this thoughtful, informal chat.

### RESOURCE ACCESS DAY Thu 8/14 12:00-3:00 PM - Level Four

MPL, Missoula Municipal Courts, and PASS are teaming up to offer free resources for all! Get support, connect, and be part of something RAD! Follow @radmissoula on Instagram for updates.



## LEARNING TOGETHER

### MakerSpace: Arduino for Everyone Sat 8/2 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.

### Windows User Group Wed 8/13 2:00-4:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Want to be more confident using Microsoft Windows? Then join us in these two-hour Microsoft Windows User Group sessions held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

### 4HistoryBuffs: History of Missoula's Fairground Tue 8/26 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

This month, Ramona Holt covers County Commissioners first proposal for a permanent fair site in 1911. By 1913, the current fairgrounds were secured for just \$16,000.

## LET'S READ TOGETHER!



### 2nd Wednesday Book Group Wed 8/13 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online *Night Watch* by Jayne Anne Phillips

### Potomac Branch Library Book Club Wed 8/13 6:30-7:30 PM - Potomac Branch Library *House Made of Dawn* by N. Scott Momaday

### 3rd Wednesday Book Group Wed 8/20 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room *World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil

## CREATIVE COOKING

### The Garden Meal with Dr. Christina Yoshimura Tue 8/5 6:00-7:30 PM - Demo Kitchen

Gardeners of all ages are invited to bring some of their garden produce to the library and join in preparing a meal. August's theme is Fabulous Flatbreads

### Spice It Up! Library Spice Club Wed 8/6 During Open Hours - Demo Kitchen

Pick up a free Spice It Up! kit on the first Wednesday of each month generously donated by the Good Food Store. Supplies are limited! This month enjoy Turmeric.



## BOOKMOBILE BOUND

### Bookmobile with the Missoula PaddleHeads Sun 8/24 1:00-3:00 PM - 1700 Rankin Street

Stop by on Family Night to do a craft and take a look at our mobile library collection. Kids under 12 get in free!



**THE LIBRARY WILL BE  
CLOSED AUGUST 28  
FOR STAFF TRAINING**