



# JULY GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.



## SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

#### Portrait Making: Realism Not Advised

Mon 7/7 2:00-3:00 PM - Imaginarium

Paint a playful self-portrait with visiting artist Tim Nielson!

#### Friendship Bracelet Making

Mon 7/14 2:00-3:00 PM - Imaginarium

Learn friendship bracelets basics! Patterns, supplies, and fun provided.



### PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

#### Altered Books

Sat 7/12 2:00-5:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Turn discarded books into art at this fun, all-ages event!

#### Journaling Native Plants in Missoula

Tue 7/15 6:30-7:30 PM - Cooper Room B



Discover the beauty of Missoula's native plants through guided nature journaling! Refreshments provided.

#### Boardgames and Relax

Wed 7/16 4:30-6:30 PM - Level One

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

#### Interactive Food Tasting and Cooking

Tue 7/22 6:00-7:30 PM - Demo Kitchen

Join Basal for a hands-on local food workshop featuring fresh produce from the Clark Fork Farmers Market.

#### String Craft with Creativebug

Thu 7/24 11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Cooper Room A

Make your own string art with simple materials and Creativebug inspiration! Perfect for teens, adults, and kids with supervision.



#### Read to Ride Reading Logs Due

Fri 7/25 9:00 AM-6:00 PM

Crushing your summer reading? Show your log with at least half of your reading completed to Level Two staff by July 25 and get your name entered in the drawing for free rides at the fair! Winners will be contacted July 28.

## ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

# ROAD SHOW

JULY 2 FROM 1-4 PM  
SEELEY LAKE LIBRARY

A DAY OF READING, CRAFTING,  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



## MORE BRANCH BLASTS

### Science Bytes with spectrUM

Tue 7/1 12:00-3:00 PM - Big Sky Branch Library

Wed 7/9 3:00-6:00 PM - Potomac Branch Library

Wed 7/16 11:00 AM-2:00 PM - Swan Valley Branch Library

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!

## BOOK LAUNCH WITH NICHOLAS TRIOLO

Fri 7/8 6:00-7:30 PM - Cooper Room

Join author Nicholas Triolo for an evening exploring movement, meaning, and the landscapes that shape us. In his new memoir, *The Way Around*, Triolo reflects on powerful walking journeys that challenge Western notions of progress and offer a deeper path toward connection and transformation. He'll be joined in conversation by local poet and author Chris Dombrowski. Books available for purchase from Fact & Fiction.



## DINO FUN WITH BUDDY THE DINOSAUR!

Fri 7/18 2:00-4:00 PM - Imaginarium

All aboard for dino-sized fun! Join MT PBS for a special visit from Buddy from Dinosaur Train! Meet Buddy, grab a free coloring book, and enjoy exciting dinosaur themed activities. It's the perfect adventure for your little explorers!



## PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

### Story Time for Diverse Abilities

Wed 7/2, 7/16, 7/30 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!

### Crafting for a Cause

Mon 7/16 4:00-6:00 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!

### Sensory Story Time

Sat 7/19 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.

### Seen on the Teen Screen

Teen artist! We want you to create an original art piece for the new monitor in the new Teen Space. This is your chance to showcase your creativity in a place just for you. More details on how to submit your artwork will be announced soon so stay tuned!



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tue 7/1 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.

### Memory Café: Let's Go to the Movies

Tue 7/8 2:00-3:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

This month we will enjoy popcorn, movie clips, trivia, and more!

### Death Café at MPL

Thu 7/17 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.

### Get Lit! Program: PainSavvy Health Literacy

Sun 7/13 & 7/27 1:00-1:50 PM - Ellingson Room

A health literacy class covering strategies for preventing and overcoming persistent pain and increase movement. Enjoy a 25 minutes talk and an optional 25 minute walk.

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### Windows User Group

Wed 7/9 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.

### Arduino for Everyone

Sat 7/19 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.

### 4HistoryBuffs: A Passion for Oral History with Gayle Morrison

Tue 7/29 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

This month, enjoy a presentation by Gayle Morrison, an accomplished oral historian with a deep passion for documenting the experiences of the first generation of Hmong people who arrived in the U.S. as refugees.

## LET'S READ TOGETHER!



### 2nd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 7/9 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online

*The Coroner's Lunch* by Colin Cotterill

### Potomac Branch Library Book Club

Wed 7/9 6:30-7:30 PM - Potomac Branch Library

*The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

### 3rd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 7/16 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

## COMMUNITY COOKING

### Spice It Up! Library Spice Club

Wed 7/2 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. This month's spice is Garam Masala. Supplies are limited!

### The Garden Meal with Dr. Christina Yoshimura

Tue 7/1 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. July's theme is *Garden Salads*.

## RESOURCE ACCESS DAY

Thu 7/10 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.

