



# SEPTEMBER GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Explore the amazing resources at the library by signing up for your own card today! If you're interested in starting a new hobby, learning a new language, or borrowing items like cooktops, museum passes, and laptops, Missoula Public Library has you covered. There are endless possibilities for everyone! Find us at these locations in September:

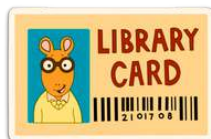


- 9/3 | Big Dipper, Paxon Street | 5:30-6:30 PM
- 9/4 | Rosauers Grocery Store | 3:30-5 PM
- 9/5 | Fact and Fiction Books | 5-7 PM
- 9/7 | Sunday Streets, Northside | 12-4 PM
- 9/8 | Missoula Food Bank | 10 AM-12 PM
- 9/9 | Lolo Peak Brewery | 5-7 PM
- 9/13 | Latin Heritage Festival, Caras | 11 AM-2 PM
- 9/15 | Missoula Food Bank | 10 AM-12 PM
- 9/16 | Highlander Beer Co. | 4:30-6 PM
- 9/18 | Orange Street Food Farm 4:30-6:30 PM
- 9/22 | Missoula Food Bank | 10 AM-12 PM
- 9/23 | Kettlehouse Bonner Taproom | 5-7 PM
- 9/27 | ClimateFEST, Caras Park | 10 AM - 2 PM
- 9/29 | Missoula Food Bank | 10 AM-12 PM
- 9/30 | Farmer's Market at the XXX's | 5-7 PM

## MEET ARTHUR AT THE LIBRARY WITH PBS KIDS

Sat 9/27 2-4 PM - Imaginarium

Having fun isn't hard when you've got a library card! Celebrate Library Card Sign Up Month with our favorite aardvark, Arthur! Come meet Arthur, get a free coloring book, decorate your own bookmark, and more! This event is made possible by our friends at Montana PBS.



## FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST

Submissions Accepted 10/1/2025 - 3/1/2026

The 3rd annual Family History Writing Contest launches on October 1! Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third-place writers. Full contest details, rules, and submission guidelines are available at:

[www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/family-history-writing-contest](http://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/family-history-writing-contest).



## JOIN OR DIE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Tue 9/2 6-7:30 PM - Cooper Room B

*Join or Die* is a film about why you should join a club—and why the fate of America depends on it. Follow the story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of Robert Putnam, whose legendary *Bowling Alone* research into American community decline may hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis. Presented as a 2025 Mansfield Lecture with Robert Putnam on September 15 in conjunction with University of Montana's Presidents Lecture series.



## CREATIVE COOKING

**Spice It Up! Library Spice Club**  
Wed 9/3 - Demonstration Kitchen



Pick up a free Spice It Up! kit the first Wednesday of each month, courtesy of the Good Food Store. Supplies are limited. This month's spice is Ground Yellow Mustard.

**Library Spice Club - Discussion**  
Wed 9/24 6-6:45 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Come and discuss your experiences using the spice featured in Spice Club in this guided discussion group.

**The Garden Meal**  
with Linda Hale and Dr. Christina Yoshimura  
Wed 9/17 6-7:30 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

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

**GUN SAFETY LOCK GIVEAWAY**  
Tue 9/2-9/30 During Open Hours - Level One

It's Mental Health Awareness Month and to support suicide prevention, Missoula Public Health is providing free gun safety locks at Missoula Public Library throughout September. Pick up a gun lock at the safety desk on Level One, while supplies last. Limited to 2 locks per person. No questions asked, and no library card needed.



## PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

### Cooking for Kids!

Thu 9/4 3:30-4:30 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Learn how to make tasty treats, simple snacks, and fun foodstuffs at your local library! Space is limited to 18 participants, so please arrive early to secure a spot.

### Missoula Scholastic Chess Club at MPL

Thu 9/4 3:30-5 PM - Imaginarium

Join the Missoula Chess Club! Students from grades 2-12 are welcome to play and learn new moves!

### Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays Starting 9/9 3:30-6 PM - The Art Box

Missoula Teens can drop in after school to create, connect, and have fun with arts, crafts, games, cooking, and more.

### Teen Library Community (TLC)

Thursdays Starting 9/11 2:30-6 PM - Art Box

Teens in grades 7-12 are invited every Thursday after school to connect, collaborate, and create meaningful ways to grow and make our community a better place.

### Yoga For Kids

Sat 9/13 10-11:30 AM - Imaginarium

Kids ages 4-8 can enjoy yoga led by a certified instructor, followed by a craft or mindfulness activity. Mats are provided. Space is limited to 12, so arrive early.

### Sensory Story Time

Sat 9/20 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.

### Missoula Symphony: Library Concert Series

Wed 10/1 4:30-5:30 PM - Imaginarium

The Quartet Caribe Steel Band delivers the lively rhythms of the Caribbean, Central, and South America with salsa, samba, reggae, calypso, and soca. Featuring steel pans, bass, and drums, their upbeat sound will keep you moving!

## LET'S READ TOGETHER!



### 2nd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 9/10 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online

*It Can't Happen Here* by Sinclair Lewis

### Potomac Branch Library Book Club

Wed 9/10 6:30-7:30 PM - Potomac Branch Library

*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

### 3rd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 9/17 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room

*The Women* by Kristin Hannah

## RESOURCE ACCESS DAY NOW ON WEDNESDAYS

Wed 10/8 11 AM-2 PM - Level Four

Same great program, different day! RAD will take a break in September but will be back in October providing free resources and lunch for everyone!



## LEARN SOMETHING NEW

### Windows User Group

Wed 9/10 2-4 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: Historic Fishing with Austin O. Haney

Tue 9/30 6-8 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Explore story of fishing on the Lewis & Clark Expedition and the Indigenous peoples they met through a hands-on, prop-filled presentation of how anglers once caught their meals.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### YMCA YOGA at the Library

Thursdays Starting 9/4 12-1 PM - Cooper Room A

Join us for free YMCA Yoga at the library! We will focus on balance, strength, and flexibility. Bring a mat or use one of ours. A liability waiver is required and can be downloaded here: <https://tinyurl.com/2994wjww>



### First Friday: Missoula Writing Collaborative

Fri 9/5 5-7 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Enjoy poetry-themed art and poetry read by young writers from the Words with Wings program. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

### Get Lit! Program Series: PainSavvy Health Literacy

Sun 9/7 1-1:50 AM - Blackfoot Room

This health literacy class teaches strategies for preventing and overcoming persistent pain, increase movement and have fun! Enjoy a 25-minute talk about pain and evidence informed pain management followed by an optional 25-minute walk.

### Memory Café: Legos

Tue 9/9 2-3 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Put on your construction hat and join us for Lego creation fun and build anything you can imagine.



### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tue 9/16 11 AM-4 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Don't LEAF the blood supply in a crunch! Fall back into the habit of donating! Make an appointment at [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800)733-2767. Giving blood saves lives.

### Death Café at MPL

Thu 9/18 12-2 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.

