



Lolo branch stats for August 2025

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The MPL Mission

Spark curiosity. Make connections. Thrive together.

Missoula Public Library achieves its mission by fostering community engagement, providing core services, and promoting sustainability and wellness.

- Lolo – August 2025

Community Visits (Patrons)	198
Patron Queries (phone & in person):	18
Public PC Users:	10

PROGRAMMING	# EVENTS	# ATTENDING
All Ages	9	98
KIDS (0-5)	5	77
KIDS (6-11)	4	21
YOUNG ADULTS (12-18)	0	
ADULTS	0	
TECH INSTRUCTION (Includes Makerspace)	0	

Community Engagement

- Storytimes
- Crafternoons
- Kindergarten Readiness Program (Library orientation)
- Clean Air Location

Core Services

- K-Readiness Program began on July 30th and continued into August. There were two sessions on two consecutive Wednesdays in August. I worked with three groups each session and had 30

kindergarteners each session. During these sessions, I helped students practice using shelf markers. I also gave them tours of the library "where to find books just right for them." Last, I read the students a story about libraries.

- I continue to see a few children and parents during the August crafternoons and story times.
- The placement of a large air purifier and smaller purifier along with informational handouts from Climate Smart Missoula are now located at the Lolo branch. This will provide a clean air facility for those needing a reprieve from wildfire smoke. Air quality is monitored with a purple device.
- Children have completed the summer reading program and were awarded prizes. There were approximately 40 children that were given summer reading logs and stickers.
- Cataloging and processing new items for the Lolo school collection.
- Discussion with assistant directors about students using their Lolo student ids to place holds on items has ceased. All items placed on hold requests by Lolo students and staff for partner libraries will need a MPL library card. In addition, I will continue checking out items that arrive via holds to student and staff users at Lolo school to ensure these items are indeed checked out and not distributed by Lolo teacher educators before being checked out.

Sustainability & Wellness

- Clean air facility at the Lolo branch.
- Repository of USDA Environmental Impact Statements.

Thank you.

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