**Director’s Report**

**September 2025**

**Living Roof.** On September 10, 2025, the Western Montana Conservation Commission approved to accept $1M in EPA funds for a new Living Roof at Missoula Public Library. In this project, climate-resilient rooftops will be installed at MPL’s downtown location. EPA funds must be spent within two years and require $250K in matching funds from local partners have been secured, which includes: Library Foundation has pledged $70K for the match, the DNRC provided a $30K planning grant, $70K from Missoula County, and $70K from the Missoula Redevelopment Association.

**Library Tour.** Co-led a tour for members from Chicago, Philadelphia, and Missoula of theJustice Management Institute. They were interested in Project Community Connect, Resource Access Day, and MPL’s other community engagement work.

**Missoula Broadcasting Co.** Recorded a Library Card Sign-Up month promo for Trail 103.3, KKVU, JackFM, and ESPN 102.9. KKVU has 30,000 listeners/week, consisting mostly of young families.

**Library Social Worker.** Virginia Harris began her grant-funded position.

**Landscape Plan.** Weekly meeting with A&E to discuss sustainable landscaping plan for the perimeter of the library.

**North Montana Rail Link.** The City of Missoula Redevelopment Agency, in partnership with consulting firm GGLO, has a redevelopment concept for the 8-acre City-owned property known as the North MRL Triangle. MPL has been invited to propose tentative plans for a library branch, possibly partnering with The Boys & Girls Club. Met with them on-site and had an online meeting.

**Labor Management Meeting.** Co-facilitated quarterly meeting.

**Montana Co-op & Kids Co-op**. Consulted with organizers who are interested in replicating the All Under One Roof model with the Ronan Library.

**Missoula Redevelopment Meeting.** Participated in meeting related to Living Roof funding decision.

**Annual Volunteer Recognition.** Attended and spoke at breakfast celebrating MPL volunteers.

**KFGM.** Met with new director.

**Bookmobile @ Ranch Club.** Helped out at new stop.

**Johnson Controls.** Met with reps and reviewed upcoming 5-year contract renewal.

**DNA Climber.** The DNA playground has launched. The tule tipi is up and looks great and we had an opening party on August 22.

**Friends of the Library Store.** Consulted with Friends member about maintaining and updating The Store to make it more visibly appealing and accessible.

**Safe Environment**. Planned Sexual Harassment training with Missoula Public Health. It is based on the former *Make Your Move Missoula* community project that focused on sexual assault and harassment prevention, bystander intervention, consent, and boundaries. New safety mirrors have been installed in “pain points” identified by safety consultant Rick Jenkins. A new Lead Safety Specialist has been hired and onboarding begins soon. The Safe Environment Committee continues to meet regularly.

**Regular Meetings.** Meeting with the Foundation, Friends of MPL, Management, Steering Committee, Safe Environment Committee, AUOR Executive Leadership, Reference, and 1:1s.

**Desk time.** Worked 5 hours of desk time, including monthly Saturday hours.

**Interesting Reads**

Driving literacy: Inside the Missoula Public Library’s Bookmobile

<https://www.kpax.com/news/missoula-county/driving-literacy-inside-the-missoula-public-librarys-bookmobile>

New 'living roof' planned for Missoula Public Library

<https://missoulian.com/news/local/government-politics/article_801e5b07-9ae4-4452-acf4-2264990a1551.html>