

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.

■ Swan Valley Branch – August 2025

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Community Visits (Patrons)	286
Patron Queries (phone & in person):	25
Public PC Users:	20

PROGRAMMING	# EVENTS	# ATTENDING
All Ages		
KIDS (0-5)	2	38
KIDS (6-11)		
YOUNG ADULTS (12-18)		
ADULTS	1	5
TECH INSTRUCTION (Includes Makerspace)		

Community Engagement

- We have a total of 35 kids who signed up for summer reading. 28 of them read at least 150 minutes. We gave out \$730 in cash prizes at the end of the summer. The total minutes read was just over 30,000.
- Story time went well this summer. We had record attendance this year. It gets a bit hectic at story time with so many people in such a small space, but it's fun to see enthusiastic readers. We will continue story time throughout the school year but move it to the first and 3rd Fridays of the month because the elementary school is on a 4 day week and Friday is their day off.
- A local community organisation called SMAART is once again collaborating with us to facilitate a "baby sitting club" that will meet on Fridays for 6 weeks and lead a couple of our story times.

Core Services

- Our Book Chat book for August was *Hanna's daughters* by Marianne Fredriksson. We had only a handful of participants even though lots of people read the book. Summer seems to be a busy time of travel and other distractions.

- Notary services continue to bring community members who have never entered the library in for a visit. In the month of August we had 12 notary visits.

Sustainability & Wellness

- Our new door is being manufactured by a local craftsman and should be in place within the next few months.