



OCTOBER GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

HALLOWEEN ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

OCTOBER 26 12 - 3 PM

CANDY • CREEPY CRAFTS • FACE PAINTING
HAUNTING PHOTOS • SPOOKY SCIENCE • DANCING



FAMILY HISTORY WRITING CONTEST

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

The third 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 visit: www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/family-history-writing-contest.



SILENT READING EVENING WITH BANNED BOOKS

Thu 10/9 6-8 PM - Level One

Join fellow book lovers for silent reading at Clyde Coffee's cozy cafe. Grab a drink, enjoy the views, and enter to win a banned book from 6 to 6:30 PM. Reading begins at 6:30, followed by discussion with UM students and socializing until 8 PM. After 6 PM please use the Main Street entrance.

A PLACE CALLED YELLOWSTONE: AN EVENING OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN RANDALL WILSON AND PETER STARK

Fri 10/24 5:30-7 PM - Cooper Room

A reading and discussion about Yellowstone as a national icon, its history of conflict and exclusion, tensions between commercialism and environmental conservation, and what this tells us about the future of the National Park System.

Book Release Event and Author Q&A

GRIT to GRIND

*Shaping Montana Communities One
Skatepark at a Time*

OCTOBER 14 | 6-8 PM
LEVEL FOUR



ANDY KEMMIS



CHRIS BACON



COMMUNITY COOKING

Spice It Up! Library Spice Club
Wed 10/1 - 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 Marjoram.

**The Garden Meal with Linda Hale and
Dr. Christina Yoshimura**
Wed 10/15 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. October's theme is hearty, homemade soup.

Cooking Through Grief
Mon 10/27 6-7 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Join Tamarack Grief Resource Center to create and share a meal, connect with others who understand, and find community on your journey through grief.

Library Spice Club Discussion
Wed 10/29 6-6:45 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Join us for the Spice Club's guided discussion on this month's featured spice. Share your cooking experiences, trade ideas, and taste the recipe prepared using the monthly recipe card.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Symphony Kids: Quartet Caribe Steel Band **Wed 10/1 4:30-5:30 PM - Imaginarium**

The Quartet Caribe Steel Band performs the rhythmic music of the Caribbean, Central and South America featuring a variety of music originating from the region including salsa, samba, reggae, calypso and soca music.

Conquering the SAT & ACT Game **Tue 10/7 5-6 PM Blackfoot Room**

This seminar will cover whether your child should take the SAT, ACT, or both, when to begin preparation, what that preparation should look like, and how recent test changes may affect your child.

Basic Car Maintenance Workshop for Teens **Thu 10/9 3:30-5 PM - Library Parking Lot**

In partnership with MUD (Missoula Urban Demonstration Project), join instructor Heather Graham for a hands-on workshop in basic car maintenance! Teens ages 14-19 will learn practical skills to keep a vehicle running smoothly.

Kids & Teens Silent Reading Hour **Thu 10/9 4-5:30 PM - Imaginarium**

Kids, teens, and families are invited to bring a favorite book and enjoy an hour of silent reading, followed by chatting or decorating a Banned Books Week bookmark. Snacks and chill music provided.



Rae Rose Author Story Hour: The Sacred Stone Camp **Sat 10/11 2-3 PM - Imaginarium**

Rae Rose is an Indigenous and Asian writer born and raised in the Coast Salish Territory of Washington state. She writes for readers K-5, creating stories that reflect her heritage and inspire young imaginations.

Yoga For Kids Halloween Edition **Sat 10/25 10-11:30 AM - Imaginarium**

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

RESOURCE ACCESS DAY NOW ON WEDNESDAYS

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

RAD offers free drop-in resources and lunch in a welcoming space. Services include housing support, legal help, healthcare, haircuts, clothing, and more!



LET'S READ TOGETHER!

2nd Wednesday Book Group
Wed 10/8 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online
The Only Good Indians: A Novel by Stephen Graham Jones

Potomac Branch Library Book Club
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3rd Wednesday Book Group
Wed 10/15 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett



LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Halloween Creations in the MakerSpace **Thu 10/9 2-5:30 PM - MakerSpace**



Bring your spooky ideas to life with fabric, sewing machines, and guidance to craft costumes and holiday decorations.

Arduino for Everyone **Sat 10/11 3-4 PM - MakerSpace**

Learn to code hardware with Arduino, LEDs, servos, and sensors. Materials provided. Limited to 10 participants. Open to all ages, recommended for 10+.

Windows User Group **Wed 10/15 2:30-4:30 PM - Ellingson 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.

Linux Basics for Replacing Windows 10 Seminar **Fri 10/24 2:30-4:30 PM - Blackfoot Room** **Sat 10/25 3:30-5:30 PM - Blackfoot Room**

Come and discover the Linux Mint operating system; an added benefit is that it runs easily on your own PC – nothing new is needed. We'll cover the essentials and answer your questions.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Crafting for Resilience **Wed 10/1 6-7 PM - MakerSpace**

Bring a craft project to the library for refreshments, creative space, and community connection. Work solo or help create a climate solutions zine with Climate Smart Missoula.



Memory Café: Five Valley Chorus **Tue 10/14 2-3 PM - Cooper Room A/B**

Memory Café is a welcoming and supportive space for individuals experiencing memory loss. This month enjoy the a capella harmony of this all women chorus.

Family History Road Show **Sat 10/18 12-4 PM - Cooper Room A/B**

Missoula Public Library and the Western Montana Genealogical Society are excited to host this Genealogy Roadshow-style event at the library! Spend 15-20 minutes with an experienced genealogist and find your ancestors' stories. This event is free and open to the public.

Death Café at MPL **Thu 10/16 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.

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WILL BE CLOSED
OCTOBER 13 FOR
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

