



AUGUST GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.



SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

AUGUST PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

End of Summer Celebration

Sat 8/22 11:00 AM-1:00 PM - Kiwanis Park

Celebrate summer reading with a prehistoric party, dino themed activities, and the Montana Natural History Center.

AUGUST PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Teen Tuesday Owl Pellet Excavation

Tue 8/4 2:00-3:00 PM - Art Box

Put your detective skills to the test by dissecting owl pellets and uncovering clues about what owls eat in the wild.

Poetry Workshop

Tue 8/4 & 8/18 6:00-7:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Explore poetry that resist clarity, lyricism, and convention.

First Friday with the Library of Congress's Chief of Rare Books and Special Collections

Fri 8/7 5:00-7:00 PM - Level Four

Enjoy an art market and a special guest lecture with Stephanie Stillo and the Montana Institute for the Book Arts.

How To Be An Author

Tue 8/11 6:00-7:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Dreaming of being an author but don't know where to start? Author Dr. T.K. Cassidy will help you create a plan.

String Orchestra of the Rockies Concert

Tue 8/11 6:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Enjoy a free, hour-long concert performed by the award-winning String Orchestra of the Rockies!

The History of Baklava

Tue 8/18 6:00-7:45 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Discover the origins of Turkish baklava with Elena from Lifelong Learning Center instructor Elena.

Indigenous Cartography and Early Missoula Maps

Wed 8/19 6:00-7:30 PM - Cooper Room B

Learn how historical maps of the American West shaped our earliest understanding of the region.

Logs and BINGO Cards Due

Mon 8/31 During Open Hours - Any Service Desk

INDIGIPALOOZA MT RESISTANCE 250+

A VIBRANT CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PRIDE AND POWER

Held during the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, this year's festival explores the many ways Indigenous peoples have resisted, survived, adapted and thrived, inviting participants to reflect on overlooked histories and the enduring strength of Indigenous cultures and communities. Events held at the library include:



Speaking Truth About Power

Fri 7/31 5:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Indigenous Wellness, Indigenous Joy

Sat 8/1 9:30-10:45 AM - Cooper Room A/B

A Recipe for Resistance

Sat 8/1 11:15 AM-12:30 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Nobody's Victims: Matri-Leadership and MMIP

Cooper Room A/B

Sat 8/1 11:15 AM-12:30 PM

Survival and Sovereignty through Ancient Relationships

Sat 8/1 2:00-3:15 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Learning to Be: Indigenous Ways of Knowing

Sat 8/1 3:45-5:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Buying Your Next Home

Thu 8/20 1:00-2:30 PM - Cooper Room A

Clearwater Credit Union will walk you through the benefits of homeownership, help you compare owning versus renting, and explain each step of the home loan application and shopping process.

Connecting to Land Through an Indigenous Lens

Mon 8/24 6:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room B

This Humanities Montana place-based talk explores how Indigenous stories, history, and lived relationships with land shape conservation in real and practical ways.

Clothing as a Canvas:

Connecting through Creativity

Wed 8/26 6:00-7:30 PM - Cooper Room B

Join West Waye for a creative workshop where you'll reimagine a piece of clothing or accessory. Bring your own item or use one provided, and leave with a one of a kind wearable work of art created in a fun, community setting.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Summer Teen Tuesdays Tuesdays 3:00-5:00 PM - Art Box

Teens in grades 7 to 12 can drop in for arts, crafts, games, cooking, and more. Snacks provided.

Tiny Tales in the Park Fridays Until 8/21, 10:30-11:00 AM - Westside Park

Enjoy songs, rhymes, and movement with MPL and Parks & Recreation at 1100 Sherwood St. for ages 0-3.

Sensory Story Time Sat 8/15 1:30-2:30 PM - Imaginarium

An interactive story time to support individuals with autism or sensory processing challenges. Space is limited.

Stories and Games for Diverse Abilities Wed 8/5 & 8/26 1:00-2:00 PM Families First Classroom

Teens and adults with cognitive, physical, or other disabilities are invited to enjoy stories, games, and fun together.

JUST FOR YOUNG WRITERS

Middle School Writers' Group Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 PM - Art Box & Zoom

Share your poems, stories, and novels, enjoy fun writing games, and exchange supportive feedback.

Young Adult Writers' Group Fridays 3:30-5:30 PM - Art Box & Zoom

Teens aged 16-19 can share their poems, stories, songs, rants, novels and give and receive respectful feedback.

Big Sky Writers' Group Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 PM - Big Sky Branch Library

New and experienced writers are welcome to share ideas.

BOOKMOBILE BOUND

Bookmobile @ the Western Montana Fair Thu 8/6 12-4 PM & Sat 8/8 12-6 PM - Western MT Fair

Find the Bookmobile at the Western Montana Fair, make a bookmark, and get some free books to take home!

Bookmobile: MUD Sustainability Fair Fri 8/14 5:30-7:00 PM - Paddleheads Stadium

Browse books for all ages, sign up for a library card, and discover titles on sustainability, gardening, conservation, and living a little greener.

Bookmobile: Food Bank's Back to School Bash Wed 8/19 10:00 AM-1:00 PM - Missoula Food Bank

The Missoula Food Bank & Community Center will have free school supplies, backpacks, and gently used clothing, as well as their Kids Eat Free summer lunch program.



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LET'S READ TOGETHER!



2nd Wednesday Book Group Wed 8/12 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain* by Robert Butler

Potomac Branch Library Book Club Wed 8/12 6:30-7:30 PM - Potomac Branch Library *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

3rd Wednesday Book Group Wed 8/19 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

LEARNING TOGETHER



Spice It Up: Library Spice Club Wed 8/5 - Demonstration Kitchen

August's spice is Savory courtesy of the Good Food Store.

MakerSpace: Sewing for Beginners Wed 8/19 6:00-8:00 PM - MakerSpace

Learn the basics of sewing in this fun class for beginners.

The Garden Meal: Garden Tacos and Burritos Tue 8/25 6:00-7:30 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Bring your garden produce and join Dr. Christina Yoshimura and Chef Linda Hale for Garden Tacos and Burritos.

4HistoryBuffs: History of Montana in 101 Places with Kirby Lambert Tue 8/25 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Discover Montana's iconic landscapes and hidden gems, and how their stories shape the rich history of our state.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Memory Café: Art with Dementia Friendly Missoula Tue 8/11 2:00-3:00 PM - Cooper Room A

Pick up a paintbrush, spark your imagination, and discover your creative side with Art at Dementia Friendly Missoula.

Resource Access Day (RAD) Wed 8/12 11:00 AM-2:00 PM - Level Four

MPL, Missoula Municipal Courts, and the Pretrial Assistance to Support Success program provide free resources including legal support, housing and benefits assistance, healthcare, and more.



American Red Cross Blood Drive Tue 8/18 11:00 AM-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Give blood and help save lives. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800) 733-2767.

Death Café @ MPL Thu 8/20 12:00-1:30 PM - Cooper Room B

Hestia Advantage invites you to this warm, welcoming space to share drinks and open conversations about life and death.

America 250: The Missoula Community Flag Project 8/5 & 8/12 4:00-5:30 PM - MakerSpace

Help create a community flag for Missoula! Design a patch that reflects what Missoula means to you, and watch it become part of a collaborative flag.

