



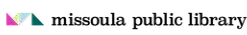
JULY GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

5TH BIRTHDAY BLOCK PARTY

JULY 17 | MAIN STREET | 3-6 PM

Help us celebrate 5 years in your beautiful, award-winning library! Enjoy guest speakers Nicole Gomez and Chris La Tray, live music from DJ Coach Shane and the Missoula Tuba Ensemble, and delicious food from Food Not Bombs, Dreamy's Soft Serve, and Puma Peruvian & Eclectic Cuisine. There will also be plenty of family-friendly fun, including giant bubbles, sidewalk chalk, hands-on science activities, creative play, interactive exhibits, and more!



50 Years With A River Runs Through It Wed 7/8 6:00-7:30 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Honoring the 50th Anniversary of Norman Maclean's novella, *A River Runs Through It*, MPL and the Norman Maclean Literary Festival present a conversation with O. Alan Weltzien, the editor of the 2008 *The Norman Maclean Reader*.

INDIGIPALOOZA MT 2026: RESISTANCE 250+ Fri 7/31/2026 - Sat 8/1/2026

The 2nd annual IndigiPalooza MT explores Resistance 250+, celebrating the ways Indigenous peoples have resisted, adapted, and thrived for more than 250 years. Through performances, art and conversation, explore how Indigenous communities continue to sustain culture, language, and community. For more visit www.ipfestmt.com



Speaking Truth About Power featuring Waubgeshig Rice, Nora Mabe, and B. Toastie Oaster Fri 7/31 5:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Reporters share the specific challenges in sharing Native stories, and why it's more important now than ever.



SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

JULY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Meet Buddy the Dinosaur!
Fri 7/10 2:00-4:00 PM - Imaginarium



Join Montana PBS for a special visit from Buddy the Dinosaur from Dinosaur Train on PBS KIDS!

Paleontology: Can You Dig It?
Mon 7/13 2:00-3:00 PM - Imaginarium

Kallie Moore, Fossil Librarian at the University of Montana, will regale attendees with tales of Montana fossils.

Museum of the Rockies: Reading with a Raptor
Wed 7/29 11:30 AM-12:30 PM - Imaginarium

Gobi is a scientifically accurate Velociraptor puppet that brings books to life! Perfect for kids grades PreK-2nd!

Museum of the Rockies: Montana Dinosaurs 101
Wed 7/29 1:30-2:30 PM - Cooper Room A

Explore dinosaurs from the Jurassic and Cretaceous period and learn where fossils have been found in the West and how fossils are formed.



JULY PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

How To Be An Author
Tue 7/14, 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.

Planting Resilience: Terrarium Workshop
Wed 7/22 6:00-7:30 PM - MakerSpace

Make your own take-home succulent terrarium with Climate Smart Missoula and learn tips for building climate resilience.

PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE

Altered Books & Giveaway
Sat 7/11 2:00-5:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Turn discarded books into art at this fun, all-ages event!

Raptors of the Rockies
Sat 7/25 1:00-2:30 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Raptors of the Rockies Director Kate Davis will present an informative and entertaining program with Little Billie the Northern Saw-whet Owl and three other raptors.



PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

BodyCraft Pop-Up for Youth with Bare Bait Dance Tue 7/7 1:30-2:30 PM - Imaginarium

Blend dance and improvisation to explore movement, storytelling, and creative risk-taking. For ages 5-12.

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 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 7/18 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 7/22 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.

LET'S READ TOGETHER!

2nd Wednesday Book Group
Wed 7/8 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online
An Unfinished Love Story: A Personal History of the 1960s by Doris Kearns Goodwin



Potomac Branch Library Book Club
Wed 7/8 6:30-7:30 PM - Potomac Branch Library
Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

3rd Wednesday Book Group
Wed 7/15 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room
The Small and the Mighty by Sharon McMahon

AMERICAN 250 PROGRAM SERIES

The Missoula Community Flag Project
7/15, 7/16, 7/22, 7/23, 7/29, & 7/30
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 displayed on Level 4.

Strange Tales of the Lewis & Clark Expedition
Tue 7/21 2:00-3:00 PM - Cooper Room A

Discover the strange and surprising stories behind the Fictitious Feline, Thunder-Boomer Pills, Mastodon Madness, and more with Larry Mylnechuk.

SCAN FOR JUNE BOOKMOBILE LOCATIONS



LEARNING TOGETHER

Spice It Up: Library Spice Club Wed 7/1 - Demonstration Kitchen



Each kit includes a featured spice, traditional uses of the spice, and a low-cost recipe. This month's spice is Smoked Paprika courtesy of the Good Food Store.

Preparing for Your Next Vehicle Thu 7/16 1:00-2:30 PM - Cooper Room A

Confidently finance your first or next vehicle with the help of this interactive class with Clearwater Credit Union.

The Garden Meal: Garden Galettes Tue 7/28 6:00-7:30 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Bring your garden produce and join Dr. Christina Yoshimura and Chef Linda Hale for Garden Galettes!

4HistoryBuffs: Glacier National Park and Its Early History with Lee Silliman

Tue 7/28 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Explore Glacier's history from its Indigenous roots through 1940, brought to life with compelling images.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

American Red Cross Blood Drive Tue 7/7 11:00 AM-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Stars, stripes & saving lives! Honor our country's 250th anniversary and America's spirit of service by giving blood. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800) 733-2767.

Resource Access Day (RAD) Wed 7/8 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.



Missoula Symphony Harp Performances Tue 7/14 12:30-1:30 PM - Frenchtown Branch Library Tue 7/14 4:00-5:00 PM - Lolo Branch Library

Enjoy an enchanting afternoon of music at the Frenchtown and Lolo Branch Libraries as two talented harpists from the Missoula Symphony bring their artistry to the community.

Memory Café: Bamboo Bodies with Angi McClure Tue 7/14 2:00-3:00 PM - Cooper Room

Adapt to the changes of aging by training the nervous system through Qigong, breathing drills, vision & balance.

Death Café @ MPL Thu 7/16 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.

