



# SEPTEMBER GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Explore the amazing resources at the library by signing up for your own card today! If you're interested in starting a new hobby, learning a new language, or borrowing items like cooktops, museum passes, and laptops, Missoula Public Library has you covered. There are endless possibilities for everyone! Find us at these locations in September:



- 9/2 | Missoula Food Bank | 12-2 PM
- 9/3 | Orange Street Food Farm | 3:30-5:30 PM
- 9/4 | First Friday Parklet, Higgins | 4:30-7:30 PM
- 9/8 | Farmer's Market at the XXX's | 5-7 PM
- 9/9 | Soft Landing, Palmer St. | 5:30-7:30 PM
- 9/11 | Rosauers Grocery Store | 9-11 AM
- 9/14 | Yoke's Fresh Market, Reserve | 3:30-5:30 PM
- 9/16 | Kettlehouse Bonner Taproom | 4-8 PM
- 9/17 | Orange Street Food Farm | 3:30-5:30 PM
- 9/23 | Missoula Food Bank | 12-2 PM
- 9/24 | Lolo Peak Brewery | 5:30-7:30 PM
- 9/26 | ClimateFEST, Caras Park | 10 AM-2 PM
- 9/30 | Missoula Food Bank | 12-2 PM

### UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF GENERATIVE AI IN SOCIETY

Tue 9/15 6:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Generative AI tools are rapidly changing our world. But how do they work, and what role should they play in society? U of M Professor Michael Cassens will share how to stay informed in the fast changing landscape of genAI.

### HOME RESOURCE SPONCON

Thu 9/17-Wed 9/30 - Level Four

SponCon is Home ReSource's creative ReUse Build-A-Thon, where teams have seven hours to transform reclaimed materials into art and functional masterpieces. Visit Level Four of the library to explore the latest creations!

### BEGINNER BIRD WALK WITH THE FEMINIST BIRD CLUB

Thu 9/24 4:30-6:00 PM - Meet on Level One

Learn the basics of bird watching, what tools the library can provide you with, and how your power of observation can be used to determine what type of birds you are seeing.



## INTRODUCTION TO PLAYWRITING

WITH EAN MILES KESSLER

Tue 9/1, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22 6:00-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room

In this 4-week workshop, participants will explore the essentials of playwriting. Each session includes creative prompts, group discussion, and peer feedback. Consistent attendance is encouraged. Program led by playwright and theater educator Ean Miles Kessler - Rutgers BFA graduate trained at Shakespeare's Globe with director Tim Carroll.

### YOUTHFUL DISCOVERIES

#### Words with Wings Poetry Reading

Thu 9/10 5:30-6:30 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Join the Missoula Writing Collaborative for a poetry reading featuring campers sharing their original work.

#### Sesame Street and the Great Elephant Adventure

Sat 9/12 11:00 AM-2:00 PM - Imaginarium

Join Montana PBS Kids, spectrUM, Families First, and MPL for a screening of a new show! Enjoy hands-on crafts and activities. Screenings are at 11:15 AM, 11:45 AM, 12:15 PM, 12:45 PM, and 1:15 PM.



#### Symphony Kids: Library Concert - Brass Quintet

Sat 9/19 11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Imaginarium

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with some of the most magnificent instruments of the symphony - the brass section! Feel the power of these instruments up close and learn how they fit within the symphony.

#### Story Time Author Event with Robin Kolb

Sat 9/26 11:30 AM-1:00 PM - Imaginarium

Join MPL and Humanities Montana for a fun, interactive morning with author Robin Kolb and her book *Galloping Away*, Montanan's 2026 Great Reads from Great Places youth selection.



#### College Application Workshop

Mon 9/28 5:00-6:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

College Admissions expert Karen Fong Donoghue walks students and their parents through the process. Discuss essays, learn important deadlines and receive tips to improve your odds of getting into your schools of choice.

## PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

### Saturday Tiny Tales

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 PM - Imaginarium

A welcoming weekend option for families who cannot attend during the week. For babies and toddlers aged 0-4.

### Missoula Scholastic Chess Club at MPL

Thu 9/3 3:30-5:00 PM - Imaginarium

Join the Missoula Chess Club! Students from grades 2-12 are welcome to play and learn new moves!

### Stories and Games for Diverse Abilities

Wed 9/9 & 9/23 1:00-2:00 PM Families First Classroom

Teens and adults with disabilities are invited to connect, play games, enjoy stories, and have fun together

### Sensory Story Time

Sat 9/19 1:30-2:30 PM - Imaginarium

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

### How to be a Musician: Careers in Music

Fri 9/25 3:30-5:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Renowned pianist and composer Philip Daniel shares insights with youth on what it takes to build a career in music, from performing and producing to film scoring and music technology.

### Performance with Composer Philip Daniel

Fri 9/25 6:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Following his afternoon program on building a career in music, Daniel will share his original compositions and showcase the expressive power of piano and film music.

## LET'S READ TOGETHER!



### 2nd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 9/9 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online

*A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean

### Potomac Branch Library Book Club

Wed 9/9 6:30-7:30 PM - Potomac Branch Library

*This House of Sky* by Ivan Doig

### 3rd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 9/16 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room

*Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

## PAINSAVVY HEALTH LITERACY

Sun 9/13 1:00-1:50 PM - Ellingson Room

A health literacy class covering strategies for preventing and overcoming persistent pain and increase movement.

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### Spice It Up: Library Spice Club

Wed 9/2 - Demonstration Kitchen



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

### Cooking with Basal

Wed 9/23 6:00-7:00 PM - Demonstration Kitchen

Join the folks from Basal, the restaurant in downtown Missoula, for an interactive cooking program in the library's demonstration kitchen!

### 4HistoryBuffs: Fur Trade in the Early 19th Century with David C. Gray

Tue 9/22 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Explore the early 19th-century American fur trade and what drove it, who shaped it, how it affected Native populations, and why this booming enterprise eventually came to an end.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### Memory Café: Games Galore

Tue 9/8 2:00-3:00 PM - Cooper Room B

This month, join us to have tea, cookies, and play games from our memory kits!

### Resource Access Day (RAD)

Wed 9/9 11:00 AM-2:00 PM - Level Four



Missoula Public Library, Missoula Municipal Courts, and the Pretrial Assistance to Support Success program provide free resources including housing support, legal help, vaccinations and immunizations, medical and mental health care, free lunch, and more!

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tue 9/15 11:00 AM-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

New season. Same lifesaving mission. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter the code missoulalibrary or 59801 or call (800) 733-2767.

### Death Café @ MPL

Thu 9/17 12:00-1:30 PM - Clyde Coffee on Level One

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

### YMCA Yoga at the Library is Back!

Thursdays 12:00-1:00 PM - Cooper Room A



YMCA Yoga is back! This class will focus on balance, strength, and flexibility. Bring a mat or use one of ours. A liability waiver is required and can be downloaded here: <https://tinyurl.com/2994wjww>

## SCAN FOR SEPTEMBER'S BOOKMOBILE LOCATIONS



**LIBRARY CLOSED**  
**SEPTEMBER 7 - LABOR DAY**