



OCTOBER GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

THERE'S ALWAYS THIS YEAR

ON BASKETBALL AND ASCENSION

AUTHOR TALK WITH HANIF ABDURRAQIB

OCTOBER 2 | 6:30-8 PM *DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

Poet, essayist, and cultural critic, Hanif Abdurraqib, will read from and discuss his latest book followed by a Q&A and book signing.



BOOKS SOLD BY Fact & Fiction



EXPLORE THE PAST

Western Montana Genealogical Society Work Day
Sat 10/19 12:00-4:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Bring in your genealogical project and fellow genealogists can assist with your research, share websites, and offer advice.

4HistoryBuffs: The Women's Vote
Tue 10/29 6:00-8:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Suzette Dussault discusses the year that women were given the right to vote and the grassroots movement that challenged the powerful Anaconda Mining Company.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

First Friday Reception: SponCon with Home ReSouces
Fri 10/4 5:00-7:00 PM - Level Four

Marvel at imaginative pieces crafted by local builders, artists, and hobbyists from items destined for the landfill.

Poetry and Discussion of the Heart in Local Government
Wed 10/9 6:00-7:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Join County Commissioner Josh Slotnick and poet Community Engagement Coordinator Emmie Bristow, as they discuss how poetry offers glimpses into local government.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Tue 10/29 11:00 AM-4:00 PM - Cooper Room A/B

Let's BOOst the blood supply this fall! Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code missoulalibrary.org or 59801, or call (800) 733-2767.

Resource Access Day (RAD)
Thu 10/10 12:00-3:00 PM - Level Four

MPL, Missoula Municipal Courts, and the Pretrial Assistance to Support Success (PASS) program, are partnering to provide free resources for everyone! Resources include legal support, housing and benefits assistance, healthcare, and more. Services are on a drop-in basis and lunch will be provided.



OCTOBER IS FAMILY HISTORY MONTH!



Missoula Public Library's Family History Month programs offer a fantastic opportunity to dive into the world of genealogy and explore our ancestral roots. Through a series of programs and hands-on research sessions, participants can gain valuable skills and resources for tracing their family history.

Family History Writing Contest
October 1, 2024 - March 1, 2025

Calling all family historians! Enter genealogical writing about your Montana ancestors in MPL's 2nd annual Family History Writing Contest. Entries accepted until March 1, 2025 at: <https://missoulapubliclibrary.submittable.com/submit>.

Busting Genealogy Myths
October 1 | 3:00-4:30 PM | Cooper A

Did the government change your ancestor's name at Ellis Island? Is the census really held for 72 years due to privacy concerns? Learn about several common - and completely false - genealogy myths.

MPL's Family History Resources
October 8 | 3:00-4:30 PM | Blackfoot Room

Your library offers a wealth of genealogy research resources. Explore them all in this comprehensive overview.

Photo Digitization
October 15 | 3:00-4:30 PM | MCAT Studio

MCAT invites family history enthusiasts to learn how to digitize their precious photos and documents. This hands-on class is perfect for novices and experts alike.

Oral Interviews
October 22 | 3:00-4:30 PM | MCAT Studio

During this class, MCAT staff will teach you how to use their equipment for recording and preserving family stories.

The Family History Writing Contest Explained
October 29 | 3:00-4:30 PM | Blackfoot Room

In this session, learn about eligibility requirements, submission guidelines, and tips for success.

IN THE MAKERSPACE

Electronics - Arduino For Everyone
Sat 10/12 3:00-4:00 PM

Learn the basics of electronics using an Arduino device. This class will help you learn the basics of circuitry, coding, and more. All materials provided. Workshop is for ages 10 and up and space is limited to 15 participants. To register visit: <https://forms.gle/GcShq9SNDtHPYWRd9>



PROGRAMS JUST FOR KIDS!

Infant to 3-Year-Old Playgroup

Tue 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29 10:30 AM - Imaginarium

Every Tuesday, Families First and MPL host a play group for infants to three-year-olds. Activities focus on early childhood development, play and the importance of community.

Missoula Scholastic Chess Club

Thu 10/3 3:30-5:00 PM - Cooper Room B

Students from grades 2-12 can play chess with friends and learn new moves. Beginners welcome!

Historical Story Time with Fort Missoula

Sun 10/13 12:30-1:30 PM - Imaginarium

Enjoy readings of historically-themed children's books, then explore fascinating artifacts from the Fort Museum.

Community Heroes Story Time Series:

Firefighters and Food

Sat 10/19 10:30 AM-12:00 PM - Imaginarium

Once a month meet some of the people that keep us safe! This month, meet firefighters, hear a story, make some fire-themed treats, and see a real firetruck! For children ages 3+.



Symphony Kids Library Concert Series #2:

String Quartet

Wed 10/30 4:30-5:30 PM - Imaginarium

Meet the string instruments in the symphony orchestra, enjoy a performance, and talk about the music they play!



Get Lit! is MPL's ongoing promotion of all things literacy-related! Come Get Lit! at the library this fall and beyond. October programs:

Windows User Group

Wed 10/9 2:00-4:00 PM - Blackfoot Room

Want to be more confident using Microsoft Windows? In this class, participants will have fun learning everything about Windows with facilitator, Dan Hubing.

PainSavvy Health Literacy

Sun 10/13 1:00-1:50 PM - Blackfoot Room

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

Emotional Intelligence:

Building Stronger Bonds through Emotional Literacy

Wed 10/16 6:00-7:30 PM - Cooper Room A

This workshop equips parents with the skills to understand and guide their children's emotions by learn to interpret emotional signals and improve communication.

Fall Scavenger Hunt

9/1-11/30 - All Levels

Discover the art throughout the library! Grab a scavenger hunt sheet on Level Two and embark on a quest to find all the artworks, solve their clues, and earn a prize.

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Dream Bigger Teen After School Program

Every Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-6:00 PM - Art Box

MPL and Families First partner to help teens lead their own projects with support from professional mentors, explore careers through real-world experiences, and gain essential durable skills like critical thinking and collaboration.

Teen Adventures in Cooking: Iran!

Thu 10/10 3:00-5:00 PM - Demonstration Kitchen



Take an imaginary trip to Middle East as we make exotic dishes with our guest from Iran. Open to teens grades 7-12.

LET'S READ TOGETHER!

2nd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 10/9 6:30-7:30 PM - Blackfoot Room & Online

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

Potomac Branch Library Book Club

Wed 10/9 6:30-7:30 PM - Potomac Branch Library

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

Missoula Hush Hour @ MPL

Thu 10/10 6:00-8:00 PM - Level Four

The Level Four balcony awaits readers who want to grab a drink, listen to live tunes, and take in beautiful views, all while getting lost in a good book with Missoula Public Library, Hush Hour Missoula, and KFGM. Use Main St. entrance after 6 PM.

3rd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 10/16 6:30-7:30 PM - Ellingson Room

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict

HALLOWEEN
ALL UNDER ONE ROOF

OCTOBER 27 **12 - 3 PM**

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