

MPL Director's Report

October 23, 2024

Community Engagement

Attended the author event with Hanif Abdurraqib.

Met with stakeholders regarding social work practicum students.

Attended the Bookmobile launch party.

Met with EmpowerMT to begin planning MLK Day and Black History Month county-wide collaboration.

Discussed large scale digital equity projects with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library to learn more about the work they have done.

Met with City-County representatives to discuss plans for an upcoming Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Summit.

Core Services

Met with BrownKnows to talk about exhibits and tipi installation for DNA Playground.

Coordinated City of Missoula Subaward and issued a down payment.

Risk & Benefits – County Commissioners budget authority meeting.

Participated in 2nd consulting session with MSR on design elements for new L2 Teen Area.

Worked with EJ and interior designer to thoughtfully plan updated space in the former L1 Teen Area.

Attended regular meetings: Friends of MPL, Management, Steering Committee, AUOR Executive Leadership, Reference, Labor Management Co-Chairs, and 1:1s.

Began meeting with direct reports for annual reviews.

Interviewed candidates for the On-Call Library Specialist position.

Worked with an electrician to improve lighting in Cooper's Space for events.

Sustainability and Wellness

Coordinated response and treatment related to two lice incidents in the building.

Met with Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center to discuss Idaho and Montana initiatives to increase health equity.

Consulting with Cascadia Management Group on a facilities assessment.

Coordinated the following MPL Staff/AUOR trainings:

Presented by [The Center](#) - Thursday, October 24 from 9-10: LGBTQ+ Inclusivity and Allyship Training: Designed to provide helpful education and lived experience perspectives to allies,

professionals and the general public in order to better understand issues LGBTQ+ people face everyday. These presentations offer direct resources available in the local area, a background on the LGBTQ+ community, terminology, proper pronoun usage, how to respond in situations of crisis as well as a Q&A.

Presented by the [Missoula Crisis Intervention Team](#) - Thursday, November 7 from 9-11:
Navigating Crises in the Workplace: This two-hour training aims to help participants navigate crisis situations and improve safety in their workplace or area of operation. It is interactive and includes scenario-based instruction to teach participants how to define a crisis, identify and support those in crisis, ensure the right resources are dispatched, and explain local behavioral health and houselessness resources in Missoula.

Thursday, January 16 from 9-11: Active Listening: This is a training that strengthens active listening skills to increase depth of understanding in communicating with clients and colleagues.

Interesting Reads

Missoula Public Library Bookmobile to hit the road

https://www.kpax.com/news/missoula-county/missoula-public-library-bookmobile-hitting-the-road#google_vignette