



DECEMBER GUIDE

SPARK CURIOSITY. MAKE CONNECTIONS. THRIVE TOGETHER.

WINTER CELEBRATION

THE ALL UNDER ONE ROOF HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Sat 12/07, 11:00AM-3:00PM - The Whole Library

Santa @ Missoula Public Library
The Imaginarum, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Get a free photo with the Jolly Old Elf himself.
Must be in line by 2:15, Santa leaves at 3pm sharp.

Make Pop-up Holiday Cards
MakerSpace, 11:00 AM-2:30 PM

Join the library's MakerSpace and make pop-up holiday and winter themed cards!

Ballerinas from the Nutcracker @ MPL
Level Two, 11:00-2:00 PM

Come see ballerinas from Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre who perform in the Nutcracker.

Solstice Wreath Making with MCAT
MCAT, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Celebrate the winter solstice by decorating wreaths!

The Science of Solstice
UM Living Lab, 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Join us to explore how the Earth's tilt and orbit creates the shortest day of the year!

Hot Cocoa & Apple Cider
Demonstration Kitchen, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Drink some hot cocoa and apple cider in the demo-kitchen while you browse bakeware & cookbooks.

Wilderness Walking

Jonathan Marquis Artist Talk



Wed 12/04, 6:00-7:00PM - Cooper Room A/B

In 2024, artist and mountaineer, Jonathan Marquis completed the Glacier Drawing Project, a long-term endeavor to see and draw every named glacier in Montana. Marquis will reveal the stories behind his decades long project and will debut Wilderness Walking, a series of drawings made during his glacier-training trips in Montana wilderness areas.

The artist's talk is presented in collaboration with the closing of Something to Hold, The Glacier Drawing Project on display at the Missoula Art Museum and is generously sponsored by the Missoula Public Library Foundation. Wilderness Walking will be on view on the 4th floor of the Missoula Public Library throughout the month of December.



Welcome to The World of Jan Brett

Sun 12/15, 5:00-6:00PM - Cooper Room A/B

Join legendary picturebook author/illustrator Jan Brett on her book signing tour for *Alice in a Winter Wonderland!* This event is hosted by Missoula Public Library and Barnes & Noble. Space is limited (250 seats). General admission is free, but entrance to the signing line requires the purchase of *Alice in a Winter Wonderland*. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the signing line. Find additional event details on missoulapubliclibrary.org

MISSOULAreads

2024 50-book challenge Ends Fri 12/27

December 27 is the final day to turn in completed reading logs for the 2024 Missoula Reads 50-book challenge. Prizes will be awarded in January.



Sat 12/07, 11:00AM-4:00PM - Cooper Room A/B

Whether you're on the hunt for unique gifts or something special for yourself, you'll find stunning array of fine art, handmade crafts, and one-of-a-kind treasures from talented local vendors and VonCommon Studios' resident artists. Enjoy a warm beverage and tasty treats while you explore the vibrant works on display.

SCAN FOR DECEMBER'S BOOKMOBILE LOCATIONS



PROGRAMS JUST FOR KIDS!

Infant to 3-Year-Old Playgroup

Tue 12/03 12/10 12/17, 10:30-11:30AM - Imaginarium

Families First and the Missoula Public Library host a play group for infants to three-year-olds, focusing on early childhood development, play, and the importance of community.

Special Santa Storytime

Sat 12/14, 10:30-11:30AM - The Imaginarium

Who's got a beard that is long and white? Who comes around on a special night? Must be Santa, arriving at MPL for a special storytime Saturday, December 14 at 10:30 am. Get a sweet treat from Santa after he reads some of his favorite books.

Cookie Decorating & Crafts, Special Guest: Santa

Sat 12/14, 2:00-4:00PM - The Art Box

Who's got a beard that is long and white? Who comes around on a special night? Must be Santa, arriving at MPL Saturday, December 14 from 2-4 pm for cookie decorating and crafts. Share the day with us (and Santa) as we celebrate fun and family.

Kids Holiday Cooking Class

Wed 12/18, 4:00-5:00PM - Demo Kitchen

This class brings families together by teaching children and adults lifelong cooking skills that can ignite creativity, build self-esteem, and create memories. Space is limited.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

Dream Bigger Teen After School Program

Every Tuesday & Thursday, 3:00-6:00PM - The Art Box

MPL and Families First partner to help teens lead their own projects with support from professional mentors. Teens will explore career paths through real-world experiences and gain essential durable skills like critical thinking and collaborations. For more details on how your teen can get involved and to apply visit: www.familiesfirstmt.org/dbafterschool.html

Taylor Swift Party

Fri 12/13, 3:00-5:00PM - Families First Classroom

Calling all Swifties! Join us for Taylor Swift-themed activities, music, and crafts. No registration required.

GENEALOGY FOR EVERYONE

Intro to FamilySearch

Wed 12/4, 12:00-2:00PM - Cooper Room A

Volunteers from the Kalispell FamilySearch Center will help you set up a free FamilySearch account and start using one of the world's largest genealogy databases. Participants should bring their own laptop.

LETS READ TOGETHER!

2nd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 12/11, 6:30-7:30PM - Blackfoot Room & Online

The Importal Irishman by Timothy Egan

Potomac Branch Library Book Club

Wed 12/11, 6:00-7:00PM - Potomac Branch Library

Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro

3rd Wednesday Book Group

Wed 12/18, 6:30-7:30PM - Ellingson Room

The Sympathizer by Nguyen Vietnam Thanh

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

YMCA Yoga at the Library

Every Thursday, 12:00-1:00PM - Copper Room A

This free yoga will focus on basic yoga postures, alignment principles, and breathing.

Participants must sign a liability waiver prior to class:

<https://tinyurl.com/2994wjww>

-NO CLASS ON 12/26-

Books on Tap

Tue 12/10, 6:00-7:30PM - 1151 West Broadway Street

Delve into trivia with MPL and Imagine Nation Brewing! The more you read, the more you can win. Trivia is from 6-7 PM and from 7-7:30 PM you can sign up for a library card.

Resource Access Day (RAD)

Thu 12/12, 12:00-3:00PM - 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.



Missoula on Main

Tue 12/31/2024, 12:00-4:30PM - Whole Library

Join MPL & MCAT to celebrate Missoula on Main...and Beyond... This annual art and culture celebration, now in its 31st year, is presented by ARTS Missoula. Join us for fun for all ages from 12-4:30PM on December 31. For the full list of events visit www.artsmissoula.org/events/missoulaonmain/



-Regular Library Services will not be offered on this day.-

DECEMBER CLOSURES

Tuesday, December 24 | Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25 | Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 31 | New Year's Eve

(Missoula on Main, 12 - 4 PM, Self Service Only)

Wednesday, January 1 | New Year's Day