**The MPL Mission**

Spark curiosity. Make connections. Thrive together.

Missoula Public Library achieves its mission by fostering community engagement, providing core services, and promoting sustainability and wellness.

* **Circulation – November 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* Reconfiguration of the southwest side of the Marketplace was completed. What was previously the Young Adult areas is now a public lounge area with many options for individual and group seating. The gaming center was moved to a more appropriate location towards the east. Damaged chairs were reupholstered with stain resistant fabric and surplus furniture was moved to the area to create a bright, welcoming space that can be repurposed for programming and events as needed. Display pods were moved to the center of the Marketplace as a way to spark the curiosity visitors and invite exploration of the first floor.

**Core Services**

* In the Makerspace, 391 patrons come in the month of November, which was an increase from the 381 in October. A UofM engineering class visited to learn about the different tools MPL can offer students. Since then, students have been coming to design class projects. A veterans’ flyfishing group visited to learn how they might use the space during the winter months while fishing isn't possible. The Makerspace also ran a zine making program that went well, and the instructor mentioned interest in running another one in the future.
* IT arranged online training of SenSource VEA, the new people counter software that will give us extremely accurate, real-time updates by the hour, day or week on how many people have entered and left 455 E. Main. This new product has already demonstrated its value for tracking community interest in programs and peak hours at MPL.
* Robert Mueller and Elizabeth Jonkel conducted a site visit at the Lolo ad Frenchtown branches. This was an opportunity to review ILS settings and internal procedures, train on Microsoft365 and troubleshoot any issues.

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* **Community Engagement – November 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* To celebrate Native American Heritage month we had art on the fourth floor by native artists Dre Castillo and Monica Brings Yellow.
* Also to celebrate Native American Heritage Month, Buck Hitswithastick did an all ages program on Nov 19th that was well attended.
* Resource Access Day (RAD) continues to grow in attendees and in resource providers. In November we served 75 people.
* The Bookmobile visited the Day of the Dead celebration at the Confluence Center. Visiting community gatherings like this helps introduce new people to the Bookmobile as well as integrates the library into the community.

**Core Services**

* In November, the Bookmobile made 36 new cards for students at school stops and had a total of 766 checkouts (also CE)
* Collaborated with University of Montana to host a banned books movie night supporting the Freedom to Read and Intellectual Freedom (also CE)
* The Bookmobile started two new service stops at Woodman Elementary and Seeley Lake Elementary (also CE)

**Sustainability & Wellness**

* CE helped launch the new level one sitting area with live music.
* **Reference – November 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* The Family Search session went well. This is a new collaboration that has great potential.
* Distributing the Digital Equity Survey to at least 50 people who are resource insecure or experiencing homelessness. Will use this information to develop a project.
* Volunteers helped with the Winter Celebration.

**Core Services**

* Weeding political history and travel guides.
* Vital records indexing project continues and has been fine-tuned.

**Sustainability and Wellness**

* Working with Tom Javins to update our energy stats and develop a plan to better utilize data.
* **Youth Services – November 2024**

**Community Engagement**

* Hosted a Hush Hour Jr program – community silent reading hour geared towards kids, with snacks, background music, and decorate your own bookmark activity. Very successful first program with 18 attendees
* Dream Bigger After School teen program continues, with participating teens entering the next phases of their projects (which include film making, robotics, and jewelry making)
* Working with PLTI (Parent Leadership Training Institute) for the recruitment of their new cohort, which will meet here in the library starting in January

**Core Services**

* Replaced broken/worn components of several STEM kits and toys in the YS collection

**Sustainability & Wellness**