

Director's Report August 2025

Respectfully Presented by Nikki Ericksen, Library Director

Programming

Story Time and Chesse club will both return on September 10. I am very happy to announce that Denise Mongtgomery has committed to leading story time for another year. Book Club will begin again on September 17th. Tea and Talk will be back on October 1st.

Education and Meetings

The 2025 MSL Fall Director and Trustee Workshop - Library Leaders Building a Strong Foundation: This conference is held every two years. This year it will be held in Great Falls on September 15th and 16th. It is designed for library directors and trustees.

"Our keynote speaker will be nationally recognized speaker Mazi Robinson and breakout sessions will focus on applying what we learn from Mazi to the foundational operations of libraries and boards. Mazi is an experienced speaker specializing in personal and professional growth and enrichment. She engages and inspires her audiences as she empowers and equips them to meet life's challenges with confidence and courage. She conducts lively and interactive presentations inspiring and motivating individuals to fully seize their personal and professional potential."

-Montana State Library Trustee Newsletter

The deadline to sign up is September 7 but the final day to reserve one of the discounted hotel rooms they have reserved is August 31.

Collection

DVD Donations: I spread it around the Tamarack Federation retreat that Plains was in need of more DVDs but couldn't afford them. Many libraries have storerooms full of unneeded DVDs and are sending us bundles of them through the courier system that we use for partner books. There has also been an increase in local donations. We are happily putting ten new DVDs on our "New DVD" shelf each week.

Fundraising

A donation of 10 leatherbound classic literature volumes found their way into the library. Mellissa has been selling them on Ebay and making a considerable amount for the library. So far after 4 of the volumes sold, the library has made over \$100.

July Statistics

CD	16
CHAPTER	33
DISPLAY	70
DVD	153
EASY	69
EASY-NF	14
FICTION	150
JUV-BIO	1
JUV-FICT	127
JUV-NF	33
MONTANA	20
MYSTERY	27
NEW-BOOK	69
NON FICTION	43
SCI-FI	3
STACKS	102
WESTERN	22
YA	55
Total	1,043

Programming Attendance

Ages 0-5	0
Ages 6-11	24
Adult	0
General Interest	105

New Patrons	18
Computer Users	60
Volunteer Hours	13
Crates to Missoula	20
Crates from Missoula	17