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Resources for Native American Heritage Month

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It's Native American Heritage Month, and we have resources at the Library and online so that you can learn more. You can find links to the e-resources on the library's website.

One of our best-attended programs from Humanities Montana over the past year was Chris La Tray's "The Day that Finally Came," a presentation about the history of the Little Shell Tribe and the Métis. Don't worry if you missed it - there's now a recording of this talk available online through the Montana State Library's YouTube channel. We also have several of La Tray's works available to check out, including "Descended from a Travel-worn Satchel: Haiku and Haibun" (2021) and "One-Sentence Journal: Short Poems and Essays from the World at Large" (2018).

A good place to start learning more about local Métis history is an online archive called the Montana Memory Project (MMP). There are two collections of oral histories specific to the Métis: "Hi-Line Métis" and "Central Montana

Métis," both featuring interviews conducted by Central Montana local Candi Zion. You might also browse through the Central Montana Historical Photographs Collection, which was curated from our archives by local historian Nancy Watts.

If you would like to learn more about Native American and Indigenous communities around the world, try diving into

Google Arts and Culture. It's an online platform that lets you explore museums, curated photo exhibits, and much, much more. A good starting place for this topic might be "Indigenous Americas," a selection of stories, photos, and artwork that includes everything from music samples to virtual tours of the Mesa Verde cliff dwellings.

Another good starting point is, of course, your local library. As always, please let us know if we can help you find anything.

Dan Clark for Democracy Project

Dan Clark, of the MSU Local Government Center, will present to the Democracy Project students and other interested patrons on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m.. His talk will discuss how local governments function and how citizens can participate in the democratic process at the local level. For more information about the Democracy Project, contact Brittney Uecker.

Library Closure

The Library will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. We will resume regular hours Saturday, Nov. 12 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit our website to stay up-to-date on closures and program schedules.

Storytimes

There will be no Books and Babies this week due to holiday closure. Storytime will read "The Big Umbrella" by Amy June Bates and "I Walk With Vanessa" by Kerascoët on Saturday,

Nov. 12 at 11 a.m.

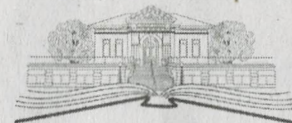
Magical Middles Story Hour

Magical Middles airs on 106.9 FM every Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. Brittney reads for this radio story that is suitable for all ages. We begin a new book on Nov. 15, Newbery Medal winner "Cuentista" by Donna Barba Higuera.

Middle Grade Book Club

The November pick for Middle Grade Book Club (grades 4-8), "Amari Night Brothers" by B.B. Alston, is to pick up now. We will meet to discuss on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Lewistown Public Library



November Movie Night

The Library will host our next monthly Movie Night on Friday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Upstairs Meeting Room. Seating is limited and popcorn will be provided.

The Lewistown Public Library is located at 701 W. Main Street in Lewistown, MT. Regular Library hours are Tuesday 9AM-6PM and Saturday 10AM-2PM. Stay current on our programming by visiting lewistownlibrary.org or follow us on Facebook @lewistownmontanapubliclibrary or on Instagram. The card catalog, Montana Memory Project, and Montana Library2Go are accessible through our website. The Shared Catalog app is available for download on the App Store and Google Play and allows you to renew, place holds, and check out items on your mobile device. Call us at 406-535-3401.

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