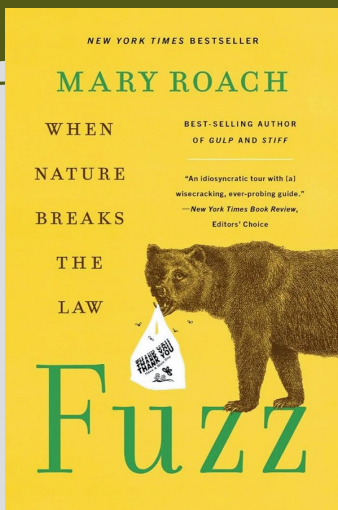


BIG READ

www.lclibrary.org/bigread

The Big Read brings the community together around a single book. During October, the Lewis & Clark Library invites you to join in more than a dozen events including a live visit from the author, book clubs, writing seminars, and more! You don't have to read the book to join in the fun!



Fuzz by Mary Roach

What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A bear caught breaking and entering? A murderous tree? Three hundred years ago, animals that broke the law would be assigned legal representation and put on trial. These days, as New York Times best-selling author Mary Roach discovers, the answers are best found not in jurisprudence but in science: the curious science of human-wildlife conflict, a discipline at the crossroads of human behavior and wildlife biology.

GET A FREE COPY TO KEEP!

Available at all Lewis & Clark Library locations starting Sept. 21 while supplies last. (Or borrow the audio or eBook from Libby.)

Philosophy Symposium: On Growth Policy, Wildlife, & the Environment

Oct. 1, 5:30 pm
Large Community Room

Registration required:
lclibrary.org/ongrowth

Community philosopher Marisa Diaz-Waian will facilitate a conversation with panelists and authors Christopher Preston & Robert Frideman with time for Q&A and an opportunity to mingle with the speakers.

Bears & Trashcans: Human-Wildlife Interactions

Oct. 6, 6:30 pm
Montana Wild

From U of M Drs. Libby & Alex Metcalf will share fascinating research data on wildlife-human interactions and how to ultimately co-exist with wildlife.

Short Films & Rich Conversation with American Prairie

Oct. 7, 6:30 pm
Myrna Loy Center

Watch short films about the work and vision of American Prairie and take part in the conversation about conservation.

Living with the Land

Oct. 14, 6:30 pm
Large Community Room

Take an in depth view of American Indian spirituality, history, medicinal plants, storytelling, stars, All Our Relatives and Indian games with Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer, Anishinaabe elder, spiritual leader, artist and speaker.

Boone & Crockett Club - Hunting Ethics

Oct. 21, 6:30 pm
Large Community Room

Learn about the oldest wildlife conservation organization in the U.S. and the human-wildlife conflicts associated with losing hunting rights.

Book Clubs

Join a book discussion about *Fuzz* by Mary Roach. Visit lclibrary.org/bigread to find a discussion that works for you!

Writing Workshops

Oct. 5, 11:30 am
Large Community Room
The Writing Life: Essay & Memoir with Micah Fields

Oct. 12, 1 pm
Sarah McCabe Power Room
Writing & Revising Wild Delicate Seconds in Nature with Poet Charles Finn

Oct. 19, 2 pm
Large Community Room
Telling True Stories with journalist Gabriel Furshong

Voices of the Big Read

Oct. 24, 6:30 pm
Helena Avenue Theater

Writing workshop participants will have the opportunity to share their work on stage! Everyone is welcome to cheer them on from the auditorium!

Sotrytelling & Creatures: Philosophy for Youth

Oct. 26, 12 pm
Large Community Room

Shane Doyle (Crow Tribe) will lead a storytelling event for youth that features heartwarming tales starring animals such as coyote, raven, wolf, and more.

Scavenger Hunt

Take the adventure of *Fuzz* outside with the Adventure Lab Geocaching app with a self-guided experience to help you dive deeper into the book and the community!

AMERICA



Join the NEA Big Read in celebrating the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence by exploring the history of man's best friend in the building of America.

Dogs with Jobs: When Expectations Meet Successful Training

Oct. 9, 6:30 pm
Large Community Room

Bark 4 Joy founder and CEO Madie Brustkern will talk about the organization's programs and how human behavior is as much part of the equation as is the dog's.

From Mascot to Marine: the American Military Dog Program

Oct. 20, 6:30 pm
Large Community Room

Throughout American history, dogs have remained faithfully by man's side, in war and in peace. Researcher Elisabeth Phillips will explore the history of dogs in warfare to understand the origins of America's modern military dog program.

Forever Faithful: Dogs in Montana History

Oct. 28, 6:30 pm
Large Community Room

If it happened in the Treasure State's past, dogs were there! Join retired MT Historical Society historian Kirby Lambert in a presentation illustrating just why dogs have always been Montanans' best friends.

Author Mary Roach Live!

Oct. 30, 7 pm
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

See the woman the Washington Post dubbed "America's funniest science writer!" Mary Roach will speak about her book, *Fuzz* and sign copies after the event. Montana Book Co. be on hand selling Roach's books.





BIG READ OCTOBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>28 Wilderness & Poetry Workshop Part 1* 2 pm</p>	<p>29 Wilderness & Poetry Workshop Part 2* 10:30 am</p>	<p>7 American Prairie Short Films <i>Myrna Loy</i> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>1 Kickoff All day, all branches: Get your free copy of <i>Fuzz!</i> Philosophy Symposium 5:30 pm</p>	<p>2 1st Thurs. w/ Helena College <i>Headwaters Crafthouse</i> 5 pm Premier Book Group 6:30 pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Bicycle Guild Ride & Book Discussion <i>Centennial Park</i> 2 pm</p>
<p>5 The Writing Life: Essay & Memoir Workshop 11:30 am</p>	<p>6 Bears & Trash Cans: Human-Wildlife Interactions <i>MT Wild</i> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Living with the Land w/Louise Ogemahgeshig Fisher 6:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Dogs with Jobs 6:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Writing & Revising Workshop w/Poet Charles Finn 1 pm</p>	<p>13 LIBRARY CLOSED INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 MT Historical Society Lecture 6:30 pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Telling True Stories: A Writing Workshop w/Gabriel Furshong 2 pm</p>	<p>20 From Mascot to Marine: the American Military Dog Program 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21 No Pressure Book Club <i>Ascension Brewing</i> 6 pm Boone & Crockett Club Hunting Ethics 6:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Last Best Book Club 2 pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Voices of the Big Read <i>Helena Ave. Theatre</i> 6:30 pm</p>
<p>26 Storytelling & Creatures: Philosophy for Youth 12 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Forever Faithful: Dogs in MT History 6:30 pm</p>	<p>29 Big Read & America250: Let's Talk About It! 6:30 pm</p>	<p>30 Mary Roach Live! <i>St. Paul's United Methodist Church</i> 6:30 pm</p>	<p>31</p>	

