

MERIDIAN LIBRARY DISTRICT

Programs and Events

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mld.org/events

Who We Are: The Meridian Library District serves the fastest-growing community in Southern Idaho. We offer five public library locations, with new projects on the way. Our staff is committed to enriching lives, igniting curiosity, and cultivating connections in our community.

Get a Library Card: Ask at your local branch or visit mld.org/cards. It's free, and there are no late fees.

Request Accommodations: Meridian Library District makes every effort to ensure our programs can be enjoyed by all. Contact the library at least 72 hours in advance of the event so that we may make any needed accommodation.

WEBSITE: mld.org

SOCIAL: @meridianlibrary



Hello, Neighbors!

We are thrilled to host the Children's Book Festival (p. 5) to bring some of our favorite authors and illustrators to Meridian! It will be a great time to celebrate community, family and stories — just like our Summer Reading Program, which kicks off May 24 (p. 10).



I've always loved sharing a great story and have been a storyteller, performing in plays and musicals, since second grade. Some of my favorite characters I've played are Miss Hannigan in "Annie" and the Bird Woman in "Mary Poppins." For three summers, I brought stories to life and ignited imaginations while performing in libraries throughout the Treasure Valley.

Melissa

Melissa is the new Youth Services Librarian at the Meridian Library at Orchard Park. An avid reader, she participated in the Extreme Book Nerd Challenge in 2020 and earned a black library card! She previously taught high school English and Theater and spent several years teaching and directing children's and youth theater.

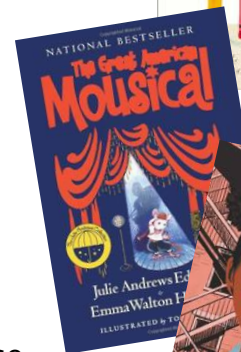
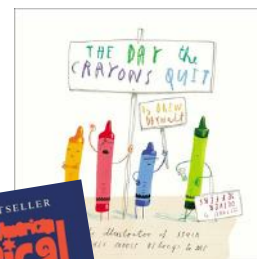
Melissa's Recommended Reads

The Day the Crayons Quit - I love the clever reasons that some crayons give for quitting and the silly feud between orange and yellow.

The Great American Mousical -

Presents the adventures of theatrical mice that live in a miniature world beneath Broadway. Written by the fabulous Julie Andrews!

Clap When You Land - Incredible prose and poetry in this story of two worlds, two families, and two daughters.



Have You Heard?

MERIDIAN CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL



April 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Galaxy Event Center, 1385 S. Blue Marlin Lane

Did you know that the Meridian Library District turns 100 this year? We're kicking off our year-long Centennial Celebration by celebrating our children and literacy with the Meridian Children's Book Festival — a free family-friendly event!

Meet some of the nation's most celebrated children's illustrators and authors for meet and greets and book signings. Find out about community children resources and local authors. Participate in a storytime and readings. There's something for everyone!



**Molly
Idle**



**Angela
Dominguez**



**Matthew
Cordell**



**Chad
Otis**



**Leslie
Patricelli**

Early Learners Programs

Ages 0-5

Children's Program Break May 19-June 1



Baby Sleep Class

Cherry Lane Branch

March 2: 12-1 p.m. (0-6 months)

April 6: 12-1 p.m. (6-24 months)

Meridian Playdate

Recommended for ages 0-5

Tiny Library

April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Hop-a-Long Frog Storytime

Silverstone Branch

April 19: 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Baby Time

Recommended for ages 0-2

Orchard Park Branch

Mondays

10-10:30 a.m.

Cherry Lane Branch

Wednesdays

10-10:30 a.m.

Silverstone Branch

Thursdays

10:30-11 a.m.

Super Sensory Storytime

Recommended for ages 0-5

YMCA THRIVE Center

5155 S. Hillsdale Ave.

1st Mondays

11-11:45 a.m.

Cherry Lane Branch

2nd Mondays

11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Registration Required

Storytime and Art

Recommended for ages 2-5

Silverstone Branch

Mondays

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Orchard Park Branch

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

10:30-11:30 a.m.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS KITS

These kits are designed for parents and caregivers to use to help children with Kindergarten readiness skills.

Available for checkout from our Cherry Lane, Silverstone and Tiny Library branches!
Find more info at mld.org/kits.

Early Learners Programs

Ages 0-5

Children's Program Break May 19-June 1

Nature Storytime

Recommended for ages 2-5

Silverstone Branch

Tuesdays

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Recommended for ages 2-5

Cherry Lane Branch

Tuesdays

10-10:30 a.m.

Orchard Park Branch

Fridays

10-10:30 a.m.



Silly Song and Dance

Recommended for ages 0-5

Orchard Park Branch

Tuesdays

10:30-11 a.m.

2nd Saturdays

1-1:30 p.m.

Silverstone Branch

Wednesdays

10:30-11 a.m.

Cherry Lane Branch

2nd and 4th Saturdays

10:30-11 a.m.

Pajama Storytime

Recommended for ages 0-5

Cherry Lane Branch

Thursdays

7-7:30 p.m.

Spanish English Storytime

Recommended for ages 0-5

Cherry Lane Branch

3rd Saturdays

10:30-11 a.m.

Family Yoga

Recommended for ages 0-5

Cherry Lane Branch

3rd Saturdays

10:30-11 a.m.



Kindergarten All-Stars

Recommended for ages 4-5

Cherry Lane Branch

Fridays March 29-May 3

10-11 a.m.

Silverstone Branch

Mondays March 25th-April 29th

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch

Wednesdays April 3-May 8

1-2 p.m.

Registration Required

School Aged Programs

Ages 5-12

Children's Program Break May 19-June 1

Meridian Knights Chess Club

Recommended for ages 5-12

Orchard Park Branch

Mondays

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Brick Club

Recommended for ages 5+

Cherry Lane Branch

Mondays

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

4:30-5:30 p.m.

STEAM Lab

Recommended for grades K-6th

Silverstone Branch

Tuesdays

2:30-3:30 p.m.

Cherry Lane Branch

Thursdays

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch

1st and 3rd Fridays

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pokémon Club

Recommended for ages 5-12

Orchard Park Branch

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Silverstone Branch

Fridays

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Exploration Lab

Recommended for ages 6-18

Orchard Park Branch

Wednesdays

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Singing & Stepping Storytellers

Recommended for ages 6-10

Orchard Park Branch

Wednesdays

5-6 p.m.

Nintendo Club

Recommended for ages 5-12

Silverstone Branch

Wednesdays

4:30-5:30 p.m.



Robot Zoo

Recommended for ages 10-18

Orchard Park Branch

2nd and 4th Thursdays

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ready Readers

Recommended for ages 5-10

Silverstone Branch

2nd Thursdays

4:30-5 p.m.

LARP in the Library

Recommended for ages 6-18

Cherry Lane Branch

3rd Saturdays

3-4:30 p.m.

Teen Programs

Ages 13-18

Teen Program Break May 19-June 1

Teen Zine Workshop

Recommended for ages 13-18

Silverstone Branch

Mar. 18: 2-4 p.m.

Hobby to Hustle: Startup Challenge

Recommended for ages 13-17

unBound Branch

Mar. 19: 9 a.m-1 p.m.

Registration Required

3D Printing for Teens

Recommended for ages 13-17

unBound Branch

Mar. 20: 12-1:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Floral Canvas Creations for Teens

Recommended for ages 13-17

unBound Branch

Mar. 21: 3-5:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Teenpreneur: Business Startup

Recommended for ages 13-17

unBound Branch

May 21: 6-7 p.m.

Registration Required

Meridian After School Hangout (M.A.S.H)

Recommended for ages 12-18

Cherry Lane Branch

Every West Ada school day

3-5 p.m.

QSA

Recommended for ages 13-17

Cherry Lane Branch

Tuesdays

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Recommended for ages 13+

Silverstone Branch

2nd Tuesdays

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Snack Lab

Recommended for ages 10-18

Cherry Lane Branch

2nd Wednesdays

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Manga Book Club

Recommended for ages 13+

Cherry Lane Branch

3rd Wednesdays

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Teen Sewing

Recommended for ages 13+

Cherry Lane Branch

4th Wednesdays

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Dungeons and Dragons: Teen Adventurer's Guild

Recommended for ages 13-17

Cherry Lane Branch

Thursdays

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Weekly Adult Programs

ASL Conversation Club

Recommended for ages 13+

Cherry Lane Branch

Mondays

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fit and Fall Proof

Recommended for ages 55+

Cherry Lane Branch

Mondays and Thursdays

9:30-10:15 a.m., 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Registration Required

Adult Dungeons & Dragons

Recommended for ages 18+

Cherry Lane Branch

Tuesdays

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Registration Required

Writer's Bloc

Recommended for ages 18+

Cherry Lane Branch

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Needles, Hooks, and Books

Recommended for ages 18+

Cherry Lane Branch

Thursdays

1-3 p.m.

Test Proctoring

Are you taking online or distance-learning classes? Test proctor services are now available at Meridian Library. Please review our policies before completing the form on our website.

Visit mld.org/testproctorservices



Book Clubs

Trauma Informed Book Club

Children are invited to attend the youth companion program with our staff at the same time in a separate room.

Recommended for ages 18+

Cherry Lane Branch

4th Mondays

6-7:30 p.m.

Extreme Book Nerd Book Club

Recommended for ages 13+

Cherry Lane Branch

2nd Tuesdays

6-7 p.m.

Mystery Book Club

Recommended for ages 18+

Cherry Lane Branch

3rd Thursdays

6-7:30 p.m.

Memoir Book Club

Recommended for ages 18+

Orchard Park Branch

4th Saturdays

1-2:30 p.m.

Monthly Adult Programs



CNC Workshops

For ages 18+

unBound Branch

Monday Mar. 18, April 22, May 20
Saturday Mar. 16, April 20, May 18
2-5 p.m.

Registration Required

Coming Home: Women's Reentry Networking Lunch

For ages 18+

Cherry Lane Branch

3rd Tuesdays
12-1:30 p.m.

Enrichment Club

Recommended for ages 18+

Cherry Lane Branch

1st Wednesdays
1-2 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch

4th Wednesdays
1-2:30 p.m.

Beginner 3D

Recommended for ages 18+

unBound Branch

2nd Wednesdays
6-7 p.m.

Registration Required

Board Game Night

Recommended for ages 18+

Silverstone Branch

3rd Wednesdays
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Networking Breakfast

Recommended for ages 18+

unBound Branch

2nd Thursdays
7:30-9 a.m.

Registration Required

Gold Rush Networking Group

Recommended for ages 18+

unBound Branch

Thursday Mar. 28, April 25, May 30
10-12 p.m.

Memory Café

Recommended for ages 18+

Orchard Park Branch

4th Thursdays
1-2:30 p.m.

Intro to Laser Engraving

Recommended for ages 18+

unBound Branch

3rd Fridays 10-11 a.m.

Adult Craft Club

Recommended for ages 16+

Orchard Park Branch

1st Saturdays
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cherry Lane Branch

2nd Saturdays
1-2:30 p.m.

Registration Required

One-Time Adult Programs

3D Printing Mentality: There are Seven different types of 3D printing processes?

unBound Branch

Mar. 7: 12-1 p.m.

Spring Migrating Birds

Orchard Park Branch

Mar. 20: 6:30-8 p.m.

Government Contracting & Understanding Federal Certifications

unBound Branch

Mar. 26: 12-1 p.m.

Registration Required

Murder Mystery

Orchard Park Branch

Mar. 27: 6:30-9 p.m.

Registration Required

Medicare Workshop

Recommended for ages 65+

Cherry Lane Branch

Mar. 28: 12-1:30 p.m.

Intro to Laser Engraving

Recommended for ages 18+

unBound Branch

April 2: 6-7 p.m.

Registration Required



Wills Clinic

Cherry Lane Branch

April 11: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Profit Accelerator Workshop

unBound Branch

April 17: 10-11:30 a.m.

Registration Required

3D Printing Mentality: Design Focus

unBound Branch

April 18: 12-1 p.m.

SBDC Google Business Profile

unBound Branch

April 24: 6-7:30 p.m.

Floral Swag with Cricut

Recommended for ages 18+

unBound Branch

May 6: 5-7:45 p.m.

Cricut Basics

Recommended for ages 16+

unBound Branch

May 25: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Registration Required

Special Events

All Ages

Mario Party
Silverstone Branch
Mar. 11: 4-5:30 p.m.

Mario Day Celebration
Orchard Park Branch
Mar. 21: 3-4 p.m.



Meridian Children's Book Festival
Find more info on page 2!
Galaxy Event Center
April 13: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

PJ Campout at the Library
Orchard Park Branch
April 15: 6-7:30 p.m.

Dinosaur Tea Party
A storytime and paleontologist visit open to all, followed by a registration required tea time.
Orchard Park Branch
April 20: 10-11 a.m.
No Registration Required
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
Registration Required

Star Wars Day
Orchard Park Branch
May 3: 6:30-8 p.m.



Summer Reading Kickoff

Help us kick off Summer Reading with an outdoor celebration!

Stop by activity booths, learn about community resources, and grab dinner from a food truck.

And of course, make sure to sign up for the Meridian Library's Summer Reading program to get a free book! The program runs from May 24 -July 27th. Read throughout the summer and complete fun activities to win fun prizes!

Settlers Park
May 24: 4-7 p.m.

Community Resources

Seed Library

For all ages

Cherry Lane Branch

March 19 - Sept. 30 come by the library any time and get some seeds!

American Red Cross Blood Drives

For details call 1-800-RED-CROSS

Cherry Lane Branch

May 22: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

VITA Tax Preparation

For ages 18+

Orchard Park Branch

Mondays and Tuesdays (Ends April 9)
1-4 p.m.

Registration Required



Looking for specific resources?

Findhelp.org lists free or reduced-cost Idaho specific resources all in one place.

These include food, housing, transportation, health, money, care, legal, work, education, and goods.

Check out the Meridian History Center!

33 E. Broadway Ave., Meridian, ID 83642

The Meridian History Center is open in Meridian City Hall from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday for self-guided tours

In 2021 care of the Meridian History Collection transferred from the former Meridian Historical Society to the Meridian Library District. The materials are now part of our collection.

Contact history@mld.org with your research or donation questions.



Digitize Family History

2nd Wednesdays: 1-4 p.m.

Registration Required

Community Resources



Idaho Department of Labor

For more information contact
208-364-7781, ext. 4259 or
email MeridianMail@labor.idaho.gov

Cherry Lane Branch

Mondays: 1:30-4 p.m.
Fridays: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Small Business Administration

For ages 18+

unBound Branch

Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lawyers in the Library

For ages 18+

Cherry Lane Branch

4th Tuesdays: 5-7 p.m.

Registration Required

SCORE Treasure Valley

For ages 18+

SCORE Treasure Valley business mentors are eager to share their knowledge and expertise with you.

Find out more about SCORE at
<https://www.score.org/treasurevalley>

unBound Branch

Wednesdays: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.



WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S
ALLIANCE

Women's and Children's Alliance

Services can also be accessed
through their 24-hour hotline: 208-
343-7025

Cherry Lane Branch

1st Wednesdays: 1-3 p.m.

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Friends News and Events

Book Sales

Cherry Lane Branch

Saturday: March 9, April 13, May 4
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Friday: May 3
9-6 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch

Saturday: March 16, April 27, May 18
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: May 19
1-5 p.m.

Prices

Hardcover Books – \$2

Paperback Books – \$1

Children's Books – \$1

Mass Market Paperbacks \$.50

Mass Market Romance \$.25

Book Sets – priced as marked

DVDs – \$2 each

Music CDs – \$1 each

Contact FriendsoftheMLD@gmail.com to learn more.



Members of the Friends volunteer to promote events, process and sort books for sales, staff book sales, and help with other activities as needed.

Active members meet regularly to offer valuable input regarding fundraising goals and ways to help meet the library's needs. You may choose to participate as little or as much as you would like – the library is always in need of volunteers and monetary donations.

Membership dues are \$20 annually. All dues are used to donate materials or services to the library. We encourage larger donations to help fund our efforts and sponsor library functions.

Benefits of being a Friend:

- Enjoy pre-sale, members-only access to the Friends multi-day book sales.
- Select two free books at any Friends book sale.
- Build relationships and support our library's role in our community!

Meridian Library District Locations:

Cherry Lane Branch

1326 W. Cherry Lane
Meridian, ID 83642

Hours:

Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Orchard Park Branch

1268 W. Orchard Park Drive
Meridian, ID 83646

Hours:

Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Silverstone Branch

3531 E. Overland Road
Meridian, ID 83642

Hours:

Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tiny Library

5159 S. Hillsdale Ave.
Meridian, ID 83642

Hours:

Sunday: Closed
Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

unBound Branch

722 E. 2nd St.
Meridian, ID 83642

Hours:

Sunday: Closed
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meridian History Center

Meridian City Hall
33 E. Broadway Ave.
Meridian, ID 83642

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: Closed
mld.org/resources/history

View annual closures at mld.org/closures

What You Can Get With Your Library Card:

Item	Time	Limit	Renewals
Audiobooks	28 days	20 items	4
Books	28 days	100 items	4
New Books	14 days	50 items	4
DVD/Blu-Ray	14 days	20 items	2
Video Games	14 days	5 items	2
Kits	14 days	10 items	varies
Mobile Hotspots	28 days	1 item	0
Puzzles/Board Games	14 days	10 items	1

Use Your Library Card at These Locations Too!

- Ada Community Libraries
- Caldwell Public Library
- Garden City Public Library
- Mountain Home Public Library
- Twin Falls Public Library
- Boise Public Libraries
- Eagle Public Library
- Emmett Public Library
- Kuna Public Library
- Nampa Public Library



Contact Us:  208-888-4451



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