Historical Museum at Fort Missoula Regretfully Postpones the 11th Annual Used Book Sale Extravaganza

For a decade folks from near and far have attended the Friends of the Historical Museum’s Used Book Sale to peruse upwards of 60,000 titles of all genres. Our community’s love of books is legendary, and we are so very thankful to be part of it.

However, we are in extraordinary times and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the leadership of the Historical Museum has made the difficult decision to postpone this year’s event for the safety of our community, volunteers, and staff. Currently, the Historical Museum is limiting all groups to a maximum of 50 people with proper physical distancing. Unfortunately, this restriction makes a large community event like the book sale impossible.

The Friends of HMFM board and Museum staff are closely monitoring the situation with advisement from the Missoula City-County Health Dept. In the spring of 2021, the Friends board and staff will meet and decide whether we can hold the sale in the spring or fall of 2021.

We want to thank our community and each of you for your support and working together to protect our community during these uncertain times. Just like in 1918, when the flu ravaged our world, nation, and state, these tough decisions are what we each need to do to protect those we hold dear and our communities.

On behalf of the staff and Boards of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, we wish you all continued good health, and we look forward to the day when we can gather again, find that special book (or many special books), and celebrate our love of literacy, history, and community.

While this very special sale must be postponed and the main museum building is closed, the outside exhibits and buildings are open daily!

Historic park open 24/7 and outside exhibits open:

Summer Hours

- Monday -Saturday: 10am-4pm
- Sunday: Noon – 4pm

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Winter Hours starting Sept 7th

- Tuesday -Sunday: 12pm-4pm
- Closed Monday

For small group tours of inside exhibits or the historic grounds

➢ Please contact Kristjana Eyjólfsson, keyjolfsson@missoulacounty.us

Book donations are still being accepted by pre-arranged appointment only. NO EXCEPTIONS.

➢ Book Donations, contact Matt Lautzenheiser: 258-3471 or mlautzenheiser@missoulacounty.us.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the book sale, safety protocols, hours of operation, events or rentals queries, book donations, ways you can support the Historical Museum, or any other concerns, please contact Matt Lautzenheiser, Executive Director Ph# 406 - 258-3471 or mlautzenheiser@missoulacounty.us.

As a public organization, our primary concern is the safety and well-being of the Missoula Community. Please remember to physical distance when you are enjoying the Historical Museum. Thank you for your understanding at this challenging time for our country. Stay well, friends.

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