

## LIBRARY IN SEARCH OF NEW PROGRAMMER

The Library is in search of a new Library Programmer to provide learning fun and social opportunities for children 0 to age 11 and adults ages 19 and up. To find more about the job and how to apply please visit our website and navigate to the Careers page.

We are sorry to see Barbara Hayford leave so soon.



Library Foundation member **Amy Horlacher** has volunteered to run *Mother Goose on the Loose* on most Monday mornings while the library searches for a new programmer. Please check the calendar to confirm dates.

## BARBARA SAYS GOODBYE

It is with a heavy heart that I had to turn in my resignation to the North Valley Public Library. My last day was January 7. I started working at the library in September and it was my honor to provide adult and children programs for four months to the community. This is the best job I ever have had and I enjoyed getting to know all of the children and adults that attended my programs. I enjoyed working with patrons on everything from the songs and rhymes in *Mother Goose on the Loose* to literary discussions and arts and crafts programs.

I particularly enjoyed my Full STEAM Ahead programs and activities.

My plan was to stay in Stevensville and work at the North Valley Public Library for many years, but I leave for Washington State to seek better support for my son, a young adult with Down Syndrome. As a person with an intellectual disability, my son cannot live on his own without assistance. He needs help for his activities of daily living. I cannot leave him home alone while I work. Cost of assistance can exceed \$4000/month. Federal and state funding for home and community based services (HCBS) are the main forms of support for long term care of adults with intellectual disabilities.

The goal for many families is for their loved ones to live healthy lives as fully participating members of society. When the need for these funds is greater than the funding available individuals requiring life-long care are placed on waitlists. The amount of funding and the number of people and length of time on waitlists vary by state. In December, I found that my son faces a wait time of at least eight years and possibly up to 15 years before accessing Medicaid funded services in Montana. These services cover more than housing, they may cover day programs and other activities designed to help adults with intellectual disabilities continue learning. This not only causes financial stress and an unsustainable financial burden on families, insufficient support often leads to heartbreak as loved ones are denied the normal life they deserve as members of our communities.

So, it is with sadness I leave my valuable work with the North Valley Public Library. — Barbara Hayford

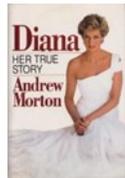
PLEASE register for all events at [northvalley.librarycalendar.com](http://northvalley.librarycalendar.com)  
or by calling the library.

Hours: Monday—Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: CLOSED  
208 Main Street, Stevensville, MT

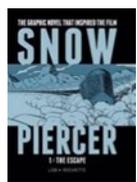
## Getting to Know Your Library

Did you know that we have special sections in the library? This month we are featuring the Adult area.

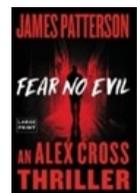
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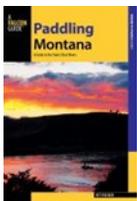
**Biographies: [BIO]** The life stories of pop stars, royalty, historical figures and more. Buzz Aldrin, Dolly Parton, Trevor Noah, and Alan Turing are just some of the titles.



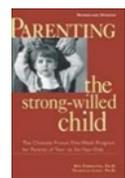
**Graphic Novels for Adults: [GN]** These are what we would have called “comic books” but written for an adult audience. Batman and Superman, sure, but also “The Cartoon History of the Universe III: from the rise of Arabia to the Renaissance”.



**Large Print: [LP]** Fiction and Non-Fiction books printed with a large font for easier reading.



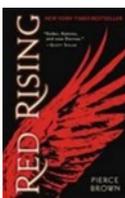
**Montana: [MT]** We have a whole room dedicated to the subject of Montana. Local fiction authors (like Ivan Doig) and Non-Fiction works on all things “Montana.” Books on Hikes, Geology and Local History among many other subjects. We have books on Montana in the general library also.



**Parenting:** A section of non-fiction books on subjects all things parenting; Home schooling, behavioral issues, how to teach a child about specific things, and how-to-cope are just some of the subjects covered.



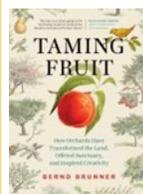
**Romance: [ROM]** Many books include romance, but relationships are the central plot in our Romance section. Some books are “steamy,” some are historical, some include mystery, and some are categorized as “Christian.”



**Science Fiction and Fantasy: [SCI]** From classic authors like Asimov and Tolkien to new Hugo award winners like Martha Wells’ Murderbot Diaries series, our Sci-fi and Fantasy section is always growing.

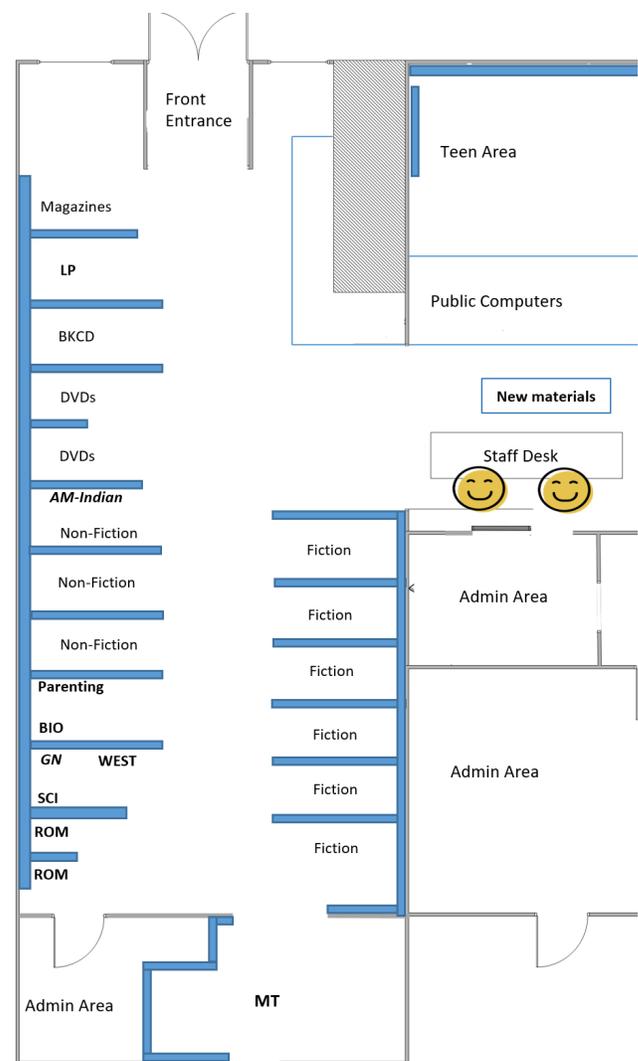


**Western: [WEST]** The western collection includes the classics, like Zane Grey’s 1906 “The Last Trail, a story of early days in the Ohio Valley” to the latest C.J. Box and Craig Johnson novels.



**New Releases:** In front of the Staff desk, you can find new books, DVDs, and audiobooks. New children’s DVDs and audiobooks are also found here. Most items are new releases, but we also have a few items displayed that are new to our Library. Books remain on the new shelf for the first 6 months of their library life.

Remember, if you can’t find something on the shelf, always ask at the desk or check the catalog; it could be somewhere else in the library!



## THE LIBRARY HELPS MAKE YOUR VALENTINE'S DAY FUN



*Family or Date Night*

We choose a recipe to go with a book or movie.

You choose the company.

During the month of February, the library features books and/or movies paired with a recipe or cookbook for a fun date night activity. Stop by the library with your loved one and choose your favorite pairing together. And yes, the library will be open on Valentine's day.



### Date Night

#### Queen Elizabeth's Drop Scones

- 3 cups (400g) all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 3 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup superfine sugar,
- 1 1/2 cups (350 ml) whole milk
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

1. Whisk together the flour, baking soda, cream of tartar, and salt in a large bowl.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs and sugar. Then whisk in most of the milk.
3. Make a well in the middle of the flour and pour in the milk/egg mixture. Whisk until smooth, adding more milk until it's thin enough to drop off a spoon, but still thick. Fold in the melted butter.
4. Heat a griddle or large cast iron pan on medium to medium low heat. Coat the pan with a little butter. Drop large spoonfuls of batter on the griddle to form pancakes. When bubbles start to appear on the surface (after 2 to 3 minutes), flip the pancakes over. Cook for another minute, until lightly browned. Remove to a plate and cover with a clean tea towel to keep warm while you cook the rest of the drop scones.
5. Serve with butter, jam, or golden syrup.



In August 1959, Queen Elizabeth entertained President Dwight Eisenhower at Balmoral Castle near Edinburgh. At a barbecue in the Scottish highlands, the Queen made drop scones for the President using a family recipe. The following year, enclosed in a letter to the President, Queen Elizabeth included an annotated copy of her recipe.



## NVPL Foundation News

The library's fundraising branch, the NVPL Foundation, would like to thank all those who stopped by the foundation table during the First Friday holiday events in Stevensville on Dec. 3. Board members Maryjo Lykins and Carla Sanders enjoyed chatting with you and are grateful for your generosity through the purchase of used adult and children's books.



The foundation's next event is the second-annual Business Battle for Books during the month of February. Look for the red cans near cash registers at participating businesses around town where you can donate checks and cash in support of the library.

## Repurposed shelves from Bitterroot Library in Hamilton

The Bitterroot Library in Hamilton received two new shelves and they offered us their second-hand shelves, which we were happy to receive. Bitterroot Library Director Mark Wethington and the Assistant Director, Daniel Ray drove the shelves to our library and Mark, Daniel, and Melanie unloaded the shelves. Emily and Melanie installed the new shelves. Lots of heavy lifting and work. Thank you!



**The mission of the North Valley Public Library is to strengthen and support our community by:**

- fostering a welcoming and comfortable setting for all people to gather, explore, and discover;
- promoting literacy and lifelong learning;
- providing exemplary programming, service, and quality, timely materials.

## FEBRUARY TEEN NEWS

### Dungeons & Dragons

**Ages 12-18**

**Tuesdays at 4 pm**

Are you looking to join a current D&D campaign? This program has limited space available. If interested in joining, email Emily at [emilys@northvalleylibrary.org](mailto:emilys@northvalleylibrary.org)

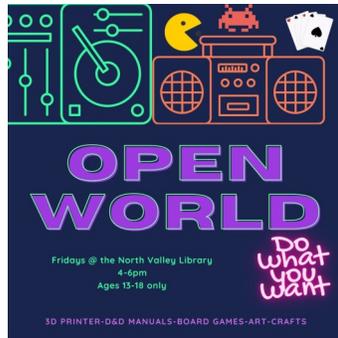


### Open World Fridays

**Ages 12-18**

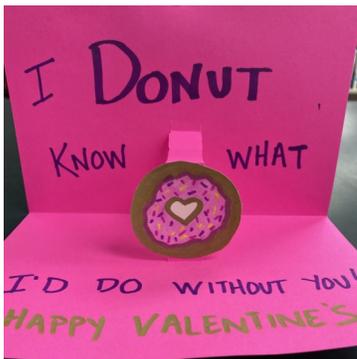
**Fridays at 4 - 6pm**

Make Fridays more exciting, come to the library for an all access pass to all the cool stuff. Choose to 3-D print objects and then paint them, create a craft, explore the Dungeons & Dragons handbooks, or make a zine, it's up to you! We will have craft ideas for those who don't want to choose.



### Punny Valentines

Stop by the library to make a pop-up food related Valentine card. There will be food puns of course! Perfect for a best friend, family member, or that special someone.



## CHILDREN PROGRAMS

### Mother Goose on the Loose

**Ages 0-3, Mondays at 10:30**



An award-winning early literacy program. Getting your baby ready to read starts on your lap with rhymes and music! Assist your infant, baby, or toddler by joining in the singing, clapping, ringing, and rattling in this joyful event. There will be scarves too!

### Family Night

All month, the library will feature books and/or movies paired with a recipe for a fun family night party. Get ready for some family bonding as you make dinner together and then read together.

We will feature easy recipes ideal for small hands to more advanced for those families who like a challenge.



### FAMILY NIGHT

Peter Rabbit Tea

- Treat your children and their friends to a Peter Rabbit Tea. Make large color copies of Peter Rabbit and his friends, mount them on cardboard, then cut out and use for table decor. Serve finger sandwiches of turkey and Swiss cheese, sliced strawberries and cream cheese, and peanut butter and jelly. Serve apple juice or lemonade in a teapot. Serve carrot cake or a sheet cake artfully carved into the shape of a teapot. Pin the tail on the bunny, anyone?

\*Tea time tip by Laura Childs, from the book *Good Good Good*



### SpectrUM Maker Kit

Missing the STEM activities offered at the library? This month we have 1 kit available to take home and make. The kit is 'Popsicle Stick Tensegrity Table' and next month is 'Paper Chemistry Painting,' suitable for grades 3-6. To receive a kit, register through the Library Event Calendar. Supplies are limited.



PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS: [northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/](http://northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/)