



ADULT PROGRAMS

Natural Dyes, Winter Plants

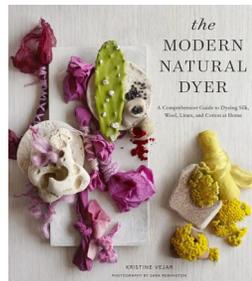
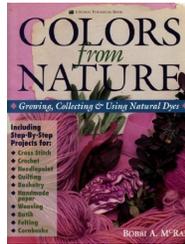
Tuesday, Dec 7 at 7pm

Humans have a long history of dyeing fabrics using plants. Nearly all parts of a plant may be used including roots, leaves, stems, and flowers, each imbuing fabrics with different colors and textures.

Join us as we explore dyes made from local plants and from kitchen produce. We provide paper, cotton fabrics, and yarn (some are pre-mordanted). So relax and experiment to find the colors you like best for quilting, knitting, and painting.

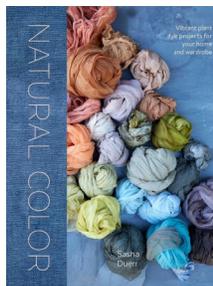
After attending the program check out one of our books on the topic:

Colors from nature: growing, collecting, and using natural dyes
by Bobbi McRae



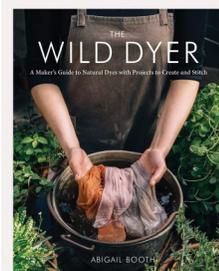
Harvesting color: how to find plants and make natural dyes
by Rebecca Burgess

Modern natural dyer: a comprehensive guide to dyeing silk, wool, linen, and cotton at home
by Kristine Vejar



Natural color: vibrant plant dye projects for your home and wardrobe
by Sasha Duerr

Wild dyer: a maker's guide to natural dyes with projects to create and stitch
by Abigail Booth



Carolers

Friday Dec 3 at 7 pm

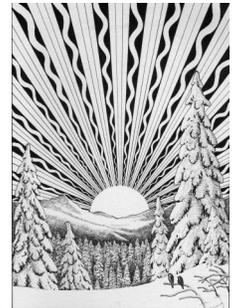
Come hear the Montana A Capella Society spread holiday cheer by singing loud for all to hear.



Bring Back the Sun

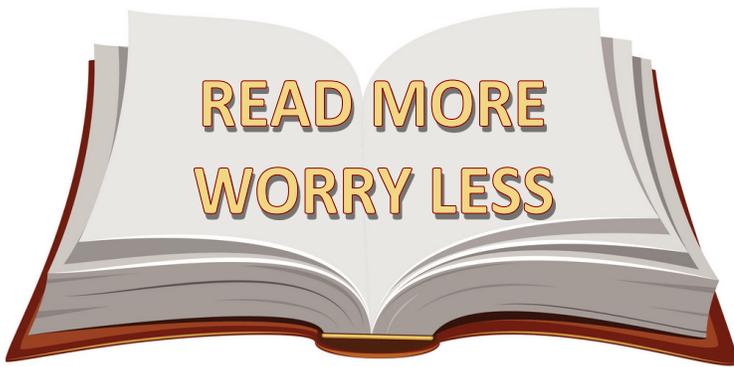
Tuesday, Dec 14 at 7 pm

As we approach the shortest day and the darkest time of the year, let us celebrate by creating bright and festive decorations and gifts. We provide the supplies to make bird feeders for your outdoor solstice trees, make holiday centerpieces, and winter solstice lanterns. Join us as we welcome winter!



Please register for all events at northvalley.librarycalendar.com or by phoning the library.





LESS LIBRARY FINES

Did you hear that libraries are going “fine free”? Or that North Valley Public Library in Stevensville went “fine free”? Well, yes we did, but not exactly. Read more to find out how it all works.

If you borrow at our library, you are no longer charged 10 cents a day for overdue books or audiovisual materials if the items are owned by our library or a library in our Partners sharing group. That means if you are a little late bringing back a stack of children’s picture books or a bunch of DVDs, then you don’t have to worry about those pesky little fines adding up. Hopefully having less pressure encourages you to use the library more and check out more materials.

But that doesn't mean you get to keep them as long as you want. Items still have due dates. You should renew or return items as close to the due date as possible so others may use them. It is especially important to return new fiction and new DVDs by the due date as another library patron may be waiting to borrow them.

After 30 days overdue, however, you will be charged for the cost of the item and prevented from borrowing more materials until you return the overdue items or pay for them. So, as you near that point, you will want to make a trip to the library to avoid any fines or penalties.

What has not changed?

Items long overdue are removed from the catalog. We will not accept items back once we repurchase, so you would owe the full price of the item plus a processing fee.

Is everything fine free?

No. Equipment such as hotspots, iPads etc., and inter-library loan items borrowed from libraries outside our Partners sharing group still have overdue fines and fees attached to them.

If you are signed up for email notifications, you will get email reminders to return your materials on time. If you have email, but prefer a text, you can make a one-on-one technology appointment to get your important emails forwarded to you as a text.

We're excited to share this news with you and hope you'll take advantage of it by visiting the North Valley Public Library often.



LIBRARY FOUNDATION AT STEVENSVILLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Look for the NVPL Foundation table near the library during Stevensville's First Friday holiday festivities on Dec. 3. The Foundation team will have bookmarks plus other treats during the evening.

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.

2021 COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

The Library Trustees are thankful to every person that took the time to fill out the North Valley Public Library 2021 Community Input Survey.

Only 2% of the library's service population responded. Our tax base is Lone Rock and Stevensville school districts which is over 11,000. The library only received 248 responses and some of those 248 respondents are not in the library district and so are not North Valley Public Library taxpayers.

The low feedback does not allow the board to make major decisions based on the survey, however, there is interesting patterns and takeaways that we can share. Overall, the responses were wide-ranging and there is no consensus.

We asked what you thought about the facility. The highest response is 89 people said the inside is adequate. 88 said the collection size is adequate and 88 said ease of entering the library is good.

Although the library offers a lot more than just books, the main reason survey recipients come into the library is for books.

65% use the library for fiction books.
51% use the library for nonfiction books.
41% use the library for DVDs.
38% use the library for internet/WI-FI access.
34% use the library to attend adult programs.
32% use the library for audiobooks.
23% use the library to print & copier.
18% use the library to attend children's programs.
8% use the library to borrow hotspots.

We asked people to rate what is important in a new or renovated library building. The largest consensus was in what we do NOT need. 128 respondents thought an area to eat and drink is not necessary. The rest of the responses about a building showed no consensus. The Trustees' analysis is that respondents' needs vary widely due to age and interests so what they find important in a library building reflects that. Stevensville has a wide variety of community needs in a library. Therefore, in order to serve the community the library needs to consider all of these areas important: parking, a children's room, a community room, study rooms, quiet areas, a teen area, makerspace lab, more room



for books and materials, and a computer room.

Another takeaway from the limited responses received is that we need to improve advertising and staff need to talk more about existing services. Some respondents asked us to offer what we already do offer, such as self-checkout.

97 respondents like the current location. We realized we should have asked for more details. For example, would the 97 people want us to remain at the current site even if that meant the library had to close, relocate, or reduce services during major construction. Many responded that a new building or major renovation is needed due to safety issues, and overall there is a consensus that something has to be done about the facility. The board said more input would be solicited from the community when the board has more information on cost.

The Board of Trustees represent those living in the Lone Rock and Stevensville school districts and want their constituents to know that their goal is to serve the community to the best of their ability, and make decisions that reflect the community's needs now and in the future.

The Board of Trustees want to hear more community feedback, and as the Board explores options and cost for the future of the building they will reach out for more feedback. The facility still has many challenges such as an uneven floor which cause tripping, bowed ceiling being held up by poles and shims, water infiltration causing rotten joist issues, asbestos, and is overall not up to code. Taxpayers within the Lone Rock and Stevensville school districts are welcome to submit comments in writing to the director denisea@northvalleylibrary.org to be read at the board meeting. They may also contact board members directly. Board meetings are to open to the public and are typically held on the third Wednesday at 3pm.

Information on contacting the board members directly and agendas for upcoming board meetings can be found at northvalleylibrary.org/board-information. Agendas also can be found on the Ravalli County online calendar. Additionally upcoming agendas are posted on the front library window and at the Stevensville Town Hall.

TEENS DECEMBER NEWS

Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4 pm

This program is held both in person or online via Zoom. This program is currently full and is looking for teens who want to be Dungeon Masters. If interested, email Emily at

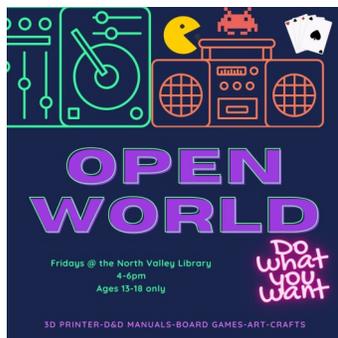
Open World Fridays

Ages 12-18

Fridays 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!



CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Mother Goose on the Loose

Ages 0-3, Mondays at 10:30



Mother Goose on the Loose is an award-winning early literacy program filled with rhymes and music for infants, babies, and toddlers. Join us as we sing, clap, ring, and rattle our way through this joyful event.

Storytime & More

Ages 3-5, Wednesdays at 10:30

Each Wednesday during December, we have stories and activities about the holidays. We read books, tell stories, sing songs, dance and march, and create music with our imagination. Come along this amazing journey!

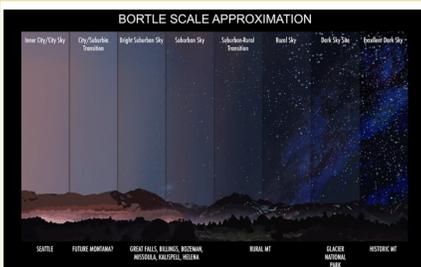
Arts & Crafts

Ages 5-11, First Wed. of December at 4 pm



Ever write a winter haiku? Ever make a snowflake song? Join us as we draw, paint, write, and create! This month we focus on the holidays.

Starry Sky Kit



Are you curious how much light pollution affects the stars you can see from your house?

The Library has a

Starry Sky Survey Kit available for loan. When you find out how dark the night sky is around the valley, report your findings. The library also has a telescope available to borrow. Grab your family for some holiday entertainment in the stars!

(Must be 18+ to check out the equipment).

Full STEAM Ahead!

Ages 5-11, Thursdays at 4pm

Full STEAM Ahead is fun-filled programming focusing on science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

Discover space flight and exploration during the month of December. We continue with coding, but this time we code using programs designed by NASA educators.

Join us as we learn about humans in space and the future of colonization of the Moon, Mars, and the Solar System.



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