

## Montana Shared Catalog app

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Download our new app! Search for the “**Montana Shared Catalog**” in your app store today.

The Montana Shared Catalog app makes it easy to browse digitally the library’s collection, get details on items, place a hold for later pickup, and even renew items previously checked out.

The app’s location finder lets members find the location and operating hours of the nearest library. Comprehensive account management is built-in too including the ability to place and renew holds, view their fines and fees, and for families, members can link together digital library cards to easily manage multiple accounts.

This app replaces the BookMyne app.

## Partner Sharing Group

The Partners Sharing Group is exploring ways of increasing the availability of new materials to patrons and making hold fulfillment more efficient. Some new items may be marked for "local holds only" before becoming available to readers at all libraries. As we move through this process, we will provide an opportunity for feedback on your experience browsing the collection and placing holds.

A survey will be available in the near future to hear your feedback, both online and paper format.

## Magazines & Newspapers

*High County News* and the *New Yorker* are now available digitally with your library card through the Flipster app as well as back issues. We are no longer offering physical copies of these titles. Please go to our website for more information about our digital resources: [northvalleylibrary.org/eandabooks](http://northvalleylibrary.org/eandabooks).

As our Covid restrictions do not allow patrons to linger and read in the library, we have temporarily changed our magazine circulation policy. You will now be able to check out the most recent issue of a magazine for 14 days. Magazines can also be put on hold. Search by title and limit your search in the sidebar by item format to “magazine or periodical.” You may need to press “More” to view all options. Our print subscriptions have lagged for a few months, but will return in March.

For the time being, we have discontinued our subscription to the *Missoulian* and the *Ravalli Republic* due to Covid restrictions.

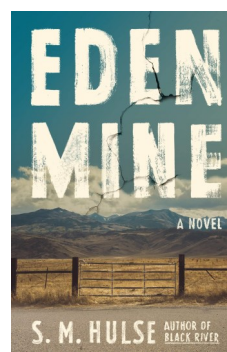
## Must Have Literary Westerns



### ***All Things Left Wild***

by James Wade  
After an attempted horse theft goes tragically wrong, sixteen-year-old Caleb Bentley is on the run with his mean-spirited older brother

across the American Southwest at the turn of the twentieth century.



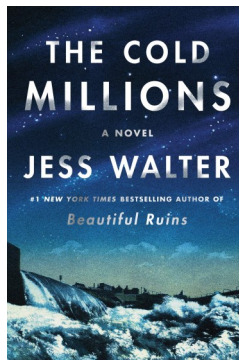
### ***Eden Mine***

by SM Hulse  
For generations, the Fabers have lived near Eden Mine, scraping by to keep ahold of their family's piece of Montana. Jo and her

brother, Samuel, will be the last. Despite a long battle, their property has been seized by the state through eminent domain—something Samuel deems a government theft.

As Jo packs, she hears news of a bombing. Samuel went off to find work in Wyoming that morning, but soon enough, it's clear that he's not gone but missing, last seen by a security camera near the district courthouse? Now a crime scene? In Elk Fork. And the nine-year-old daughter of a pastor at a nearby church lies in critical condition.

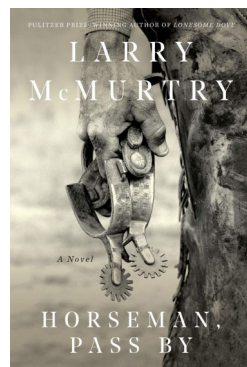
Can the person Jo loves and trusts most have done this terrible thing?



### ***Cold Millions***

by Jess Walter  
An intimate story of brotherhood, love, sacrifice, and betrayal set against the panoramic backdrop of an early twentieth-century America.

The Dolans live by their wits, jumping freight trains, and lining up for day work at crooked job agencies. While sixteen-year-old Rye yearns for a steady job and a home, his older brother, Gig, dreams of a better world, fighting alongside other union men for fair pay and decent treatment. Enter Ursula the Great, a vaudeville singer who performs with a live cougar and introduces the brothers to a far more dangerous creature: a mining magnate determined to keep his wealth and his hold on Ursula.



### ***Horseman, Pass By***

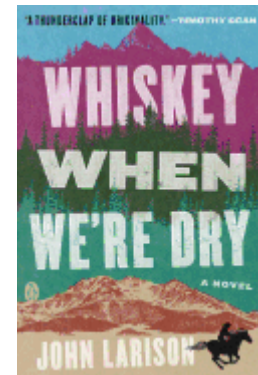
by Larry McMurtry  
This 1961 first novel by McMurtry exhibits the “full-blooded Western genius

(Publishers Weekly)” that would come to define McMurtry’s incomparable sensibility. In the dusty north Texas town of Thalia, young Lonnie Bannon quietly endures the pangs of maturity as a persistent rivalry between his grandfather and step-uncle, Hud,

festers and a deadly disease spreads among their cattle like wildfire.

### ***Whiskey When We're Dry***

by John Larison



In the spring of 1885, seventeen-year-old Jessilyn Harney finds herself orphaned and alone on her family's homestead. Desperate to fend off

starvation and predatory neighbors, she cuts off her hair, binds her chest, saddles her beloved mare, and sets off across the mountains to find her outlaw brother Noah and bring him home. A talented sharpshooter herself, Jess's quest lands her in the employ of the territory's violent, capricious Governor, whose militia is also hunting Noah--dead or alive.

Wrestling with her brother's outlaw identity, and haunted by questions about her own, Jess must outmaneuver those who underestimate her, ultimately rising to become a hero in her own right.

Told in Jess's wholly original and unforgettable voice, *Whiskey When We're Dry* is a stunning achievement, an epic as expansive as America itself--and a reckoning with the myths that are entwined with our history.

**(Book descriptions provided by the publishers unless otherwise noted.)**

**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.

## Good Luck to Nancy Bevins



Nancy Bevins with Craig Johnson  
Zooming in.

Longmire author, Craig Johnson was here in our library.... Well, via Zoom. A nice cap to a successful run of adult engagement programs. Coming to work at the library near the Christmas season, I started my tenure off with a book wreath craft. After all, we are a

library and have discarded books. I quickly secured Kim Zupan, The Ploughmen author for my first talk. In hindsight, I am grateful as we had a large gathering and I got to meet Kim pre-Covid. ".....but without much trouble you can wind up dead if you don't keep your head on straight and pay attention," says Zupan about Montana. That's what drew me to this state and eventually here to the valley. Cat castle assembly brought a full house of creative feline lovers. I enjoy unique adventures so during crafts, I learned right along with others. Authors and books are a lifelong love. With a large home library, I have nearly 25 editions signed by the authors. Stephen King being one signed here in Montana!

Working at the library; teaching writing, running author groups, building Parisian hats, and dissecting Montana weeds, forces a variety that I gravitate toward. At the library part-time, I am also the Assistant Director at the Ravalli County Museum. We are similar non-profits serving the community. As I move forward into the full-time Executive Director position at the museum, I take with me the friendships and connections I made in the north part of the county.

As always we miss the people. My co-workers all have unique gifts they bring to the library and together, this is a vibrant haven for learning. Much of our adult program success came from staff suggestions including Library director, Denise Ard. (I got most of her requests in). I will miss library patrons seeking a book suggestion, program attendees who rose to new depths in their work, and the authors I got to sit and chat with prior to an event. Asking authors to "visit" is much easier when you work for a library. Whether local or distant, authors like to "pay back" libraries. It is a generosity I was to witness over and over.

## US Military Memoirs & True Stories

We have a collection of action filled US military memoirs and true stories. You can find them in the history section in the dewey numbers between 940s-973s. Vets, they might inspire you to write your own!

***Shadow Warriors: Inside the Special Forces* by Tom Clancy** "The first-hand accounts of soldiers fighting outside the lines: counterterrorism, raids, hostage rescues, reconnaissance, counterinsurgency, and psychological operations--from Vietnam and Laos to Lebanon to Panama, to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq."

***Through the Crosshairs: a history of snipers* by Andy Dougan** "Chronicles the art of sharp shooting, from the first instance of strategic execution during the English civil war to the snipers in the jungles of Vietnam."

***War* by Sebastian Junger** "Follows a single platoon through a 15-month tour of duty in the most dangerous outpost in Afghanistan."

***Unforgiving Minute* by Craig Mullaney** "While stationed in Afghanistan, a deadly firefight with al-Qaeda leads to the loss of one of his soldiers. Years later, after that excruciating experience, he returns to the United States to teach future officers at the Naval Academy."

***Reaper: Autobiography of One of the Deadliest Special Ops Snipers* by Nicholas Irving**  
Brad Thor calls "one hell of a read!"

***One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer* by Nathaniel Fick**

***Up Front* by Bill Mauldin**

***Sea Stories : My Life in Special Operations* by William McRaven**

***Into the Fire: A Firsthand Account of the Most Extraordinary Battle in the Afghan War* by Dakota Meyer**

***We Were One: Shoulder to Shoulder with the Marines Who Took Fallujah* by Patrick O'Donnell**

***Operator: Firing the Shots That Killed Osama Bin Laden and My Years as a Seal Team Warrior* by Robert O'Neill**

***No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission That Killed Osama Bin Laden* by Mark Owen**

***Red Circle: My Life in the Navy Seal Sniper Corps and How I Trained America's Deadliest Marksmen* by Brandon Webb**

***SEAL Team Six: Memoirs of an Elite Navy Seal Sniper* by Howard Wasdin**



## TEENS JANUARY NEWS

### Role Playing Games in-person/online!

**Ages 13-18**

**Tuesdays at 4 pm**

Enter the world of ***Dungeons &***

***Dragons!*** Create your own

character and join the

campaign. This program will be held both in-person (masks required) or online via Zoom. You choose. No experience necessary. **Registration is required.**

[Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/](http://Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/)



### #NVPLbookmerge Contest



How it works, grab a friend and a camera, along with your favorite book or magazine then blend yourself with the cover. The images will be posted to the library's Instagram page using the #NVPLbookmerge and voted on. Winners will receive 5 ice cream cone cards to take their family out for ice cream!

Think about outfit choice, placement, and position. Email photos to [emilys@northvalleylibrary.org](mailto:emilys@northvalleylibrary.org).

The fine print: the contest is open to teens ages 12-18, parent/guardian permission is required before photos will be posted.

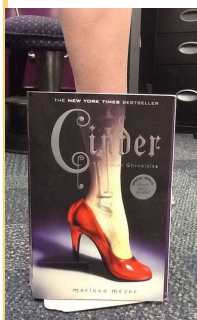
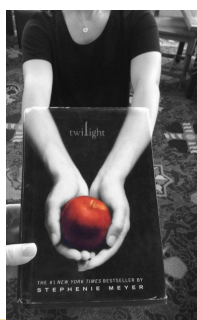


Photo Release Forms can be found on the Teen Zone page on the library's website.



## YOUTH JANUARY NEWS

### Book Bundles for Kids & Teens

Need help deciding what to read next? Have a youth specialist at the Library custom-curate a selection of items for you! Get a pile of books from our collection that we think you'll love. Let us know your favorite types of books and our experts will create a bundle just for you. Teen and youth bundles include up to 5 items. Book Bundles are ready within two to three days. We will notify you when they are ready for pickup at North Valley Public Library. Fill out a Book Bundle registration form on our website located under the 'My Library Services' drop-down menu.

### ONLINE: Mother Goose & Story Time

***Mother Goose Sings and Swings*** for 0 - 3 years of age is online Monday, January 4, 11, & 25 at 10:30am. Tune to the Library's Facebook Live in for interactive songs and rhymes, a story.

***Story Time Facebook Live! Wednesdays at 10:30.*** Stories, a quick early literacy activity, and a link to a creative craft. These live programs are geared for preschool and under.

### Zoom Art Club for Kids!

**What:** Fun art projects together on Zoom! For ages 5-11. *You can watch lessons live or recorded.*

**When:** Thursday, January 21 at 4 pm

**Where:** Zoom—after you've registered, check your email for the Zoom meeting link that we'll use for each meeting.

**How:** [Register for this program on our website](#) and pick up your materials at the Library the week of.

### Maker Kits

**Ages 2-18**

Maker Kits are back for the New Year starting January 25! Have fun creating with your bi-monthly maker kit from North Valley Public Library! Register every other week for a different science experiment, art/craft project, or a maker activity. Pick up your kits on Mondays or Tuesdays during the Library's open hours. *Please register for each week you wish to receive a kit on the [Library's website](#).*

Register for all programs by going to our website [northvalleylibrary.org](http://northvalleylibrary.org).

Click on CALENDAR. Registration is available at the bottom of each event description on the website.