

COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENT

Calling for Art Entries for the Winter Wonderland Exhibition

Submissions accepted: January 2-January 21
Ages 6 and up

Do you enjoy snowy days and building snowmen? Do you like sipping hot chocolate on wintry nights? The North Valley Public Library invites patrons to submit drawings or paintings (no larger than 24" on any side), illustrating what you like best about winter. Help us turn the cold days of February bright with the joy of art! Drop off your work with the art submission form found online or at the library. We invite artists and their families to a grand opening of the exhibit on Friday, January 28 at which time voting will take place. Attendees may vote once in each category: children (ages 6-12); teens (ages 12-18); and adults (ages 19+). Ribbons awarded to Best of Show in each age category.

Only a limited number of pieces can be accepted due to space so submit early!

Winter Wonderland Exhibition Friday Night Opening

Fri., Jan. 28 6:30 pm- 7:30 pm

All ages

Friday nights are when the art galleries in NYC and the big cities have their swanky wine and cheese art openings. Join in that tradition Stevensville family-style as we toast the artists of our Winter Wonderland Exhibit. View the art and meet the artists while snacking on Covid-friendly pre-packaged delicacies from juice boxes and chocolates to packaged cheeses in this fun-filled evening. Art will remain on exhibit through February 28.

Winter Wonderland

Art Exhibit



ADULT EVENTS



Mongolian Adventures

Tues., Jan. 11 at 7 pm
Ages 18 and up

Mongolia was once home to the emperor Genghis Khan and the largest land empire the world has ever seen. Dr. Lyn Hayford presents a beautiful slide travelogue through this legendary mountain landscape with its ancient Przewalski's horses, snow leopards, and taimen, the largest trout in the world. Explore throat singing, falconry, and Nadaam, the historic Mongolian festival filled with wrestling, horse racing, and archery.



Winter is Fly Tying Season

Tues., Jan. 18 at 7 pm
Ages 18 and up

Join Chuck Stranahan for a delightful and informative history of fly fishing in the Valley as he ties some of his favorite flies. Beginning and experienced fly tiers will improve their technique, and anyone who is marginally curious about fly tying can come gain insights into the craft and how to get started. With winter upon us, right now is a good time to check it out!

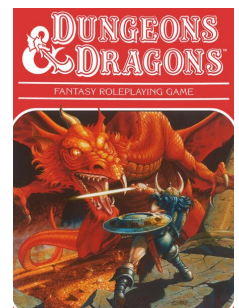
Role Playing Game

Tue, Jan 25 at 6:30 pm

Ages 18 and up

Are you interested in RPGs? Be a part of *Dungeons & Dragons*! This is the beginning of a new campaign and no experience is required. Participate either in-person or online!

Email: BarbaraH@northvalleylibrary.org to join via Zoom.

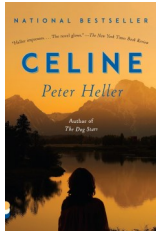


PLEASE register for all events at northvalley.librarycalendar.com
or by calling the library.

Hours: Monday—Friday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: CLOSED
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WILDERNESS MYSTERIES & THRILLERS

If you love wilderness thrillers and mysteries, but have already read **Christine Carbo's Glacier National Park mysteries**, and are up to date on **C.J. Box** and **Craig Johnson**; here are more authors and titles to try:



Celine by Peter Heller

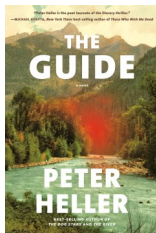
Brooklyn private eye set out to Yellowstone National Park to follow a trail gone cold but soon realize that somebody desperately wants to keep this case closed.



The River by Peter Heller

"Using an artist's eye to describe Jack and Wynn's wilderness world, Los Angeles Times Book Prize finalist Heller has transformed his own outdoor experiences into a heart-pounding adventure that's hard to put down."

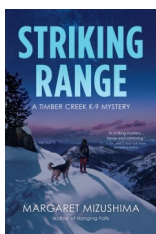
--*Library Journal* (starred review)



The Guide by Peter Heller

A heart-racing thriller about a young man who is hired by an elite fishing lodge in Colorado, where he uncovers a plot of shocking menace amid the natural beauty of sun-drenched streams and forests.

--*Publisher*



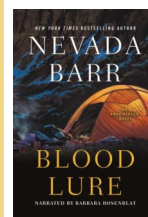
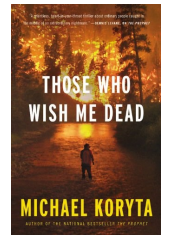
Timber Creek K-9 mysteries by Margaret Mizushima.

The author says, "[The] series is set in the beautiful Colorado Rockies, and it features K-9 Deputy Mattie Cobb, her dog Robo, and veterinarian Cole Walker. Together they solve crimes that affect their peaceful mountain community. The Timber Creek K-9 books are police procedurals with heart. Each adventure contains a combination of K-9 cop action, veterinary work, and family relationships as well as a murder case to investigate and solve. I also strive to provide an element of suspense within the structure of a traditional mystery.

The series begins with *Killing Trail*; however, the... mystery in each episode stands alone, so the books can be read out of sequence if you wish. But if you want to enjoy the full development of the main characters' lives, I'd recommend that you start with book one."

Those Who Wish Me Dead by Michael Koryta

Takes place in the Beartooth Mountains of Montana. "When fourteen-year-old Jace Wilson witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity and hidden in a wilderness skills program for troubled teens. The plan is to get Jace off the grid while police find the two killers. The result is the start of a nightmare."

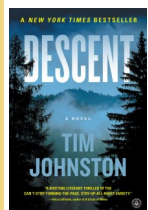
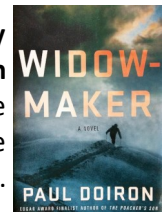


Anna Pigeon Series by Nevada Barr

"Entwines the cycle of nature throughout her mystery books with her character, Anna Pigeon, a National Park Ranger."

Mike Bowditch Mysteries by Paul Doiron

He writes crime novels featuring game warden Mike Bowditch set in the Maine Woods.



Descent by Tim Johnston

The Rocky Mountains have cast their spell over the Courtlands, who are taking a family vacation before their daughter leaves for college. But when Caitlin and her younger brother, Sean, go out for an early morning run and only Sean returns, the mountains become as terrifying as they are majestic.



Sam Westin Mysteries by Pamela Beason

Meet Summer "Sam" Westin, a biologist turned internet reporter who is determined to protect wild places and animals, even if she has to risk her own life to do it.

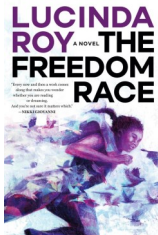
The mission of the North Valley Public Library is to strengthen and support our community by:

- 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.

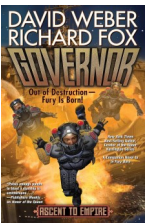
NEW SCIENCE FICTION



Fugitive Telemetry by Martha Wells
Security droid with a heart (though it wouldn't admit it!) is back in *Murderbot Diaries #6*



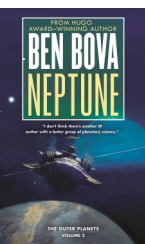
Freedom Race by Lucinda Roy
In the aftermath of a cataclysmic civil war known as the Sequel, ideological divisions among the states have hardened. In the Homestead Territories, an alliance of plantation-inspired holdings, Black labor is imported from the Cradle, and Biracial "Muleseeds" are bred. Raised in captivity, there is only one way to escape. She must enter the annual Freedom Race as a runner.



Governor by David Weber and Richard Fox
A new military science fiction series.



Last Shadow by Orson Scott Card
Orson Scott Card's *The Last Shadow* is the long-awaited conclusion to both the original Ender series and the Ender's Shadow series, as the children of Ender and Bean solve the great problem of the Ender Universe—the deadly virus they call the descolada.

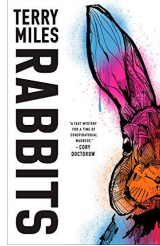


Neptune by Ben Bova
Neptune, the ice giant, is swathed in clouds of hydrogen, helium, and methane and circled by rings of rock and dust. Three years ago, Ilona Magyr's father, Miklos, disappeared while exploring the seas of Neptune. Everyone believes he is dead—crushed, frozen, or boiled alive in Neptune's turbulent seas.

With legendary space explorer Derek Humbolt piloting her ship and planetary scientist Jan Meitner guiding the search, Ilona Magyr knows she will find her father—alive—on Neptune.



Prime Directive by Davis Bunn
Lieutenant Amanda Bostick is ordered to investigate why scientists on a distant outpost on the planet of Lorian are being murdered with no alarm raised. 'A fast-paced, retro-feeling sci-fi mystery ... good fun'— *Publishers Weekly*



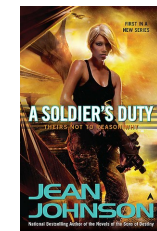
Rabbits by Terry Miles
It's an average work day. You've been wrapped up in a task, and you check the clock when you come up for air—4:44 p.m. You check your email, and 44 unread messages have built up. With a shock, you realize the date is April 4—4/4. And when you get in your car to drive home, your odometer reads 44,444.

Coincidence? Or have you just seen the edge of a rabbit hole?

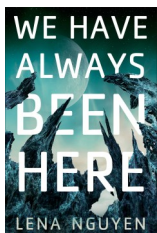
Rabbits is a mysterious alternate reality game so vast it uses the entire world as its canvas.



Seven Devils and Seven Mercies by Laura Lam and Elizabeth May
A feminist space opera duology that follows the team of seven rebels who will free the galaxy from the ruthless Tholosian Empire—or die trying.



Theirs Not to Reason Why series by Jean Johnson
"Reminiscent of both Starship Troopers and Dune...Successfully balances its military and science fiction elements."— *Publishers Weekly*



We Have Always Been Here by Lena Nguyen
Dr. Grace Park is placed on the Deucalion, a survey ship headed to an icy planet in an unexplored galaxy. Her purpose is to observe the thirteen human crew members aboard the ship—all specialists in their own fields—as they assess the colonization potential of the planet, Eos. But frictions develop as Park befriends the androids of the ship, preferring their company over the baffling complexity of humans, while the rest of the crew treats them with suspicion and even outright hostility.

Shortly after landing, the crew finds themselves trapped on the ship by a radiation storm, with no means of communication or escape until it passes—and that's when things begin to fall apart. Park's patients are falling prey to waking nightmares of helpless, tongueless insanity. The androids are behaving strangely. There are no windows aboard the ship. Paranoia is closing in, and soon Park is forced to confront the fact that nothing—neither her crew, nor their mission, nor the mysterious Eos itself—is as it seems.

WHEEL OF TIME FANTASY



Wheel of Time, the bestselling fantasy series by **Robert Jordan** and **Brandon Sanderson** is now an original series streaming on Amazon Prime Video. Try reading the novels before watching the series.

Review Quotes:

"[Jordan's] huge, ambitious *Wheel of Time* series helped redefine the genre." —*George R. R. Martin, author of A Game of Thrones*

"Recalls the work of Tolkien." -- *Publishers Weekly*

DIY ACTIVITIES

We now offer monthly DIY drop-in activities. When you come to the library, you will find a table with a fun activity with easy-to-follow instructions.

We started off big in October with Dinosaur Month! The library was taken over by dinosaurs. Patrons stopped in and made dinosaur sun catchers and had a blast with our dinosaur scavenger hunt!

November had an interactive walkthrough of the Nez Pearce trail for Native American month.



December was focused on the sky, featuring a planet ornament activity for holiday trees and a look at constellations from a mini telescope.

This January's craft is themed around Brighter Days. Create sun bursts and star bursts using bright colors and tea lights. We provide a palette of reds, yellows, silvers, and golds. You provide your imagination. Let us brighten the dark days of January with this illuminating activity.

Looking ahead to February, the theme will be Date/Family Night. Have a fun and easy date night by checking out selected books or movies paired with recipes. Be sure to stop in the library and make a food related pop-up Valentine's card for the ones you love. And yes, there will be puns!

you make
my heart
skip a beet



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HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

**NEW YEAR'S DAY,
SAT. JAN. 1**

**MLK DAY,
MON. JAN. 17**



APOCALYPTIC WESTERN



Dissolution: The Wyoming Chronicles Book One by Michael W. Gear

For anthropology graduate student Sam Delgado, headed to the wilds of Wyoming, this is his last chance to save his graduate career. He and his urban classmates see this as the adventure of a lifetime: They are going to horse-pack in the wilderness to map and test a high-altitude archaeological site.

Until a cyber attack collapses the American banking system, and an already fractured nation descends into anarchy and chaos. All credit frozen, Sam and his archaeological field school is trapped in their high-altitude camp. With return to the East impossible, Sam, the woman he has come to love, and the rest of the students must rely on hard-bitten Wyoming ranchers for their very survival. —*Publisher*



Mother Goose on the Loose OR Story Time & More

What's the difference?

Mother Goose on the Loose and **StoryTime & More** are two different children's programs hosted by the North Valley Public Library. Both programs enhance early childhood literacy. Mother Goose on the Loose employs guided play to combine the joy of play with early childhood literacy.

Mother Goose on the Loose is for infants, babies, toddlers, and children aged 0-3.

During this "lap sit" program, we recite rhymes, sing and move about.

Each session follows the same script which provides consistency. We use the same welcoming and closing song, and each program includes rhymes, movement, circle dances, and scarf play. Special events and holidays are celebrated with event-specific songs.

Children develop skills including sharing, working together and following easy directions.

Each element of the program is designed to enhance some aspect of early learning.

Learning words through music helps connect vocabulary to rhythm emphasizing syllables and pronunciation, even if the infant or baby is pre-verbal.

Rhymes are used to exemplify opposites (loud and soft, high and low) and assist with language development.

Circle dances, like the hokey pokey, aid in developing eye/hand coordination and link movement to words and parts of the body.

Scarf play includes songs and manipulation of scarves followed by free play during which children are encouraged to use their imaginations.

Parents hold their children on their laps and/or toddlers and children may sit or stand next to their parent as we recite rhymes, sing, and move.

StoryTime & More employs some of the same structure as *Mother Goose on the Loose*, but this program is designed for children ages 4 and 5.



Each program follows a routine, with introductory remarks and a welcoming and closing song. We read three books, which differ in complexity and puppets are used to enhance the program encouraging children to ask questions and interact. Programs include rhymes, songs, circle dances, and scarf play.

If time allows, we end the program with a short craft activity.

We work on vocabulary, developing verbal skills through interactive reading, and developing concepts of opposites and object association. The program helps children learn to pay attention longer and focus their attention on new words to increase their vocabulary.

We understand that ages will overlap between both programs as many families bring all their children and we try to include all children in our activities. However, younger children may find it difficult to pay attention during *StoryTime & More*. We ask that parents sit with their younger children while the youth librarian reads to the older children. Finally, our participants are happy and excited to attend these events and we know that they may fidget, squirm, worm, twirl, and occasionally burst out in song all indicating that we are having a great day! However, we do not allow running or climbing furniture and simply ask parents to redirect their children back to the activity if necessary. If behavior is too disruptive then it is okay to take your child out for a few moments and return when they have calmed down enough to rejoin the group.

Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen who is the founder of *Mother Goose on the Loose* developed these programs using research on early education, cognition, development, and literacy. According to their literature, "*Mother Goose on the Loose* is a well-supported method for planning and presenting programs that focus on the whole child and that incorporate research-based theories of learning using nursery rhymes, music, puppets, scarves, and guided play." Play is essential to children's development and learning.

JANUARY TEEN NEWS

Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4 pm

This program is currently full and is looking for teens who want to be Dungeon Masters. If interested, email Emily at 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!



Pop-up Photo Booth

Ages 12-18

First Friday, Jan 7 at 4-6pm

The library now owns a green screen. Come and take photos, videos, and make your own gifs! Choose the background and bring your image to life. The photo booth awaits your creativity.



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!

Storytime & More

Ages 4 & 5, Wednesdays at 10:30



Each Wednesday we read books, tell stories, sing songs, dance and march, and create music with our imagination. Come along on this amazing journey!

Arts & Crafts

Arts & Crafts **Ages 5-11, First & Last Wed. of January at 4 pm**



Have you ever written a winter haiku? Have you ever made a snowflake song? Join us as we draw, paint, write, and create!

Full STEAM Ahead!

Ages 5-11, Thursdays at 4pm



Full STEAM Ahead is fun-filled programming for ages 5-11 focusing on science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Discover astrobology, quantum physics, and the biomechanics of robots during the month of January.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS: Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/