

LIBRARY NEWS: COVID-19 issue

Phase 1 Reopening

Gov. Steve Bullock made clear that during Phase 1 of his reopening plan there is no expiration date. "The virus is still in Montana and will be with us for some time," Bullock said. "That may mean we're in Phase 1 for some time." At the North Valley Public Library, we return to work in the building during Phase 1 of the Covid-19 epidemic, our aims are to keep staff and patron's safe, and limit the transmission of the virus, while slowly returning to normal operations.

As always anywhere, anytime, patrons, if you are sick, please stay home.

Library hours during Phase 1 have been modified to the following: Monday, Thursday & Friday 10-6, Tuesday & Wednesday 11-7, Saturday and Sunday closed.

Phase 1 Covid-19 Hours:
Monday, Thursday & Friday 10-6
Tuesday & Wednesday 11-7

Starting on Tuesday, April 28 we have limited patron services. They are as follows:

Materials available by curbside pickup. Call us to request materials or place holds online. Patrons may not come into the building to browse the collection.

Wear a mask to curbside pickup or stand back 6' from the door.

Computer sessions by appointment only IF YOU HAVE A MASK! Maintain 6 feet social distance at all times. No computer assistance available.

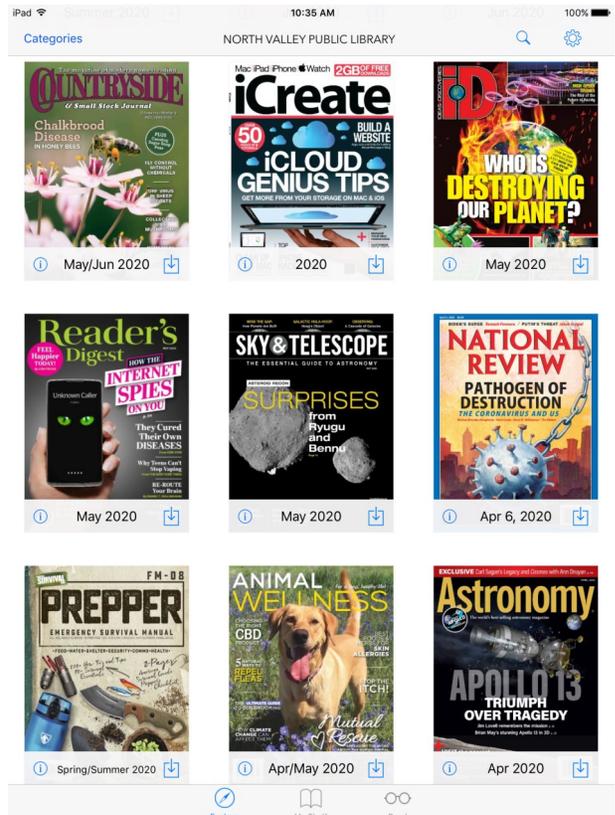
Call us at 777-5061 during the hours above.

The library will disinfect computer stations in between patrons. Due to our inability to disinfect the entire library we are not allowing patrons in the building except for computer appointments during Phase 1.

Flipster Online Magazines

NVPL subscribes to 77 online magazines. Download the **Flipster app** while you are at home practicing social distancing, and catch up on hobbies and news. You have access to the most recent issues, as well as all the back issues. You can read the conservative take on the coronavirus in the **National Review** April 6 issue, available now online. We are all in survival mode, so catch up on **American Survival Guide**, or just have fun with hobbies and **Eating Well**. Call the Library at 406-777-5061 if you need assistance. We are here to help!

Go to our website for detailed directions and video instructions <https://www.northvalleylibrary.org/eandabooks>



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Voter Information

ELECTION DATES	
May 5, 2020 <small>Close of Voter Registration: April 27, 2020 Ballots will be mailed out: April 17, 2020</small>	Special purpose District Elections Bitterroot Community College Election School Elections <small>This election is held by mail ballot, the polling places will not be open.</small>
June 2, 2020 <small>Close of Voter Registration: May 26, 2020 Absentee Ballots mailed on: May 8, 2020</small>	Federal Primary Election <small>This election is held by mail ballot, the polling places will not be open.</small> <small>LIST OF CANDIDATES</small> <small>FEDERAL & STATE OFFICE: Who's filed for Federal or State Office - click here</small> <small>COUNTY OFFICE: Who's filed for County Office - click here</small>
November 3, 2020	Federal General Election

Do you know who you are voting for? Want to find out if special tax levies are on the ballot? Yes, despite being in isolation; elections are still planned. The North Valley Public Library is dedicated to providing community resources to the public and that includes voter information. The recent library closure has allowed time for the staff to update its website with current voter information. Don't worry, this is all nonpartisan facts which include: election dates, voter registration information, and polling place addresses. "I've wanted to compile this information for the convenience of the patrons for a while now," explains Denise Ard, the Library Director.

Due to the Covid-19 closure, library staff continued working behind the scenes. The library's new teen services specialist, Emily Sandersfeld, gathered pertinent voting data and put it in one convenient spot on the library's website. Emily updates the site weekly with additional voting links when they become available. Just go to our website at northvalleylibrary.org. Located under the button "research and learn" is the voter information." Check out the new page at northvalleylibrary.org/voter-information.

Blind Speed-Dating with North Valley Public Library materials

Our building is closed to the public due to Covid-19 but NVPL cardholders can get materials curbside by placing holds OR try Blind Speed-Dating with the NVPL Library materials.



Here is how Blind Speed Dating works:

- Call the library staff at 406-777-5061 to request items.
- Have your NVPL card number handy. Tell us your name, card number, and phone number.
- Tell us the kind of materials you want (print books, CD Books, DVDs).
- Tell us your preferred genre (Action, Adventure, ChickLit, Classics, Comedy, Drama, Epic/Historical, Fantasy, Literary, Musical, Mystery, Nonfiction Nature, Political Thriller, Romance, Sci-Fi, Suspense, Thriller, War, Western).
- Give us a hint as to "your type" by telling us the last book or movie you enjoyed.

We will choose up to 5 items for you and check them out to you. Together we will arrange a time when you can pick up your library items.

When you arrive, please call from outside. We request that you wear a mask or step away from the door when we put out the bag so we remain 6 feet apart. Please don't talk with the staff less than 6 feet apart.

Why speed dating? If you don't like any of the selections, just move on to the next one.

Please remember that the Library is unable to sanitize every single item. Patrons are advised to wash your hands after handling materials and avoid touching your face because Covid-19 can live for three days on plastic.

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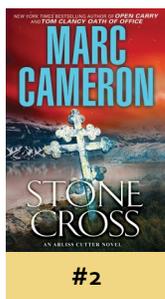
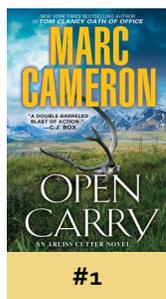
Marc Cameron's new series called a read-alike for C.J. Box & Craig Johnson fans

Are you a fan of the **Longmire** books by **Craig Johnson** or do you like **C. J. Box's** books about Wyoming law enforcement?

The folks at *Roundup Magazine: Western Writers of America* recommend **Marc**

Cameron's new **Arless**

Cutter series about a U.S. Marshal recently transplanted to Alaska.



Other series that are similar are **Nevada Barr's** mystery novels set in U.S. national parks and **Paul Dorion's** crime series featuring Maine Game Warden Mike Bowditch

New fiction books to put on hold

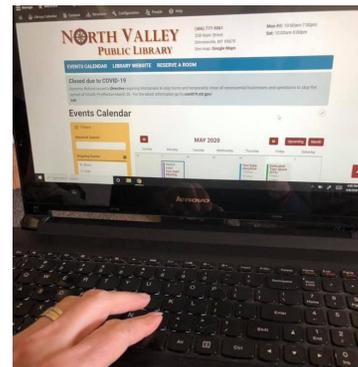
These books were ordered on April 28. Put your favorite authors on hold for curbside pickup.

Walk the Wire by David Baldacci
Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters by Jennifer Chiaverini
Lavender Blue Murder by Laura Childs
Goodbye Man by Jeffery Deaver
Hidden Salem by Kay Hooper
After Sunset by Linda Howard
Dead at First Sight by Peter James
Twisted Ones by T. Kingfisher
Devoted by Dean Koontz
Charmer in Chaps by Julia London
Passengers by John Marrs
Dead Land by Sara Paretsky,
Masked Prey by Johns Sanford

Library staff stayed active during Covid-19

Library Market Calendar

Library staff learned, configured, programmed and tested our new Library Calendar software. We went full throttle embracing this long-desired means to streamline bookings for library programs, community gatherings, and events at our facility. "Being user friendly was important to our choice of programs," says Denise Ard, Executive Director.



Webinars

Staff learned via webinars during closure. "I'm really glad we've had this opportunity," says Karen Gartner, Library Associate. The topics came from Montana Library Association (MLA), Library Works, the Public Library Association, and Every Library Institute. The 2020 MLA conference was canceled due to COVID-19, and staff were able to attend those classes online. Each staff member provided a report on the webinar they attend, so knowledge was shared among everyone, and incorporated into the future day to day workings of the library.

Engagement

Keeping our staff and patrons informed on our website, Facebook, website and press releases.

Housekeeping

Similar to what is happening in your homes and the "housekeeping" chores, the April board meeting took place online with the approval of a new digital streaming service. In addition library staff paid bills and kept track of the Makerspace renovation. It was a perfect time to accomplish these chores.

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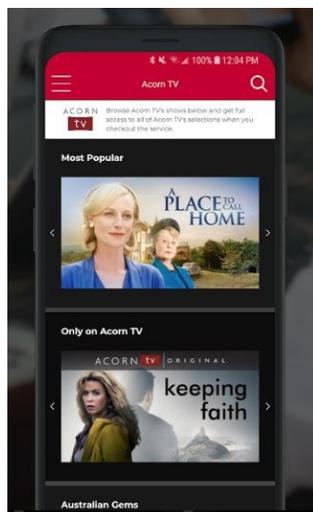
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New video streaming service for our patrons



The board approved for the Director to purchase a streaming video service for the patrons due to Covid-19.

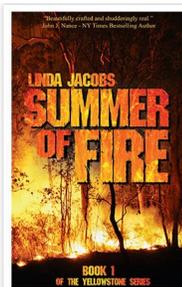
Unfortunately, there is nothing like Netflix available to libraries to purchase on behalf of patrons but we were able to get something rather exciting.



The new video service will be accessed with your North Valley Library card through our website at northvalleylibrary.org/eandabooks. Contract and setup are in progress. The Director hopes to have it available sometime in the beginning of May.

Stream videos through RBdigital. You can binge-watch for seven days! Unlimited access for seven days of **Acorn TV**: The Best in British TV and Film.

Yellowstone series by Linda Jacobs



The Yellowstone series of novels by **Linda Jacobs'** is back in print and the Library has purchased the first three books for your reading pleasure.

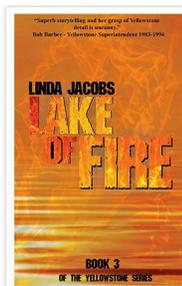
Bob Barbee, Yellowstone

Superintendent from 1983-1994 wrote that *Summer of Fire* was a "gripping novel about one of the most electrifying events in the annals of American wildfires - the great Yellowstone fires of 1988.



Through her fictional characters, Jacobs has captured the essence of the emotional roller coaster, high drama, and the outstanding performance of America's finest wildland firefighters. She has done her homework well and the setting is completely accurate. This is a compelling work and I had trouble putting it down."

Put them on hold so you can start reading them!



We have a new calendar on our website with online registration. Register for story time online.



Register for Annika's Story Time Facebook Live! This 15 minute program will take place May 13 and May 20 at 10:30 am. Join Annika for fun stories, a quick early literacy activity, and a link to a fun craft! northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/

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