# NORTH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY February 2024 Discovery starts here

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## **FEBRUARY ADULT PROGRAMS**



#### Fiber Arts Club Thursday, Feb 1 at 12pm Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting, embroidery, hand sewing, or quilting? Bring your work-in-progress, problem

piece, or brand-new pattern and enjoy the company of like-minded crafters during this informal club.



#### Creative Art Journaling with Meghan Hanson Thursday, Feb 1 at 6pm Artist and architect Meghan Hanson has some of the most beautiful sketchbooks on

earth, and during this adult craft night, you will learn some of her favorite tips and techniques as you begin your own creative art journal. An art journal is a sketchbook in which you express yourself while practicing sketching, collage, and other forms of art. All materials provided.



How to Zoom & Videoconferencing Basics Thursday, Feb 8 at 6pm Rescheduled from Nov 2023 cancelled program. During this hands-on workshop attendees

will learn how to create an account on Zoom and gain confidence when using features of Zoom during an online meeting.



The Lentil Underground: Renegade Farming (Watch Party) Thursday, Feb 15 at 6:30pm

Over the past three decades, Montana has become one of the leading states in the country in both organic agriculture and production of lentils, a key organic rotation crop that is high in protein and micronutrients. The story of how we got here is a fascinating and heartwarming tale of farmers recognizing existential challenges facing their communities and banding together to create solutions. Tonight, we'll hear about Montana's organic agriculture movement and pulse crop revolution from the farmers at the center of the story.



Free Range Arts & Crafts Thursday, Feb 22 at 6pm Emerge from your winter den for an evening of informal crafting at the Library. The craft vault is open and everything

from needle felting to clay sculpting awaits. Enjoy a coloring book, practice with pastels, or bring your own project to finally finish, it's up to you. Ages 21+ are welcome to bring an adult beverage if desired.



The Steampunk Genre Thursday, Feb 29 at 6pm Ready to break out of your reading or movieviewing rut and try a new genre? Travel the

gas-lamp lit alleyways of a Victorian era London that never was, or fly through the ether aboard an airship, all made possible by the Steampunk genre.

Related to but distinct from science fiction, with some historical fiction, fantasy, and mystery stirred in, steampunk is a popular genre of literature, film, and art that combines retrofuturistic technology and modern dilemmas with Industrial Age machinery and aesthetics. By imagining an alternative history, Steampunk challenges us to think about the future in a new way. Plus, this genre is just downright fun!

This interactive program concludes with a steampunk craft. Zoom option available.



Closed for President's Day on Monday, February, 19, 2024

## Pet Partners Read with Me™



# Read to Dogs

Monday, Feb 12 at 4:30pm Monday, Feb 26 at 4:30pm



Neon



Great for early readers or kids who just love dogs!

## Happy Lunar New Year!



We're going looney at the library for all things lunar this month, and we hope you'll join us by learning something new about the moon, astronomy, or space travel. After all, there's a lot going on in the night sky this year, from moon missions to the full solar eclipse on April 8, and of course, the Lunar New Year!

Numerous cultures around the world celebrate the new year, not on January 1st, but according to the lunar calendar. A lunar calendar is based on monthly moon phases, or lunations, and while the details vary by culture, a new month usually begins on the new moon and is 29 days long.

This year, around 2 billion people will celebrate the new year on February 10, according to the ancient Chinese lunisolar calendar (lunisolar calendars align lunar months with the solar year by inserting a leap month).

If you could use a do-over with your New Year's Resolutions, or simply enjoy fresh starts, mark February 10 on your calendar and Happy New Year! Also known as the Chinese New Year, or in East Asian countries as Spring Festival, the Lunar New Year begins on the second new moon after winter solstice. As each year is associated with an element and animal from the Chinese zodiac, 2024 is the year of the Yang Wood Dragon.

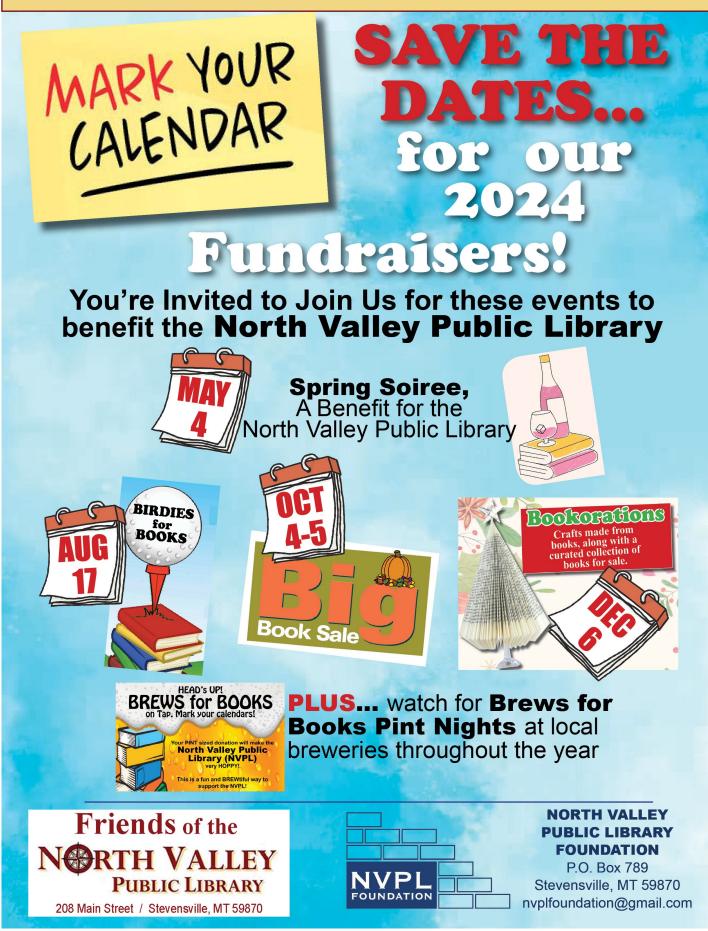
Ready to join in the new year festivities, or brush up on your celestial knowledge? Try one or all of these ideas:

- Make a paper lantern or dragon puppet at the Library's craft table.
- Check out a book about Lunar New Year traditions and adapt food, décor, or practices to begin your own family traditions.
- Learn about moon phases.
- Check out the telescope from the Library of Things.
- Check out the Starry Skies Kit from the Library of Things.
- Learn to identify constellations and check out books on basic astronomy.





#### **FOUNDATION NEWS**



## **FEBRUARY YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS**

#### Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers (Ages 0-5)



Wednesdays at 10:30am

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Share in the fun singing, clapping, reading, and dancing while connecting with other young families in our community.

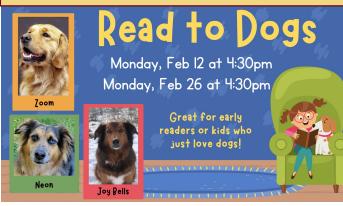
## Drop-In Craft

This month we are Over the Moon for All Things Lunar! Whether you



celebrate the New Year on January 1st or February 10th, swing on by to make a festive dancing dragon and/or paper lantern.

#### Pet Partners Read with Me<sup>™</sup>



## Science (Ages 8-12)



on Wednesdays with Science Officer Lisa

Hey explorers, investigators, and inventors ages 8-12! Experience the universe through Legos®, food, experiments and more.

Wednesdays at 2:30pm ~ Registration Required

#### Art for Kids (Ages 5-10)

1st & 3rd Monday of every month at 4:30pm

Calling all crafty kids! Lone Rock Kindergarten teacher Crystal Grant presents creative



activities. Whether it is painting, drawing, making cards, or mobiles, you'll go home with a handmade treasure in this hand-on learning program.

Feb 5—In celebration of Valentine's Day, artists will create a "love you to pieces" wreath and "love bug."

Feb 19—No program, Library closed for President's Day

#### **Dungeons & Dragons for Teens**

#### Ages 12-18 Tuesdays at 4pm

This popular program now has space available for new players. We will be playing Dungeons & Dragons 5e. Register online on the library's calendar. For more information email Emily at emilys@northvalleylibrary.org



#### **Open World Fridays for Teens**



#### Ages 12-18 Fridays at 4pm

That Friday Thing with an all-access pass to all the cool stuff at the library. Choose to do what's available or do something else exciting. Register online through the library

calendar. You need not attend all sessions.