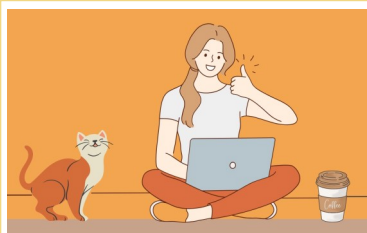




AUGUST ADULT PROGRAMS



Organize Your Digital Life

Thu, Aug 7 at 6:30pm

Go from overwhelmed to organized in your digital life. During this hands-on program, we'll cover

knowledge, tips, and tools so you can be more efficient with your computer time, savvy about saving and accessing important items digitally, and how to set up a connection between your laptop and smartphone.

This program is for moderate to advanced beginners. Laptops provided if needed.



Mosaic Address Plaque

Thu, Aug 14 at 6pm

Make your house numbers as unique as you are! Using mosaic pieces, glass gems,

broken pottery, and other objects of your choice, crafters will make a mosaic plaque with their house numbers to hang outside.

This craft program has a \$5 fee to offset the cost of materials, all of which are provided. Register in-person at the front desk, payment due at the time of registration.

Myth of the West in Film & Literature (2 Parts)

Thu, Aug 21 at 6:30pm ~ Part 1

Thu, Aug 28 at 6:30pm ~ Part 2



"Go west, young man, and grow up with the country." This bit of advice given over 150 years ago has become a catchphrase as familiar

as John Wayne, the Lone Ranger, and Calamity Jane. This 2-part program explores the myth of the West, in all its complexities, and the how's and why's the "wild west" became an imaginary landscape in American culture. Like any cow puncher worth their salt, we'll wind our way through the films, art, and texts of the mythic West.

Attending both sessions is not required. Zoom available.

Monthly Adult Programs



Fiber Arts Club

Thu, Aug 7 at 12-1:30pm

Enjoy the company of like-minded crafters.



Lunchtime Writer's Retreat

Mon, Aug 25 at 12-2pm

Carve out time to write or work on a creative project.



Men's Club

Thu, Aug 28 at 12-2pm

Make connections and conversation over a game of chess or checkers.

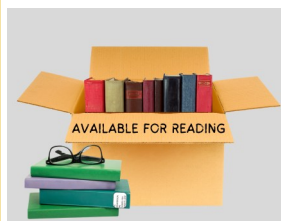
Plenty of gents have arrived but keep missing each other! Please arrive at 12pm to ensure you are all here at kick-off!

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.

SAVE THE LIFE OF A MID-SERIES BOOK

Don't be afraid to pick up book 2+ in a series



Languishing unread on the shelf is a sad life for a book, and one that ends in culling (gasp!). Most at risk of this dreaded fate are novels in the middle of a series, and especially tragic as many series do not have to be read in order.

You can take home a book in a series without committing to the entire family of volumes (although you might enjoy it so much you find yourself rushing back to read another). And while the same can't always be said of movie sequels and tv series, later novels are often better than the early ones.

Beginning at book one may make for a closer connection with characters but if book one is checked out from NVPL or you need a read while you wait for book one from a Partner library, don't miss out on a fulfilling reading relationship with book 2 or beyond.

Ready to meet a novel within a series? Here are some series with books that do not have to be read in order and are available at NVPL.

Historical Fiction

Japantown Mystery series, Naomi Hirahara

A painstakingly researched and deeply heartfelt anthology series chronicling the lived experiences of Japanese Americans in the 20th century, between and after the World Wars.

Sharpe series, Bernard Cornwell

Richard Sharpe. Soldier, hero, rogue—the man you always want on your side. Born in poverty, he joined the army to escape jail and climbed the ranks by sheer brutal courage. He knows no other family than the regiment of the 95th Rifles, whose green jacket he proudly wears.

Cozy Mystery

Flavia de Luce series, Alan Bradley

This internationally bestselling series follows Flavia de Luce—a precocious amateur detective and aspiring chemist with a passion for poison—as she solves the never-ending mysteries of her small English village.

For Fans of J.A. Jance

Kate Shugak series, Dana Stabenow

Kate Shugak is a native Aleut working as a private investigator in

Alaska. Resourceful, strong-willed, and defiant, Kate is tougher than your average heroine – and she needs to be to survive the Alaskan wilds.

For Fans of C.J. Box or the Longmire Series

Cork O'Connor series, William Kent Krueger

Private investigator Cork O'Connor takes on complicated missing-persons cases. Cork is part Irish, part Anishinaabe Indian, and once worked Chicago's southside, which makes him a unique character with a fascinating, layered perspective. Series recommended by author C.J. Box.



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FACT

Kids build vocabulary by seeing real world examples of the words they are learning.

TIP

Pick a word that describes the child's shirt, like "colorful." Later, point out more colorful things. Who can find the most?

GROWTH

Keep looking for words that describe things! Together you can name "shiny" "soft" or "loud" things?



Montana State Library Concludes Successful Hot Spot Lending Program

(HELENA)—The Montana State Library’s hot spot lending program sprang to life in the early weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that Montanans had more means to navigate school and business closures and stay-at-home orders. Just prior to the pandemic, the State Library was considering a pilot to study how libraries might lend mobile-wifi hot spots to those who lack internet access at home. With no time to study and an immediate need, the State Library, and libraries around Montana, launched head-long into a new service that quickly became a lifeline for many Montanans.

Mobile wi-fi hot spots allow people to access the internet through home computers and other devices by making use of cellular data. With COVID relief funds appropriated through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the State Library purchased hot spots and cellular data plans and then provided the hot spots to participating libraries to lend to their patrons.

“Libraries have been providing patrons access to the internet through public access computers since the late 1990s,” said State Librarian, Jennie Stapp. “We knew libraries in other states lent hot spots, so we were confident we could fill an important need.” At the height of the pandemic, libraries were circulating more than 1000 hot spots in 54 Montana counties.

The State Library asked library patrons to voluntarily report about their experience using hot spots. 49% of patrons reported using hot spots for work or school related tasks. Others used hot spots to stay connected with family and friends, to attend telehealth appointments, and to fill out government forms.

“We were blown away when a minister told us she used hot spots to livestream funerals to family members who could not travel. We also know that hot spots were used at COVID-19 vaccination clinics where the internet was not available,” Stapp said.

Demand for hot spots has declined somewhat, but the need for the service remains, especially in areas not well served by broadband internet today. 37 libraries serving 33 counties are choosing to continue to offer this service to their communities with local funds after the State Library fully expended the federal and state monies used to fund the program. These libraries serve approximately 30,000 Montana households without current internet service.

Looking back on the last five years, the State Library is proud to know it made difference when it mattered most and that through its work with local libraries, many Montanans continue to benefit from the hot spot lending program.

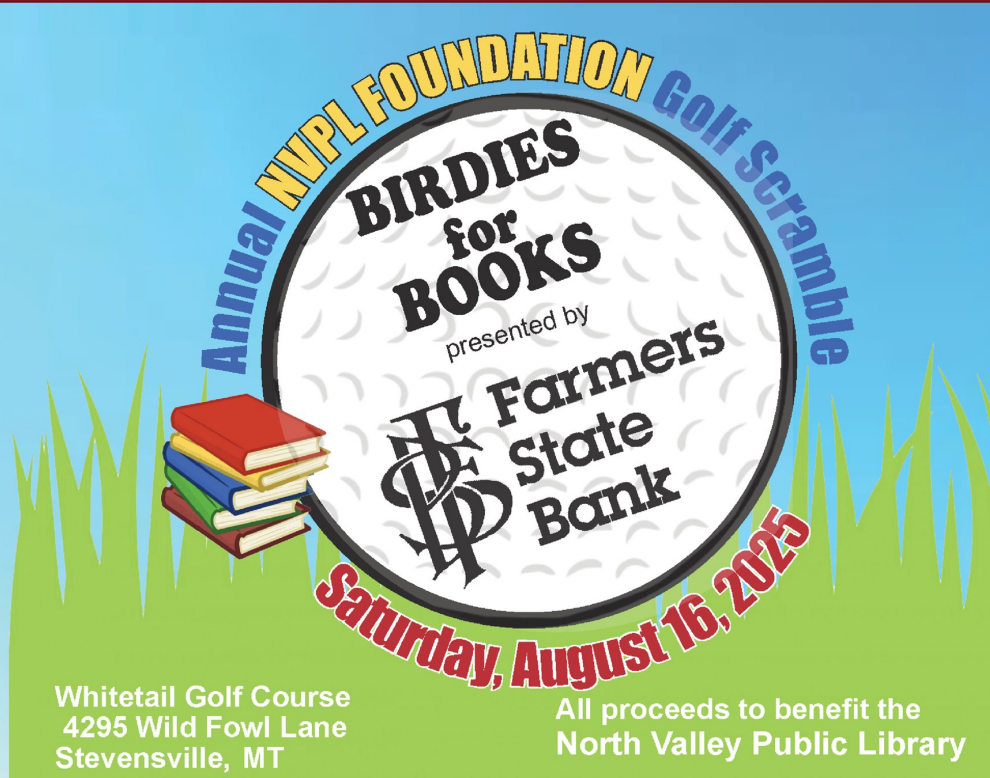
The North Valley Public Library continues to provide two hotspots for circulation for patrons to accomplish essential tasks

***Checkout is for 7 days.**

***Minimum of 7 calendar days (gap days) between checkouts for household.**

***Hotspots may be checked out by Stevensville or Lone Rock District residents or property owners.**

FOUNDATION NEWS



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4295 Wild Fowl Lane
Stevensville, MT

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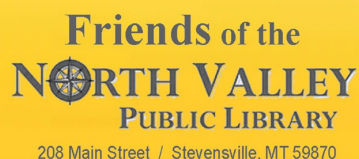
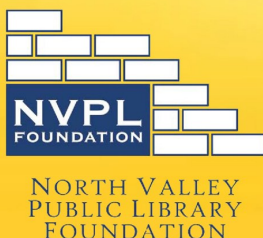
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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Color Our World with the Summer Reading Program at North Valley Public Library. Kick your summer off with this free coloring page and check out all that's happening this summer.



SUMMER READING SPECIAL EVENTS: COLOR OUR WORLD

Registration required!

Learning About Our Sun with the Western Montana Astronomical Association



Age group:
Children, Teen,
Adults, Family
Mon, June 9 at
1:30-2:30pm

Would you like to learn **how** to safely view the

surface of our sun? Carolyn Mirich from the Western Montana Astronomical Association is coming to North Valley Public Library to show us lots of ways to do just that! With two specialized telescopes and some clever alternatives, Carolyn will teach us several ways to safely view our earth's source of light.

The WMAA was founded in 1982 and is located in Missoula. They are dedicated to a personal appreciation of astronomy and to expanding public awareness of the night sky and astronomical happenings. With over 20 members and an assortment of equipment, the club hosts monthly meetings, participates in outreach events, and helps to support the Blue Mountain Observatory's open houses.



Cowboy Andy & the Salamanders

Age group:
Children, Family
Tue, June 24 at
1:30-2:30pm

As part of our Summer Programming, join us in welcoming Cowboy Andy and Oscar the

Amazing to North Valley Public Library. They bring big music to little people of all sizes! Their all-original rock and roll spans all genres and makes kids and families want to dance, sing, and celebrate! Sponsored by Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

Home ReSource DIY



Home ReSource
A COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY CENTER

Age group:
Teen, Family
Tue, July 29 at 1
-3pm

Home ReSource is coming to North Valley Public Library! Join us in creating a project out of reusable and repurposed items. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate with their kiddos. This program can accommodate 14 kids and as many parents as can come.

Home ReSource's mission is to work with, in, and for the community to reduce waste and build a more vibrant and sustainable local economy. They collect and sell reusable materials, channel materials to those in need, provide meaningful work opportunities, and educate & inspire to promote a sustainable future. Sponsored by Town Pump.

Animal Wonders Children's Event

Age group:
Children, Toddlers, Teen, Family
Tue, Aug 12 at 1:30-2:30pm

Join the animal ambassadors from Animal Wonders to



meet exotic animals and hear their stories.

This hour-long presentation fills up to capacity, so register early. Remember to register every person that is attending, including adults who are accompanying children.

Sponsored by Town Pump Charitable Foundation.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE & spectrUM EVENTS

Color Our World with all things creative this summer.

Read, write, make, create, observe, and learn. Check out book displays on all things creative.

The summer reading bingo challenge runs **May 30 through Aug 8**.

Register on our website northvalleylibrary.org/srp. Ask for a form at the front desk or download your own.

Age categories:

- Rubber Duck Reading Challenge for ages 0-4
- Kid Bingo Card for ages 5-11
- Teen Bingo Card for ages 12-18

Receive prizes as you read and be entered into the **grand prize drawing on Friday, August 15**.



Join the spectrUM Discovery Area for their 11th Annual Jane S. Heman Foundation summer of science 2025



The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area is teaming up with libraries and community groups to offer free, hands-on activities all summer.

See our website at tinyurl.com/summerofscience2025 or scan the QR Code for our summer schedule.



RAVALLI COUNTY

Ravalli County Museum & Historical Society
205 BEDFORD ST. | HAMILTON
June 14th 9-12
July 12th 9-12
August 9th 9-12

Darby Community Public Library
101 S. MARSHALL ST. | DARBY
June 10th 11-1
July 8th 11-1
August 5th 11-1

North Valley Public Library Stevensville
208 MAIN ST. | STEVENSVILLE
June 17th 1:30-3
July 15th 1:30-3
August 19th 1:30-3

Bitterroot Public Library Hamilton
306 STATE ST. | HAMILTON
June 13th 1-3
July 25th 1-3
August 8th 3-6



June 17: Plant Party! Make your own seed-scattering creation that you can take home to watch it grow! Learn about native Montana plants and how to identify invasive species of weeds.

July 15: Marble Mazes Create your very own marble maze out of common craft materials to take home and

enjoy or share with a friend!

August 19: Cardboard Construction Build a creation of your dreams using recycled cardboard, reusable screw connectors, and 3D-printed brackets. Design a fort that you can enjoy with friends, build a life-size replica dinosaur, and more!

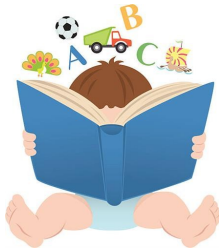
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

Baby & Me Storytime

Wednesdays at 10am, Ages 0-2

For parents, grandparents, & caretakers with babies 0-2 years. Nursery rhymes, music, & stories to engage those amazing young minds.



Songs & Stories for Preschoolers

Wednesdays at 10:30am, Ages 3-5

Join this dynamic early literacy program, readying your child to read. Share in the fun with singing, clapping, reading, and dancing while connecting with other young families in our community.

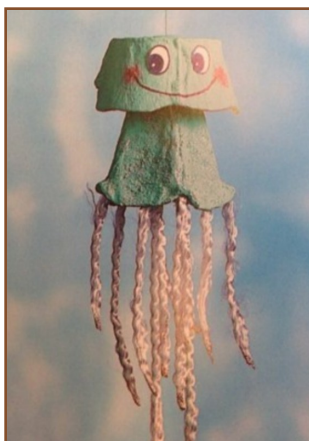


Drop-in Crafts

Color Our World with a new drop-in craft each month at the library. Crafts are self-directed with different skill levels in mind.

The crafts offered this summer:

Hangable
Mosaic
Art
Upcycled
Jellyfish



Roleplaying Games, Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4pm

NO program June 24, July 1, & Aug 5.

Enter the world of Dungeons & Dragons! Register online on the library's calendar. For more information email Emily at emilys@northvalleylibrary.org.



Open World Fridays, Ages 12-18

Fridays at 4pm,
No program June 27, July 4,

That Friday Thing
with an all-access



pass to 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.

SCIENCE Squad

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

June 25 Only July 2, 9, 23 & 30 Aug 6, 13 & 27



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Kaleidoscope Art

