

LIBRARY NEWS

2020 CENSUS: Mid-March Census Data Impact Montana

Montana will receive about \$20,000 in federal funding for every person who fills out the 2020 Census. Data are used to allocate federal funding for programs critical to Montana's many rural communities, such as highway planning and construction, waste and disposal systems, rural electrification loans, and much more. An accurate population count could mean an **extra seat for Montana** in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Ninety-five percent of us will receive the Census forms in our mailboxes. **March 12-20**: an online invitation to respond. **March 16-24**: a reminder.

Any questions on the how-to of the Census? The library is here to help! We are happy to help you fill out your paper copy or complete an online copy on our free computers. It takes just 10 minutes to answer 9 simple, yet important, questions!

Population data can be used to determine the size of new schools, and libraries! Census data are used by organizations to obtain grant funding for key programs that help all **Montanans** live better lives.

Holiday Closure:
Feb 17
President's Day

It's a girl!

Youth Services Specialist **Annika Riley** is having her second daughter soon. How soon? We are not exactly sure. Annika's due date is the end of February, but sometimes babies decide to arrive early.

Annika is scheduling programs for the entire month of February. However, if her daughter is anxious to join her sister, then most programs will have to be CANCELLED because we have limited volunteer substitutes to take over. So be sure to get on Annika's email list (annikar@northvalleylibrary.org) for the latest updates.

Thank you for your understanding and please stop by to congratulate Annika on the new arrival.

We are happy that Annika is returning after her maternity, but she is returning in a part-time capacity.

Annika's programs after her maternity leave include:

Mother Goose Sings & Swings for toddlers on Mondays at 10:30am

Story Time & More for preschoolers on Wednesdays at 10:30am

Science for ages 5 & up on Wednesdays at 4:00pm

Art Club for ages 5-18 on Thursdays at 4:00pm



Please note that due to renovation there will be no library programs scheduled in March. Please turn the page for more information on the upcoming renovation.

RENOVATION: NEW MAKERSPACE

The room behind the Community Room is getting a much-needed upgrade. It will be transformed from a cold storage room into a useable and energy efficient room called the Makerspace.

Currently the room has no heat, with no insulation in the cement walls, and a drafty window. The soiled ceiling tiles are falling apart. Every time a person walks from the Community Room to the restrooms, heat escapes.

The Makerspace will have framing, insulation, a new ceiling grid, electrical troffers, an upgraded electrical panel, a gone old fan/vent box, a window replacement, HVAC, door replacements, 15 amp USB outlets, fresh paint, and a newly finished floor.

Guess how much of your tax money had to be diverted from library materials and services to fix this room? None! Thanks to the generosity of the North Valley Public Library Foundation, grants from the Jane Heman Foundation, monies from the Stevensville Community Foundation, plus an anonymous donor, the project was completely funded.

This renovation will allow us to conduct hands-on programs in this area. It also makes the building more valuable for resale, when we are ready to purchase another location on Main Street for a new library!

Due to the renovation, which begins in March, we are not holding any programs in the adjoining Community Room. Also, the Community Room will not be available for reservation for March. Be aware that renovation delays are possible.



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

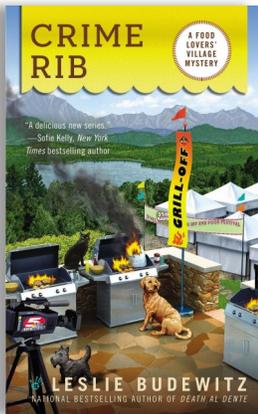
- fostering a welcoming and comfortable setting for all people to gather, explore, and discover;
- promoting literacy and lifelong learning;
- providing exemplary programming, service, and quality, timely materials.

ADULT EVENTS

A Morning with Montana Mystery Author Leslie Budewitz Saturday, Feb 8 at 11 am

Leslie Budewitz blends her passion for food and great mysteries in the *Food Lovers' Village Mysteries*, set in fictional Jewel Bay, Montana, based roughly on Bigfork, and the *Seattle Spice Shop Mysteries*.

Death al Dente won the 2013 Agatha Award for Best First Novel. *Books, Crooks and Counselors: How to Write Accurately About Criminal Law and Courtroom Procedure* won the 2011 Agatha Award for Best Nonfiction, making her the first author to win Agatha Awards for both fiction and nonfiction. The 2015-2016 president of Sisters in Crime, she lives in northwestern Montana.



New York Times bestseller
Laura Childs: "Small town
charm & big time chills."

Leslie will have her books for
sale and she'll be signing.

Show Me Some Love Cardmaking with Amy Grassey Tuesday, Feb 11 at 6 pm

Just in time for Valentine's Day, learn how to create your own work of art to share with your sweetie.

Cardmaking is a perfect opportunity to join us for a craft night--to learn techniques, make cute cards, and laugh with new friends.

In the class you will:

1. Explore the use of watercolor in backgrounds.
2. Use die cuts and stack them for depth.
3. Employ a glossy adhesive to give our card stock a liquid texture.

This is Amy's third year teaching this craft. And Amy will offer two different sentiments to create these colorful notecards.



Cat Castles Saturday, February 29 at 10 am



Calling all cat-loving adults to come build a cardboard castle! Build multi-tiered spires for your feline family members out of cardboard stockpiled from the holidays. We also have boxes left over from our new computers; but you can bring some, too. The larger the better. We'll be using sharp box cutters, super strong tape, and sisal rope. So please bring heavy gloves!!

YOUTH EVENTS



Mother Goose Sings & Swings

Mon., Feb. 3, 10, & 24 at 10:30am

Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and social

interaction. The *Mother Goose on the Loose* program promotes early literacy skills in the very young child.

Appropriate for ages 0-3 and their adult caregivers



Story Time & More

Wed., Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 am

Join us for amazing stories, a craft, and a snack. **Appropriate for preschool and under**



Art Club

Thu., Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 4 pm

Fun, creative art lessons & projects. A great chance to get your creative juices flowing. **Weekly registration required.**

Appropriate for ages 5-18

Please be considerate by showing up on time to all programs!



Kids' Book Review

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Kiley J., age 15, says,

"It is an inspiring story of faith and imagination. It has adventure in it as well. It was ancient Chinese culture and stories in it."

Book Review



***The War I Finally Won* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley**

This is the second book in *The War That Saved My Life* series. Ada and her younger brother, Jamie, now have a permanent home with their loving legal guardian, Susan Smith. Although Jamie adapts more easily, Ada still struggles with the aftermath of her old life, and how to fit into her new life. World War II continues, and forces the small community to come together and rely on one another.



Contact Annika at

annikar@northvalleylibrary.org for more information about the youth programs or to get on the email list.

The Library enriches lives through free resources for learning, fun, and opportunity.

All library programs are free and open to the public.