



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
1:30pm-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, Montana. 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
1:30pm-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
pm-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 1:30pm-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
that are
accompanying
children.

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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!

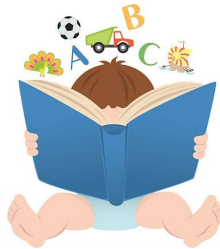
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS

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.



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



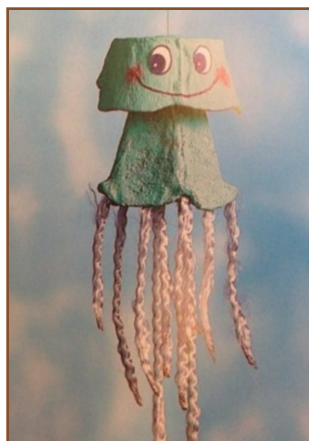
pass to the cool stuff at the library. Choose to do what's available or do something else exciting. Register online through the library calendar. You need not attend all sessions.

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



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

Homemade
Kaleidoscopes &
Kaleidoscope Art





JUNE ADULT PROGRAMS



Computer Skills Level 2 **Thu., June 5 at 6:30pm**

Build on your current computer skills and learn how to make your computer time more efficient, organized, and useful for your particular needs. During this hands-on workshop, we'll practice skills more advanced than the basics, and spend time working on your particular questions or needs.



Suicide Prevention Workshop **With Tamarack Grief Resource Center**

Thu., June 12 at 6pm

As of 2022, Montana has the highest suicide rate in the nation ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)), a rate that has increased by 43.5% since 2020. Learn how to respond to someone considering or at-risk of suicide during this workshop by Tamarack Grief Resource Center. This workshop is appropriate for any adult interested in learning how they can be part of reducing suicide in their community.



Windowsill Birds (adult craft) **Thu., June 19 at 6pm**

Enjoy birds but find a bird feeder is too much of a commitment and the bird bath always seems to go dry? You're not alone. Skip the inner turmoil and join us as we make cute birds out of scrap yarn. They're easier to make than they look, and they're happy to live on your windowsill with no feeding schedule. Materials provided but if you have colorful yarn you'd like to use, feel free to bring it.



Contemporary Native American Fiction

Thu., June 26 at 6:30pm

Get a taste of what may be a new genre for you during this sampler-size introduction to some of the modern themes and writers of Native American fiction.

By the end of this discussion you just might find yourself inspired to pick up one of the several new novels available at the Library, and maybe even discover your new favorite author. Zoom option available.

Monthly Adult Programs



Fiber Arts Club

Thu., June 5 at 12-1:30pm

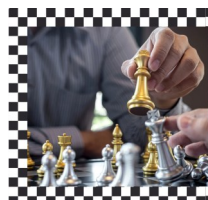
Enjoy the company of like-minded crafters.



Lunchtime Writer's Retreat

Mon., June 30 at 12-2pm

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



Men's Club

Thu., June 26 at 12-2pm

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

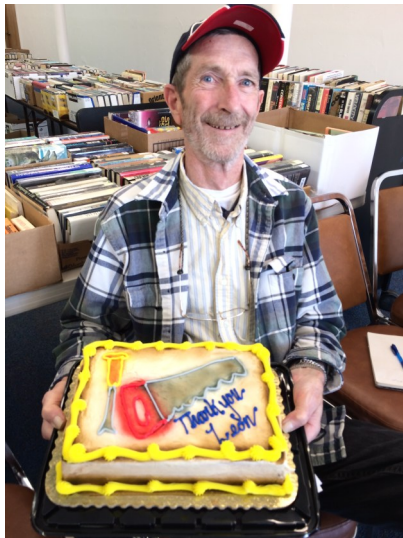
The mission of the North Valley Public Library is to strengthen and support our community by:

- 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

IN MEMORY OF LEON THEROUX October 14, 1947 - April 30, 2025

Leon Theroux, October 14, 1947 - April 30, 2025.



Leon was involved in the North Valley Public Library in one way or another for many years; he was a volunteer, a Trustee, a patron, and a generous donor. Leon helped the library with maintenance and renovation

projects for over 10 years. He turned an abandoned restroom into an office! He helped the IT person wire the building, going into the bowels of the library, crawling in the cellar and roughing the upstairs. Director Denise Ard said, "He always attended board meetings and was interested in how the library worked. He often said, 'There is so much more to libraries than I previously thought.'"

When there was a vacancy on the board, Leon threw his hat in the ring. Why not? He always attended the meetings anyway. He took his role as trustee seriously, reading the material in advance and asked probing questions. He was appointed to the Board of Trustees on January 2018. He ran additional terms, resigning November 2022. Leon made various donations to the library, helping the library get a TV display, easels, contributing to the donor tree, and much, much more! Director Ard said, "Although I only knew him after he retired, he shared with me his forestry background and how he climbed trees for samples. He often had tips on good hiking place. I miss those conversations."

NEW DISPLAY



The library is now offering a display with resources meant to take your Montana life to the next level. Topics will vary by season, so keep an eye out when you come in. This information and resource display is on the shelf above the newspapers at the front of the Library.

This season's display is "Living With Wildfires," and has information applicable to everyone.

Living With Wildfires

First, the bad news. Ravalli County is the most at-risk for wildfires in the state. In fact, Stevensville has a greater likelihood of wildfire than 92% of U.S. communities (wildfirerisk.org).

Ready for the good news? Resources are available on all aspects of living with wildfires, whether you're in town, deep in the woods, or somewhere in-between.

If you're overwhelmed by the thought of tearing out your current landscaping, replacing your roof with a metal one, or moving out altogether to pitch a tent in front of the Forest Service office, do not despair.

There are plenty of small, simple, and affordable ways to protect your health and that of your family and pets, lessen your risk of losing your home to a fire, and how to prepare for emergencies of all kinds.

Ready to begin? Swing by the new Montana Master Class display and take home a *Grab & Go* packet of information on the topics most relevant to you. Odds are, you'll learn something new.

FOUNDATION NEWS

COMING
SOON



Whitetail Golf Course
4295 Wild Fowl Lane
Stevensville, MT

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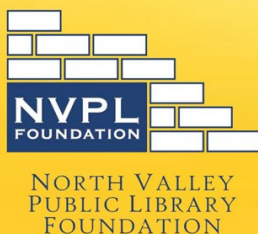
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For full
information, including registering online:
charitygolftoday.com/nvlibrary2025



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THANK YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION

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You are invited **Spring Soiree**
Saturday
May 3, 2025 | 5:30-7:30pm
 St. Mary's Parish Family Center
 333 Charles St. / Stevensville

Featured Montana Authors at the event:

Tickets are available to purchase by cash or check at the North Valley Public Library 208 Main Street Stevensville 406-777-5081 or contact Celeste Statler 208-669-4723 or celeste.statler@gmail.com

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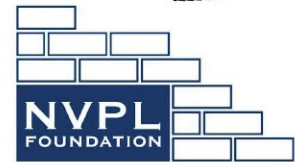
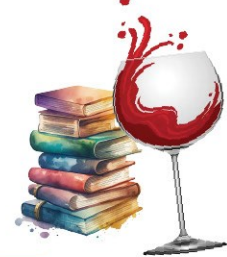
Wildwood Distillery

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WE would also like to thank:

- North Valley Public Library Director and Staff
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- Fred and Celeste Statler
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- All who made monetary donations
- All who donated food

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UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE HOTSPOT PROGRAM

The North Valley Public Library currently has 14 hotspots to checkout.

In 2020 hotspot funding was secured by the Montana State Library in response to Covid and they were funded through federal and state grants.

The State Library is ending support of the program by June 30, 2025 due to the end of funding.

Starting July 1, 2025 the North Valley Public Library will fund two hotspots for circulation from our general budget, which is revenue from property taxed within the boundaries of Stevensville and Lone Rock school districts.

Library policy states hotspots are offered for essential tasks and therefore they are filtered,

blocking many streaming websites.

Due to the limited amount of hotspots, the Library Board of Trustees will review the policy again in June before the reduction takes place. The parameters are structured to allow for the widest sharing amongst unique library district members. Library hotspots are not a substitute for patrons that need full-time internet.

The library has fast, password-free Wi-Fi available inside the building, which reaches outside of the library. The library has nine adult patron computers available to use when the library is open that has access to fiber internet. The library provides headphones. Library staff can make future reservations for patrons that have training and need to use our computers.

