



DECEMBER ADULT PROGRAMS

ART EXHIBIT 2023



Art Exhibit 2023

Friday, Dec 1 from 5-8pm

Enjoy an evening of art and hors d'oeuvres during the 1st annual Art Exhibit 2023. Transforming the community room into a gallery, local adult artists will showcase their work in a variety of mediums. Place your vote for Best in Show,

chat with the artists, and even purchase art or a handcrafted "bookoration" made by the NVPL Foundation. Bookorations are festive trees made out of upcycled books, which make for a beautiful addition to your winter décor or delightful gifts this holiday season.



Fiber Arts Club

Thursday, Dec 7 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 Fiber Arts Club.



Needle Felted

Gingerbread Houses

Thursday, Dec 7 at 6pm

Due to popular demand, we're offering another round of needle felting for beginners. During this adult craft program, you will practice the basics of needle felting as you create a charming gingerbread house. All materials provided. Priority registration for those who live in-district and are on the waitlist for the 11/16 needle felting program.



Eat Your Christmas Tree: How to Cook with Conifers

Thursday, Dec 14 at 6pm

Take your holiday game to a whole new level by learning to cook with spruce, fir, and pine. A newly trendy yet centuries old practice, conifers give enchanting flavor to dishes ranging from soup to sauces, salmon to venison, cookies to cocktails, and more. We will make a simple recipe during the program and participants will go home with plenty of recipes and inspiration.



Make Yourself at Home

Thursday, Dec 28 at 6pm

Refresh and reset your home for the New Year without buying a thing. Learn how to thoughtfully organize and design your home to create a space that feels like your own personal retreat and supports a calmer state of mind. During this program, we'll cover how good design is good for your mind and mood, how to hone in on your unique style, and doable tips to organize your home life.



Holiday Closures:

Dec 23-26

Jan 1

Why is registration important? Some events fill quickly; many events require supplies; other events may be cancelled if minimum registration is not met, so let us know you are coming!

CALLING YOUNG ARTISTS!

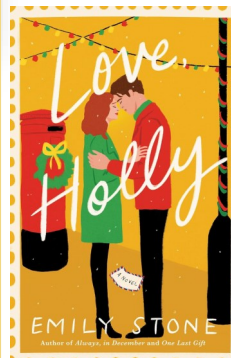
Start creating your masterpiece for the third annual **Winter Wonderland Art Exhibition** - an all kids event, on January 25.

Create a drawing, painting, sculpture, woodworking, or ceramic piece illustrating what you love most about winter, whether it be building snowmen, sipping hot cocoa, skiing, decorating a Christmas tree or whatever else you can dream up. For complete details, visit our website's calendar page & click on January 25. Accepting submission forms now through January 22. Art can be submitted Jan 11-22. Age categories: 0-5, 6-11, & 12-17. Audience choice Best of Show Ribbons to be awarded, one per age category.

Show Time: Thursday, January 25 4-6pm in the NVPL Community Room



Little Italy, and as they walk through the food stalls, a little family-run gelateria catches her eye--could it be the same shop that's in an old photo of her mother's? Curious, Iris returns the next day and meets the handsome Gio, who tells her that the shop is in danger of closing. Iris offers her services and finds herself falling for Gio and his family.



Stone, Emily. *Love Holly*.

Category: Romantic Fiction

A young woman tries to heal a rift in her elderly pen pal's family in time for Christmas, all while falling in love--and maybe even reuniting with her own family--in this dazzling romance.

Ever since a car accident tore her family apart, Holly has been part of a lonely-hearts holiday letter-writing club. Each December, she writes to a stranger who is also spending Christmas alone, and receives a letter from another lonely person in return. This year, the letter Holly receives is different; Holly becomes determined to reunite the letter writer with the estranged grandson.



Need a stocking stuffer or a unique gift? Please consider supporting the Library by purchasing a novelty USB shaped like a book. 8 gigs for \$15

CHRISTMAS READS



Silver, Josie. *Winter in New York*.

Category: Romantic Comedy

When Iris decides to move to New York to restart her life, she realizes she underestimated how big the Big Apple really is--all the nostalgic movies set in New York she'd watched with her mom while eating their special secret-recipe gelato

didn't quite do it justice.

But Bobby, Iris's best friend, isn't about to let her hide away. He drags her to a famous autumn street fair in



Swan, Karen. *Christmas by Candlelight: A Cozy, Escapist Festive Treat of a Novel*.

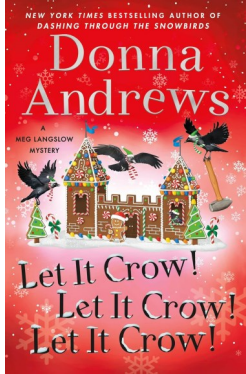
Category: Romantic Comedy

It's three days before Christmas and starting to snow when high-flier Libby and her boyfriend reluctantly attend her university reunion.

Hosted by the heartbreaker of their group – at his grand family estate in Yorkshire, the night is a great success until they go to leave: the road is now blocked with snow.

At first, being snowed in together is fun. But as hours pass, everyone grows restless. Then the power goes out . . . Hunkered down together by candlelight, they reminisce about old times – and tensions soon start to rise. Secrets from the past begin to unravel and Libby is confronted with a truth she has long tried to deny.

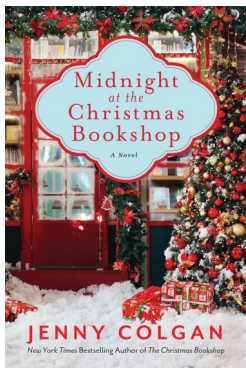
MORE CHRISTMAS READS



Andrews, Donna. *Let It Crow! Let It Crow! Let It Crow!*

Category: Humorous Detective/Mystery. Christmas Cozies.

"'Tis the season for sleuthing in this cheery addition to the Meg Langslow series. Meg has been roped into participating in a filmed blacksmithing competition. She's not thrilled that the filming takes place during December--Christmas is already a crazy time for her. At least she doesn't have to abandon Michael and their twin sons during the filming, since that's taking place on Ragnarsholm, the picturesque estate that her friend Ragnar, the retired heavy metal drummer, is turning into a Goth castle. And if the show's producers were hoping for drama, they're in luck--the blacksmithing world is a small one, and some of the contestants arrived already laden with grudges and feuds. It's a high-stakes, cutthroat competition between people who wield large hammers and make swords and have forges full of fire at their disposal. What could possibly go wrong?"



Colgan, Jenny. *Midnight at the Christmas bookshop.*

Category: Romantic Fiction

Christmas comes early--far too early--to McCredie's little Old Town bookshop in Edinburgh. An American production company has decided that McCredie is the perfect location to film a very cheesy Christmas movie. After all, who can resist the charmingly narrow historic street with its Victorian grey stone buildings and warmly lit shop windows? Carmen, the bookshop's manager, uses the little windfall from filming to create new displays and fend off a buyout offer from an obnoxious millionaire who wants to turn McCredie into a souvenir shop selling kilts made in China and plastic Nessies. Still reeling from a breakup, Carmen's not particularly looking forward to the

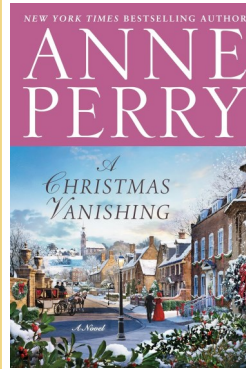
holidays. But just as snow begins to fall and the lights of Christmas blink on, all sorts of lovely new possibilities present themselves...for McCredie's bookstore, and for Carmen herself.



Michaels, Fern. *Santa and Company.*

Category: Romantic Suspense

Longtime friends Amy, Frankie, Rachael and Nina head for a ski lodge vacation. Crisp snow and fresh air by day, cozy fires and delicious food by night...it's perfect until Frankie decides to go snowshoeing alone. When she twists her ankle after losing her phone in the snow, Frankie wonders how she'll be able to summon help--only to be rescued by a recluse who lives nearby. As it turns out, it seems there's no way to avoid their pasts. Mischievous Rachael and her sidekick Amy go to great lengths to patch up old friendships and spread the spirit of the season.



Perry, Anne. *Christmas Vanishing.*

Category: Detective/Mystery

Mariah accepts her longtime friend Sadie's gracious invitation to spend Christmas with her and her husband, Barton, in their picturesque village. But upon arrival, Mariah discovers that Sadie has vanished without a trace, and Barton rudely rescinds the invitation. Once Mariah finds another acquaintance to stay with during the holiday season, she begins investigating Sadie's disappearance. It is up to Mariah to master her own feelings, drown out the noise, and get to the bottom of what occurred, all before Christmas day. With the holiday rapidly approaching, will she succeed in bringing Sadie home in time for them to celebrate it together--or is that too much to hope for?

It's Almost Here! **TURN A NEW PAGE** on Christmas shopping at this **NOVEL** event...

Bookorations

Crafts made from books, along with a curated collection of books for sale.

December 1st
5 to 8pm

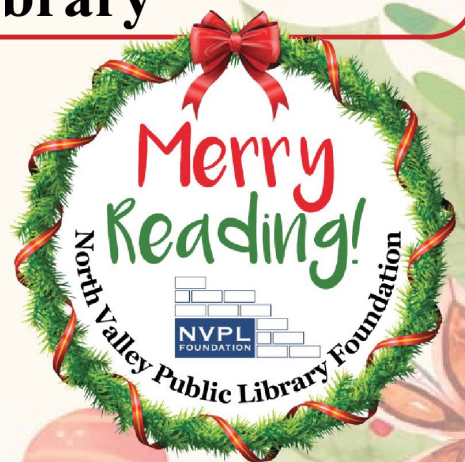
Library Community Room

Held in conjunction with the NVPL Adult Art Exhibit
Presented by the **NVPL Foundation** and
the **Friends of the Library**

A big **THANK YOU** to the community members who attended the **North Valley Public Library's Open House** on

October 25. We

appreciate your attendance and all your great ideas and input about a new library location and building.



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ANNUAL REPORT 2023



The library had **2,704** open hours



3,722 people have a card at our library



35,287 people walked through our doors last year



The collection had **93,648** items



Print materials totaled **23,883**



E-materials totaled **61,989**



11,871 e-materials borrowed



Contributing to a total of **73,644** checkouts



We lent our items to other libraries **13,640** times



5,734 uses of public computers



896 WiFi sessions



And brought in **17,517** items upon patron request



224 total programs offered



2,549 people attended in total



All data contained herein is preliminary and supplied directly by each of the public libraries of Montana through the Public Libraries Survey, administered annually by the Montana State Library (MSL) on behalf of the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

READ

DECEMBER YOUTH & TEEN PROGRAMS

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



Wednesdays at
10:30am

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

Holiday break Dec 27 & Jan 3 resuming Jan 10

Art (Ages 5-10)

SCHEDULE UPDATE

ART FOR KIDS

AGES 5-10

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

December 18 is the last session for 2023, then Art for Kids will go on winter break.

A cartoon illustration of a snowman wearing a blue hat and scarf, holding ski poles, and standing on blue skis. The background has stars and a string of colorful lights.

See details about WINTER WONDERLAND ART SHOW for Kids on page 2.

DIY Drop-in Craft: Book Ornaments

December's drop-in craft theme is *Homemade for the Holidays*. Come in and make your own homemade gift, a mini book ornament. There will be a larger sized craft for small hands as well.



Science (Ages 8-12)

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

Holiday break Dec 20, 27, Jan 3 resuming Jan 10

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4pm

Holiday break Dec 19 & 26.

If you are interested in playing, now is a good time to join as there is finally 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

Holiday break Dec 22 & 29

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.

