

LIBRARY NEWS

Why register for Library events?

So we can bring you remarkable and inspiring programs, there are several reasons to register:

- Due to program licensing agreements, presenter agreements, or fire codes, a maximum number of attendees is allowed for each program. We may not let you in! So please register beforehand.
- We may cancel a program if registration is low and we don't have the minimum number of attendees. Some of our presenters travel far, and we like to let them know ahead of time if a minimum has not been met.
- Give us your phone number when you register. In case of an early weather closure, we will let you know the program is cancelled.
- Some programs require supplies, handouts, or equipment. We need to know how best to prepare, or we may have a limited number of equipment and pieces.
- Some of our programs are classes, and a teacher can only have so many students before the quality of the instruction is compromised.
- All this information allows us to know how to set up the room and how many chairs are needed.

If the program notice asks for registration, please give us a call at 777-5061 or stop by the circulation desk.

First Friday musical events & book sales do not require registration.

BOOK SALE:
THE SEQUEL

Fri., Jan. 31 & Sat., Feb 1

Did you miss our November book sale? Fear not, we are having another sale. Janice Charboneau, as a retired librarian, has evaluated the remaining books and selected the best of the best for this sale. If you think you may have missed some gems, come try your luck again. There will be many can't-miss items.

NO NEW BOOK DONATIONS, PLEASE!

Monetary donations always accepted! :-)



New patron computers

The library is getting new patron computers and monitors thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor to the North Valley Public Library Foundation.

Maybe you noticed that our computers were freezing up, or you may have noticed that one of the children's computers has an "Out of Order" sign on it. The children's computer stopped powering on. We ordered a power supply replacement, but that did not fix it. So we are super happy about the new PCs.

Once the new computers arrive, we will have our trusty IT consultant, Bret Gardner, install them.

Bret will roll them out slowly. Bret will install just two new computers first to test and make sure all the settings are correct before replacing them all.

The current patron computers have been here since 2011 and were purchased through the Montana State Library's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF). The hard drives in the patron computers were replaced in 2017 to extend their lives a few more years.



Announcing new staff member Emily

Emily grew up in Minnesota, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education. Before moving to Montana she spent time working in Oregon running after-school programming at a high school. When she is not traveling, Emily spends her time gardening with her pets, reading, baking bread, and charming snakes!



Soon you will find Emily hosting teen programs on Tuesdays after school and a teen hangout on Fridays.



Kids' Book Review

How the Dinosaurs Got to the Museum by Jessie Harland

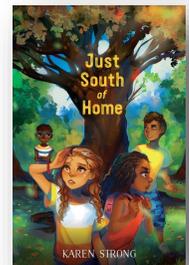
Lila R., age 7

I liked learning all the steps to getting a dinosaur dug up, assembled, and displayed at the museum. I didn't know it involved so many people!

Book Review

Just South of Home by Karen Strong

Twelve-year-old aspiring astrobiologist Sarah Greene digs into a dark history to help heal her family, both those present and from the past. I think this book is everything a middle grade novel should be. A story filled with family, friendship, compassion, and history. I love that the main character is a girl who loves science.



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

Pen, Quill, or Type: Creative Writing 101
Wednesdays Jan 8 through Feb 12 at 6 pm



Everyone has a story. Get inspired this New Year by finishing OR starting your book, memoir, short story, or poem. Beginner level writing course to get you focused and striving. Registration is required so please call the library at 777-5061. Six one-hour sessions beginning Wednesday, January 8 at 6 p.m. Nancy Bevins has taught beginner writing classes at the University of Montana and the Lifelong Learning Center in Missoula.

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A Modern Western writer, Zupan speaks about his critically acclaimed novel *The Ploughmen* Tuesday, January 28 at 7 pm

We are eager to start the new year with a bang, hosting author Kim Zupan for a discussion of *The Ploughmen: A Novel*.

Shrewd storytelling. A persuasive and gifted killer. Two acquaintances. One evil, one perplexed.

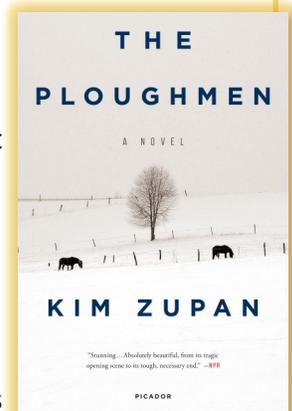
"What happens when a decent man befriends an indecent one? How long can evil remain locked away?" — *New York Times Book Review*.

Academy Award-winning actor and director Ed Harris is working to bring this novel to the screen. Harris has

scouted Montana several times and intends to film in Montana. "The more I spent time with [the novel] the more I liked it because of the characters, and it's a really good story," Ed Harris said of Zupan's novel.

"*The Ploughmen* is an intensely Western novel, though not in the Zane Grey/Louis L'Amour sense of the word. There are no white and black hats, no good guys chasing bad guys on horseback. It's a portrait of the West as a sometimes desolate and cold place, full of possibility, maybe, but also full of danger from every corner. It's a modern West, caught between the romance of the frontier and the mundane, harsh realities of living in the present-day United States.

And it's absolutely beautiful, from its tragic opening scene to its tough, necessary end. Zupan is an unsparing writer, but also a generous, deeply compassionate one, and the relationship between Millimaki and Gload is one of the most troubling, truest ones in recent American fiction. *The Ploughmen* is, finally, a novel about the fine line between fight and surrender — which is sometimes the same line between life and death." — Excerpted from Michael Schaub, NPR.



Kim will share highlights from his new work, now in revisions, titled *Slaughterhorse Road*. There will be time for Q & A after the discussion. A native Montanan, Kim lives in Missoula and grew up in and around Great Falls, where much of his novel *The Ploughmen* is set. For twenty-five years, he made a living as a carpenter while pursuing his writing. He has also worked as a smelter man, pro rodeo bareback rider, ranch hand, Alaska salmon fisherman, and teacher. Zupan holds an MFA from the University of Montana.

Please register in advance.

YOUTH EVENTS



Mother Goose Sings & Swings

Mon., Jan. 6, 13, & 27 at 10:30 am

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



Trivia for Kids

Sat., Jan. 4, 2 pm

Join us at the Library for some trivia fun! Bring your team of two or more and come show off your smarts!

Categories are: Fairy Tales & Children's Books, Food & Drink, and Animals. This program is suitable for ages 10 & up. Sign up your team by calling the Library, 777-5061.



Story Time & More

Wed., Jan. 8, 15, 22, & 29

at 10:30 am Join us for amazing stories, a craft, and a snack.

Appropriate for preschool and under



Science Friday

Jan. 10 at 4 pm

The library hosts a science program one day per month. Come learn about a scientific topic and do an experiment or project. Please sign up early, as space is limited.

Appropriate for ages 5 & up



Art Club

Thu., Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 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!



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.