



APRIL ADULT PROGRAMS



Not-Art Art Journals Thu., Apr 3 at 6pm

What would happen if a scrapbook, playground, arts & crafts drawer, and ideas board collided? You'd end

up with a not-art art journal! During this adult craft we'll break through the barriers of *I'm afraid to ruin it* and *I'm not creative or an artist*, and create a space to play, explore a topic, and get some doodles out. To expand the creative possibilities, we'll also add interactive elements to the notebook, such as built-in envelopes, pull-out accordion books, and more. Supplies provided.



Chinese Classics: Tao Te Ching & I Ching Thu., Apr 10 at 6:30pm

After nearly 3,000 years, the *Tao Te Ching* still resonates today, and if you

enjoy Ursula K. Le Guin, read or watched the *Wheel of Time* series, tried Tai Chi or meditation, among many other examples, you're already familiar with the Tao. We'll also become familiar with the *I Ching*, a classic Chinese text that influenced the *Tao Te Ching* and considered one of the most important books in world literature. If you're interested in ancient texts, philosophy, or would like to recognize the influence (and sometimes misconceptions) of Taosim and the *I Ching* in modern settings, this program aims to give you a foundation in your exploration. Zoom available.



Welcome Spring Bird Feeders Thu., Apr 17 at 6pm

Welcome birds back to your yard with style! You will receive a

sturdy wood bird feeder to paint and decorate, as well as bird food recipes and tips for backyard birding. Bird feeders are designed to make adding/removing food easy and include a metal chain to hang your creation.

- This craft has a **materials fee of \$10**
- **Register in-person** at the front desk
- **Cash payment** due at time of registration



Modern Myths Thu., Apr 24 at 6:30pm

For many of us, myth evokes thoughts of Zeus, Hercules, Thor, and other

larger-than-life characters whose tales were passed down from antiquity. But the world is very different from that of the ancient Romans, Greeks, and the Norse. Did mythology and new heroes, villains, and undying stories cease to develop with the passing of these civilizations? During this program, we will learn to recognize the defining features of a myth and hunt for modern mythology among some of today's most popular movies and literature. Zoom available.

Monthly Adult Programs



Fiber Arts Club

Thu., Apr 3 from 12-1:30pm

Enjoy the company of like-minded crafters during this informal club.



Lunchtime Writer's Retreat

Mon., Apr 28 from 12-2pm

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

NEW MONTHLY PROGRAM!



Men's Club

Thu., Apr 24 from 12-2pm

Gents, this one's just for you. Make connections and conversation over a game of chess or checkers during this informal monthly get-together. All experience levels welcome.

And if you've never played chess, come and learn! Gameboards provided or you may bring your own. Last Thursday of every month from 12-2pm.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Here's what's happening with the NVPL Foundation & Friends of the Library:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 18

MAY 3

BREWS for BOOKS

SAVE THE DATES!

Look what's on tap for the North Valley Public Library (NVPL) This is a fun and BREWtiful way to support the NVPL!

Tuesday, March 18 Backyard Tap House 6:30-8:30pm

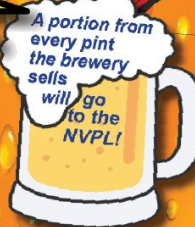
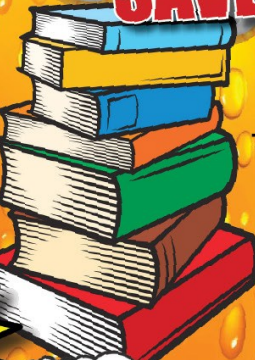
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Wednesday, April 9 Blacksmith Brewing Company 6:00-8:00pm

114 Main Street, Unit A

For more information, contact Julie Eberlein julianne.solberg@gmail.com

April 9



Thank BREW very much!

You are invited Spring Sairée

An evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and discussion with Montana authors to benefit the North Valley Public Library

Saturday, May 3, 2025 5:30-7:30pm

\$25/person

St. Mary's Parish Family Center 333 Charlos St. / Stevensville

Tickets will go on sale beginning March 3 at the North Valley Public Library

208 Main Street / Stevensville / 406-777-5061

or contact Celeste Statler

269-569-4723 or celeste.statler@gmail.com



BIRDIES for BOOKS

Annual NVPL FOUNDATION Golf Scramble

SATURDAY, August 16

Whitetail Golf Course 4295 Wild Fowl Lane, Stevensville

All proceeds to benefit the North Valley Public Library

Contact: Emily Schwartz 509-844-6742 Emilygschwartz@outlook.com

Full information will be forthcoming.

AUGUST 16



NORTH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Friends of the NORTH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

208 Main Street / Stevensville, MT 59870

PARTNER EVENT AT VICTOR FIRE HALL

Fire In The Root Council & Ravalli County Public Health present...

Wildfire and Smoke Preparedness Workshop for Home & Property

**With MSU Forestry Specialist
Dr. Peter Kolb**

April 5th • Victor Fire Hall • 10AM-3PM

- Treat home & forest fuels
- Mitigate smoke health risks
- Lower your home's wildfire risk
- Learn about Ravalli County evacuations & burn permits

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and reserve a
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January 24, 2025

Board of Trustees
North Valley Public Library
208 Main Street
Stevensville, MT 59870

Dear North Valley Public Library Board of Trustees:

Congratulations on successfully meeting the essential Public Library Standards and on going above and beyond to provide excellent library services to your community. The Montana State Library's Elective Roadmap to Library Excellence highlights possibilities for enhanced outcomes in the areas of staff and board development, access to library materials, public programs, community awareness, funding and administration, and planning and evaluation. In this past year's Public Library Standards report, your library shared its success in meeting one or more of these outcomes. Specifically, your library excelled in the areas of staff development and public services by supporting highly qualified leadership and by scheduling paid staff during all working hours.

Your commitment to excellence enriches the wider Montana library community by providing a relatable and achievable example for other Montana libraries to follow as they strive for excellence in library services. More importantly, your library's commitment to excellence demonstrates your commitment to your friends and neighbors and your investment to make sure that your community thrives.

Thank you for your leadership and for supporting your library in achieving these outstanding outcomes.

Sincerely,

YOUNG HORSE LOVERS

Books to read & horses to play with

The library has new Breyer horse kits to check out thanks to the Rapp Family Foundation and the North Valley Public Library Foundation.

MISTY & STORMY HORSE AND BOOK SET

Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry is a fiction book of interest to ages 8-12, or grades 3-5. Lexile Level 750, Reading Level 5.79. Set includes the book and the horses Misty and Stormy.

Misty of Chincoteague is a Newbery Honor Book set on an island off the coasts of Virginia and Maryland where a band of wild ponies has lived for centuries. A rarely seen mare that eludes all efforts to capture her lives among the ponies. Called Phantom, she is captured in a frenzied roundup; however, she would forever be a creature of the wild. But her gentle, loyal colt Misty is another story altogether.

There are three books in the series: *Misty of Chincoteague*; *Stormy, Misty's Foal*; and *Misty's Twilight*.

Sea Star: Orphan of Chincoteague is not part of the Misty series but set in the same setting.

SNOWMAN HORSE AND BOOK SET

Snowman: The True Story of a Champion is written by Catherine Hapka (adapted from the book by Rutherford Montgomery) for ages 8-12. Lexile Level 910, Reading level 5.9. Set includes the book and horse.

A twist of fate brings a man and horse together in this remarkable true story. Snowman, an Amish plow horse, was bound for the meat market when Harry deLeyer, a Long Island riding instructor, spotted him at auction. After making eye contact with the gentle giant, deLeyer decided to purchase him for \$80.

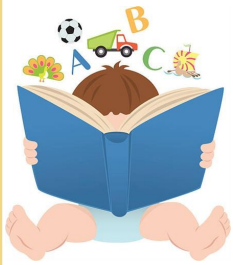
At first, Snowman was just a horse that children rode during lessons, but when deLeyer sold him to a neighbor, the horse had other ideas. He would jump the high fences so he could return "home." Harry then began training Snowman as a show jumper. Less than two years out of the plow fields, Snowman won the 1958 horse show jumping Triple Crown: The American Horse Shows Association Horse of the Year, Professional Horseman's Association Champion, and Champion of Madison Square Garden's Diamond Jubilee.

Snowman was inducted into the Show Jumping Hall of Fame in 1992. A documentary film on Snowman can be found in our DVD section.



APRIL 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.

Art for Kids Ages 5-10 on SATURDAYS

Saturdays!
April 5 & 19 at
10:30am

Paint, make cards, or create mobiles with Lone Rock

Kindergarten teacher Crystal Grant.



Science (Ages 8-12) on April 2, 9, 23 & 30

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



Roleplaying Games for Teens

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4pm
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 for Teens

Ages 12-18
Fridays at 4pm

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 Craft



Lots to Love About Libraries

April includes National Library Week & our annual Love Your Library activities, so we're celebrating all

things library! Make a special library card holder at the craft station, and enjoy everything your library card makes possible.