

Library Foundation Seeks Board Members

Are you a fan of the local library? Do you want to get involved in your community? Do you want to join fun, like-minded people in support of a worthy cause? Then the North Valley Public Library Foundation in Stevensville would love to hear from you.

The nonprofit NVPL Foundation is seeking new members to join its board. Duties include attending the board meeting once each month (now being held online via Zoom) and working together with the local community to raise funds that support many aspects of the library.

Among NVPL Foundation events are: the Birdies for Books golf tournament each summer, Business Battle for Books fall fundraiser, and Pint Nights at local breweries where a portion of the proceeds benefit the library.

The Foundation board also works in conjunction with the library's elected Board of Trustees to help ensure that the library has the resources to benefit the community as much as possible.

There are no residency requirements to serve on the NVPL Foundation board, but members must be able to attend board meetings at the Stevensville library when in-person gatherings resume later this year. For more information, contact Amy Horlacher at amybhorracher@gmail.com or (480) 332-8737.

Introducing Jason Blodgett



Jason Blodgett is our new Network System Administrator. He is mostly behind the scenes making sure our servers, internet, and software run smoothly so we can provide you with library service.

Jason grew up in the Bitterroot Valley and attended the University of Montana College of Technology where he received his Associates Degree in Business Administration. After graduation he moved to Washington to work for his father in the mortgage industry. There he worked on and developed his interest in IT System Administration. In 2019, Jason was called back to Montana. In his spare time, he loves working on computers, gaming, playing guitar, and serving at his church.

**Holiday Closure:
Monday, Feb 15
President's Day**

Laptops to check out!



Starting in February patrons with a North Valley Library card can **check out a HP Pro laptop** for one week, thanks to a grant from the Montana State Library.

The laptops have Microsoft Office 2019

installed, so you can use them to type a resume, write a paper, work on a budget in Excel, or create a flyer in Publisher.

The laptops also have microphones and cameras so if you need to use Zoom or Skype, you can do that as well.

They also have a program called Deep Freeze on them just like our library computers. This program will wipe all of your information from the device once it restarts. So be sure to save any important work!

You will have to save your work to a removable drive such as a flash drive. While you are working, you can use a temporary storage space called "Thaw Space" located on the desktop. Anything saved here will not be automatically cleared by Deep Freeze, so you will have to save it to your USB before returning the laptop and delete those files manually.

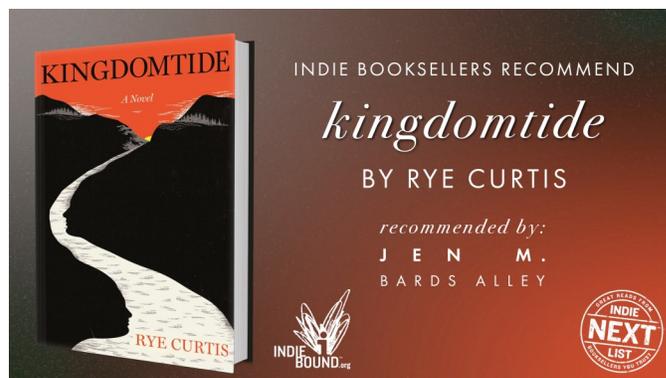
Don't have the internet? No problem. We have mobile hotspots you can also check out for a week to get on the internet from the laptop.

Other devices for checkout include: Amazon Fire for Kids, Apple iPads, Netbooks with loaded with Chrome OS, and a telescope. You are allowed to check out 3 pieces of equipment per household.

You can purchase an 8 gig novelty "book" USB drive for \$15 and support the library at the same time as purchasing removable storage.



New Books!



Kingdomtide by Rye Curtis

The lives of two women -- the sole survivor of an airplane crash and the troubled park ranger leading the rescue mission -- collide in this "gripping (Vogue)," "heart-pounding (NPR)," and "highly original (LA Times)" novel of tough-minded resilience.

The sole survivor of a plane crash, seventy-two-year-old Cloris Waldrip is lost and alone in the unforgiving wilderness of Montana's rugged **Bitterroot Range**, exposed to the elements with no tools beyond her wits and ingenuity. Intertwined with her story is Debra Lewis, a park ranger struggling with addiction and a recent divorce who is galvanized by her new mission to find and rescue Cloris.

As Cloris wanders mountain forests and valleys, subsisting on whatever she can scavenge, her hold on life ever more precarious, Ranger Lewis and her motley group of oddball rescuers follow the trail of clues she's left behind. Days stretch into weeks, and hope begins to fade. But with nearly everyone else giving up, Ranger Lewis stays true until the end.

Dramatic and morally complex, Kingdomtide is a story of the decency and surprising resilience of ordinary people faced with extraordinary circumstances. In powerful, exquisite prose, debut novelist Rye Curtis delivers an inspiring account of two unforgettable characters whose heroism reminds us that survival is only the beginning.

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

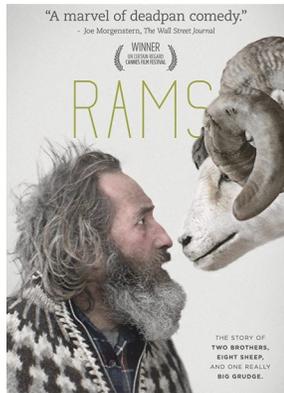
- fostering a welcoming and comfortable setting for all people to gather, explore, and discover;
- promoting literacy and lifelong learning;
- providing exemplary programming, service, and quality, timely materials.

ONLINE Adult Programs at Partner Institutions

Zoom Film Discussion Group courtesy of Bitterroot Public Library

Bitterroot Public Library's Community Librarian, Daniel Ray is hosting a film discussions by **Zoom the last Tuesday of each month from 7pm-8pm**. To join the movie discussion, register for the discussion date on the Bitterroot library's events calendar or call the Bitterroot library.

Please note: This series provides the opportunity to explore diverse and complex films. Due to adult content and mature themes, viewer and participant discretion is advised.



February 23: Rams: Hrútar
"In a secluded valley in Iceland, Gummi and Kiddi live side by side, tending to their sheep. They have not spoken to each other in four decades. When a lethal disease suddenly infects Kiddi's sheep, the entire valley comes under threat...each brother tries

to stave off the disaster in his own fashion."

Register on the Bitterroot Public Library's website to receive the Zoom link by email.

<https://bitterroot.librarycalendar.com/events/film-discussion-group-rams>

Humanities Montana & Butte Zoom Program

Veteran's Experience and Military Culture

Friday, Feb 5 at 12 pm

Elizabeth Barrs, an Army combat veteran and instructor of Veterans Studies, explores the real experiences of the American veteran in combat and in peacetime. She discusses military life as well as the historical and current military culture that helps to shape how veterans relate to society. The discussion also explores the experiences of military families and the contemporary challenges and triumphs of veterans as well as what our society is doing to address those challenges.

Hosted by Butte-Silver Bow Public Library. Email programming.bsbpl@gmail.com to receive the Zoom invite.

Humanities Montana & Bozeman Public Library present

Songs of the Dawn Priests: A History of the Crow People Tuesday, Feb 23 at 7pm

Join Bozeman Public Library for this online presentation about the history of the Crow people. Franco Littlelight shares this history through storytelling, song, poetry, music, and images. Register on the Bozeman Public Library's website:

<https://www.bozemanlibrary.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/20410/2268?curm=2&cury=2021>.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89941508437>

A Conversation with Dr. Anthony Fauci 2021 Mansfield Lecture

Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 12 pm.

Register to get the Zoom link: umt.edu/mansfield/events/mansfield-lectures/default.php

In **A Conversation with Dr. Anthony Fauci** and public Q & A, Dr. Fauci will address such questions as: Where are we with Covid-19? How transformational is a vaccine and what challenges are there for distributing vaccines in the U.S. and around the world? When will we "get back to normal," and what will "normal" be like in the coming months and years? As we look to the future, what are the main lessons we should learn from this pandemic?

Following the discussion, Associate Director for Science Management for Rocky Mountain Laboratories Dr. Marshall Bloom, will discuss the unique resource we have in Montana at the Rocky Mountain Labs and how the Labs play a key role in our nation's health by addressing infectious disease threats.

The conversation will be moderated by Dr. Robert Saldin, Director of the Mansfield Ethics and Public Affairs Program.



TEENS FEBRUARY NEWS

Crafty Fridays!



Ages 12-18

Fridays at 4 pm

In-person

Each week, come for a low-key craft and chill time at the library. Do the craft, your homework, or just read, it's up to you. Physical distancing will be observed and masks are required.

Registration is strongly suggested. Space is limited.

Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/

Role Playing Games in-person/online!

Ages 13-18

Tuesdays at 4 pm

Enter the world of *Dungeons & Dragons!* Create your own character and join the campaign. This program will be held both in-person (masks required) or online via Zoom.

You choose. No experience necessary.

Registration is required.

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Where are the Graphic Novels?



Things are moving around at the library! Young Adult graphic novels are now located at the end of the Young Adult Fiction area. The library has the whole series of some of the most popular novels. Plus, new ones are arriving to the library. Check out Natsuki Takaya's *Liselotte & Witch's Forest*. Takaya wrote the popular *Fruits Basket* manga. It's sure to wow!

YOUTH FEBRUARY NEWS

Book Bundles for Kids & Teens

Need help deciding what to read next? Have a youth specialist at the Library custom-curate a selection of items for you! Get a pile of books from our collection that we think you'll love. Let us know your favorite types of books and our experts will create a bundle just for you. Teen and youth bundles include up to 5 items. Book Bundles are ready within two to three days. We will notify you when they are ready for pickup at North Valley Public Library. Fill out a Book Bundle registration form on our website located under the 'My Library Services' drop-down menu.

ONLINE: Mother Goose & Story Time

Mother Goose Sings and Swings for 0-3 years of age is online Monday, February 1, 8, & 22 at 10:30am. Tune into the Library's Facebook Live for interactive songs, rhymes, and a story.

Story Time Facebook Live! Wednesdays at 10:30. Stories, a quick early literacy activity, and a link to a creative craft. These live programs are geared for preschool and under.

Zoom Art Club for Kids!

What: Fun art projects together on Zoom! For ages 5-11. *You can watch lessons live or recorded.*

When: Thursday, February 18 at 4 pm

Where: Zoom—after you've registered, check your email for the Zoom meeting link that we'll use for each meeting.

How: [Register for this program on our website](#) and pick up your materials at the Library the week of.

Maker Kits

Ages 2-18

Maker Kits are back for the New Year starting January 25! Have fun creating with your bi-monthly maker kit from North Valley Public Library! Register every other week for a different science experiment, art/craft project, or a maker activity. Pick up your kits on Mondays or Tuesdays during the Library's open hours. *Please register for each week you wish to receive a kit on the [Library's website](#).*

Register by going to our website: northvalleylibrary.org.

Click on CALENDAR. Registration is available at the bottom of each event description on the website.