



OCTOBER ADULT PROGRAMS



Learn to Knit with a Squirrel Washcloth

Thu, Oct 2 at 6pm

Get your first taste of knitting by making this easy squirrel washcloth. As simple as it is, a knitted cotton washcloth is the best for washing up and wiping off, especially when you made it yourself. Plus, you can do up a few and give them as gifts. Materials provided.



Puzzle, Game & Craft Swap

Thu, Oct 9 at 6:30pm

Back by popular demand! Stock up on pastimes for the cozy season. Swap the puzzles you've finished, games long conquered, and craft supplies you'll never use for a fresh batch. Suggested items include jigsaw puzzles, puzzle books, board and card games, knitting/crochet needles, yarn, coloring books, etc. Puzzles and games must include all pieces, and books no more than lightly used. Please arrive at 6:30pm. Feel free to take-only, you do not need to bring an item to take an item.



Hobbit-Door Wreath

Thu, Oct 16 at 6pm

"No admittance except on party business," according to Bilbo Baggins.

Let all who land on your stoop know that you agree with Bilbo with this Baggins-inspired wreath. Or if you're a bit more hospitable and just enjoy the hobbit-hole look of this creation, we'll consider that craft-party business and hope you'll come too.



It's Still Alive! Mary Shelley's Undying Frankenstein

Thu, Oct 23 at 6:30pm

It's peak season for sightings of Dr. Frankenstein's creature. Tonight, we'll join Mary Shelley's progeny on his haunt through the imaginations of readers and audiences from 1818 to the present. If you've ever been curious about one of literature's most impactful novels or know it well and want to gain deeper insight into some of the

many (and still multiplying) interpretations of this imperfect and yet infectious story, this program is for you.



Bat Week Special! Let's Talk About Montana's Pollinators (watch party)

Tue, Oct 28 at 6:30pm

The United States is home to countless pollinators, ranging from birds and bats to butterflies and bees. In Montana, we have a multitude of pollinators, which can be found throughout our diverse ecosystems and landscapes. These important pollinators provide essential pollination services to agriculture, home gardens, and native plant biodiversity.

This presentation will be focused on learning about the diversity of Montana's pollinators and understanding pollinator habitat needs, how you can integrate them into your yards and gardens, and how to keep pollinators safe from pesticides through responsible landscaping practices. Zoom option available.

Monthly Adult Programs

Fiber Arts Club

Thu, Oct 2 at 12-1:30pm

Enjoy the company of like-minded crafters.



lunchtime writing retreat

Lunchtime Writer's Retreat

Mon, Oct 27 at 12-2pm

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

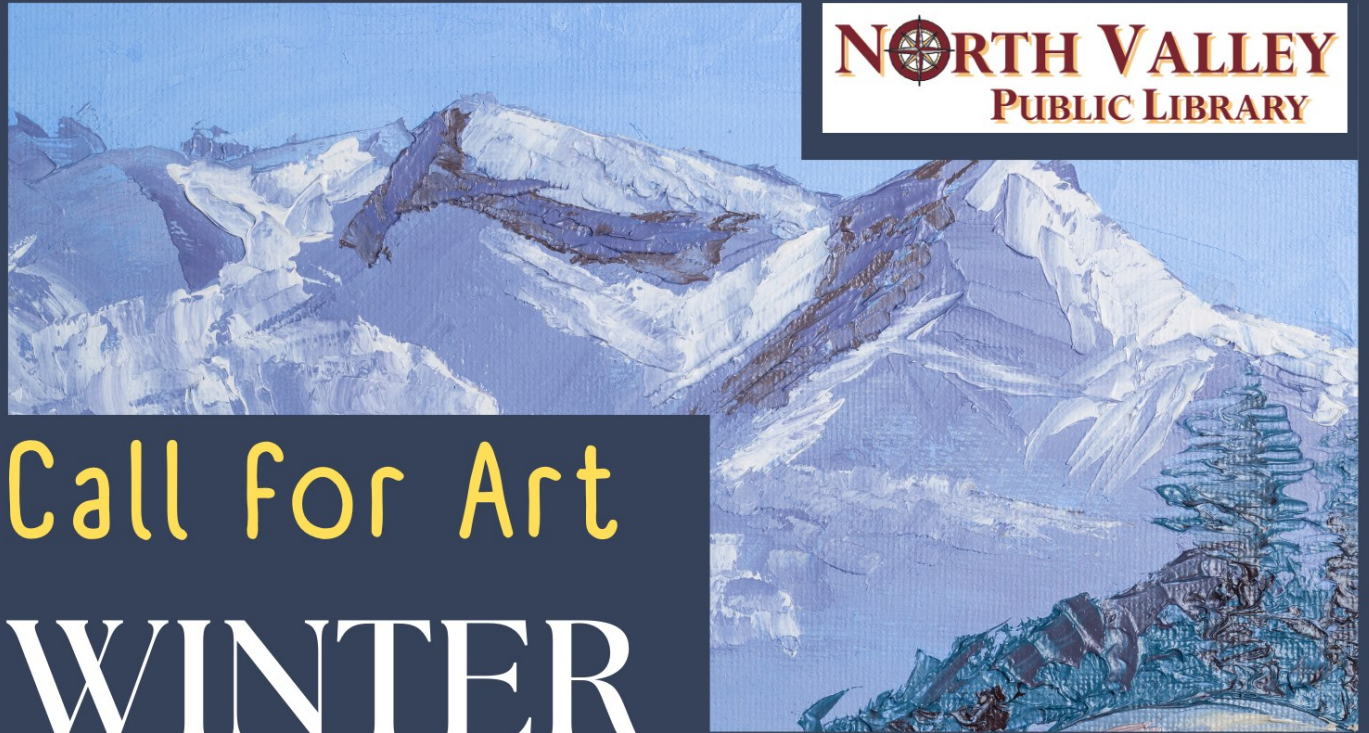
Men's Club

Thu, Oct 30 at 2pm

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



Plenty of gents have arrived but keep missing each other. We hope a later time might help; new time at 2pm!



Call for Art

WINTER

ART EXHIBIT

Dec 5
5-8pm

4th annual showcase for local amateur artists

Artists ages 18+ are invited to submit up to 5 pieces of art for exhibition in the following mediums:

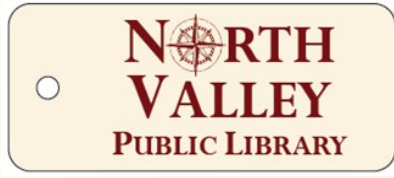
- Ceramics, sculpture
- Painting, drawing
- Mixed Media
- Fiber arts
- Photography
- Woodworking

Submission form at tinyurl.com/2025NVPLART



SAVE MONEY WITH A LIBRARY CARD

"The most valuable card in your wallet is your library card," a sentiment



popularized by former First Lady Laura Bush, a librarian by profession. Unlike other cards in your wallet; your library card saves you money!

Here are some great ways to pinch a penny at the library.

1. Digital audiobooks & digital books

Save: Perhaps you don't need your subscription services when the library has so many things to listen to and read. And we get it, sometimes we don't have exactly what you want at the exact moment you want, but what a great time to discover new things!

How: Overdrive Libby (i.e. MontanaLibrary2Go) has thousands of audiobooks just waiting for you.

2. Browse a magazine

Save: Maybe it's time to ditch those costly subscriptions.

How: The library has a few of your favorites available at the Library and allows you to check out back issues of magazines. In addition, Overdrive/Libby/MontanaLibrary2Go has magazines available to read online—at home or in the library—for free!

3. Play a new game

Save: Do you need a new game for your upcoming family get together? Why buy it if you're not sure you'll like it or if it will just gather dust in your garage after use?

How: You can check out all sort of games and activities (and much, much more) through our Library of Things collection, which contains a myriad of nontraditional library items such as a

blood pressure tool kit, birding kit, portable CD player & radio, leather hole puncher, and much more.

4. Connect, relax, have fun

Save: Attend our free programs open to the public!

How: The library offers fun workshops, events and monthly craft program for adults, weekly story times for kids, and teen game night and weekly Friday get-together called Open World Friday.

5. Read!

Save: Don't get us wrong, we love bookstores! And books do make great presents. But our reading hearts are bigger than our pocketbook.

How: Peruse our [catalog](#) for all the things available to you.

6. Watch a movie



Save: Okay. We can't pretend we have all those super-popular shows currently streaming. But you might be shocked to find just how much we do have!

How: Stream movies (plus TV shows, documentaries, instructional videos, and more) through [Kanopy](#), and we still have a large physical DVD collection in the library. In addition, you can request even more physical DVDs through the Partners Sharing Group by putting DVDs on hold.

FOUNDATION NEWS



North Valley Public Library Community Room

Donations may be dropped off at the Library
October 1 & 2, 3-8pm.

Purchase books for \$2.00/inch or buy our
book tote for \$15.00 and fill it up!

PLEASE: No magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, or VHS tapes.

The
BIG Book Sale
is coming up!

Shop for your
autumn and
winter reading!

Too many books?
Be sure to donate!

Many genres!
Many bargains!

Happy Shopping!
Happy Reading!



Coming in December (details soon):
BOOKORATIONS - December 5

NVPL Foundation & Friends of the Library

NEWS



Have you ever noticed the elephant relief in the children's room and wondered where it came from? The framed clay relief was created by Loree and Mark West of Stevensville. Baby E, as the piece is known, was on display at the Constanza Gallery in Hamilton prior to being gifted to the North Valley Public Library in 2012.



Help is three numbers away.

211

NON-EMERGENCIES

Food
Housing
Utility Assistance
Healthcare Services
Transportation
Legal Services
Counseling

988

SUICIDE AND CRISIS

Thoughts of Suicide
Mental Health Crisis
Substance Abuse Crisis
Emotional Distress
Veteran Crisis

911

EMERGENCIES

Medical
Fire
Abduction
Crime
Domestic Violence
Impaired Driving
Suspicious Activities

Also available to review online at
<https://montana211.org/>

New 988 Lifeline for Montanans in a Mental Health Crisis

To any Montanan who might be struggling, know that you are not alone, and you can find folks ready to help by dialing 988. -

Governor Gianforte



Help is three numbers away. This summer, Montana joined the National 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline network of call centers established to help people in a mental health or suicidal crisis.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides "judgement-free support to anyone facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, problems with substance use, or just feelings of loneliness." Call or text 988 at any time, any day, and you will be connected to a trained counselor in one of Montana's three call centers.

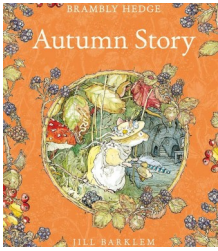
In the three years before the official launch of 988, crisis call centers in Montana received about 10,000 calls annually and over 90% of those calls were answered locally instead of rolling over to the national network backup system.

Having your call answered by another Montanan "is important because these individuals are very familiar with the local community mental health resources," explains Matt Kuntz with the National Alliance on Mental Illness-MT, "and when an individual, friend, or family member places that important call to the Lifeline, time is of the essence."

If you're feeling desperate, need help with mental health now, or considering suicide, do not hesitate to call or text 988. With suicide as the leading cause of death in Montana, please share this life-saving resource with everyone you know. Postcards and materials to share are available at the Library.

OCTOBER YOUTH PROGRAMS

Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers



Baby & Me Storytime

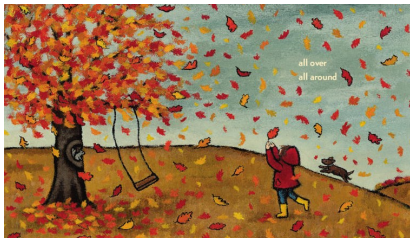
Wednesdays at 10am, Ages 0-2

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

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,
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. **NO PROGRAM OCT 31**

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



No Science Squad on Oct 1 & 15

Drop-in Crafts

This month we're celebrating "Montana's Night Life" and the nocturnal creatures, night sky, and wonders of the dark that make after-hours so exciting. Make a bat craft and enjoy swooping through October.



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.