

FREE ONLINE CLASSES FOR LIMITED TIME THROUGH LIBBY

Thanks to ARPA funding, for a limited time only, the Montana State Library is excited to offer free online classes from *Great Courses*, *Universal Class* and *Method Learning* through the Libby app.

1.) *Method Learning* offers ACT® and SAT® test prep.

Welcome to Methodize

Methodize is Method Learning's brand new online learning platform. Methodize consists of newly updated and revised ACT and SAT courses. Our online program has served over a million students in the past two decades and Methodize distills that experience into a new platform that makes it easier for students and teachers to do test prep.

Select a course to get started. You can also select the star to set your primary course. Setting your primary course will take you to that course each time you login.

☆ ACT

☆ SAT



2.) *Universal class*® offers more than 500 self-paced

classes covering a huge amount of topics. Find

accounting, crafts &

hobbies,

homeschooling,

medical billing, pet

and animal care, real

estate and much

more! Passes are 30

days at a time. If you

want to view the

course catalog before

checking out a pass go

to universalclass.com/catalog/index.htm.

The dog training all-in-one course

bundle would usually cost you \$95 but you can access

it for free with your library card. The class on

Butterfly Gardens looks good to me!

3.) *Great Courses Library Collection*® is a streaming

lecture series taught by world-renowned college

professors. Choose from 250 courses covering

subjects such as history, economics, health, art,

science, mathematics, philosophy, literature, travel,

business, and personal development. Learn about our

night sky, how to play chess, take an intro class on



Dog Training All-In-One Course Bundle

This course will train you above and beyond the basics of sit, come and stay, to show you dog training that includes understanding your dog in dog terms.

genealogy, and discover *Garden Science: Weeding Out the Myths*. Each lecture is about 30 minutes and there may be up to 24 lectures or more for each course. Passes are 7-day at a time. Lectures are filmed in studio and in the field.

So now that you are ready to try something new,

where do you access these interesting courses?

Libby is a free app that is available on various devices:

If you have an apple **iPhone or iPad**, download Libby from the Apple store.

If you have an **android phone or tablet**, go to Google Play to download.

You can use **Libby on your Windows or Mac computer** by visit libbyapp.com.

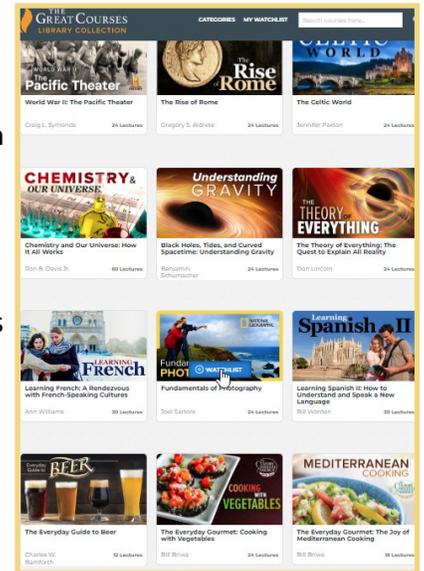
In each case, after you have found or downloaded the app, find your Library, and log in using your library card number.

Scroll down from the home screen to EXTRAS.

Choose *Method Learning*, *Great Courses*, or *Universal Class* by clicking on your selection and then hit "GET" and "OPEN" to scroll through and access classes.

Free classes via the Libby app end 2023.

The Libby app also gives access to thousands of free audiobooks, ebooks and digital magazines.



Grants received

North Valley Public Library in Stevensville is a district library, which means most of its funding comes from the townspeople in the Stevensville and Lone Rock school districts. In this environment, grants, big and small, are a great boon for the library.

Four grants and donations have been received so far this year:

- The Bitterrodders Car Club donated \$750 toward the purchase of a new furnace. Our furnace gave out suddenly in the middle of winter so had to be replaced immediately.
- Board member Leon Theroux donated a ladder to the library so we could get into the cellar.
- The Lions Club of Hamilton donated \$200, which has been used to increase our collection of large-print books.
- Our hardworking volunteer NVPL Foundation supplemented a Rapp Family Foundation grant, which was received in late 2021, to purchase three new shelving units and a standing desk for an online card catalog in the stacks. We just received and set up these items. Not only do the new shelves improve the look of our “New Release” area, but the older shelves have been re



purposed to provide more space in our Teen area and a topical display in the Adult section. Many patrons have already taken note. A sampling of feedback received thus far: “Wow!” “Those new shelves look fantastic! They really make the library look great!”

Many thanks to the Bitterrodders Car Club, Leon Theroux, The Lions Club of Hamilton, the Rapp Family Foundation and our NVPL Foundation members for their on-going support of the North Valley Public Library.

Good Luck to Melanie Carroll

Good luck to Melanie who has accepted a position as one of the system administrators of Montana State Library’s shared catalog project of which NVPL is a member.

Dear NVPL Community,
I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know this great community over the last year and a half. You have been so welcoming! Unfortunately, I will no longer get to interact with all of you on a daily basis. I have resigned from my position and my last day was on Saturday, March 19. I will still be around the Valley and hope to see you all both inside and outside the library’s walls. Thank you for being amazing and so supportive of your library and its staff!

Sincerely,
Melanie Carroll

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.

About the Montana Shared Catalog

Your North Valley Public Library card connects you to 36 different libraries across Montana.

Founded in 2004, the sharing group, known as the MSC Partners Resource Sharing Group, has taken down the walls between libraries and shares books, DVDs and other resources.

When you use the catalog either through our website or via the Montana Shared Catalog app, you can place a hold on most items available at any library in our partnership. Through a combination of mail and courier service, items are delivered for you to pick up at North Valley Public Library (NVPL). This gives you access to many tens of thousands more items than NVPL could afford if standing alone.

There are three separate sharing groups across the State of Montana, comprising 180 libraries in over 99 communities.

When searching the library catalog, on occasion you will see items from Montana libraries who are not part of our sharing group, which can be confusing. You can limit what you see by applying the filter "Limit to: Partners Group" on the app, or choosing "Partners Sharing Group" in the catalog. You can also limit your search to the library you happen to be in, by choosing that specific library from the same place.

Although we share materials, the Partners sharing group is made of independent libraries, with individual policies, governance and funding. We have come together for the benefit of our patrons so that they can share the abundant resources of our group.

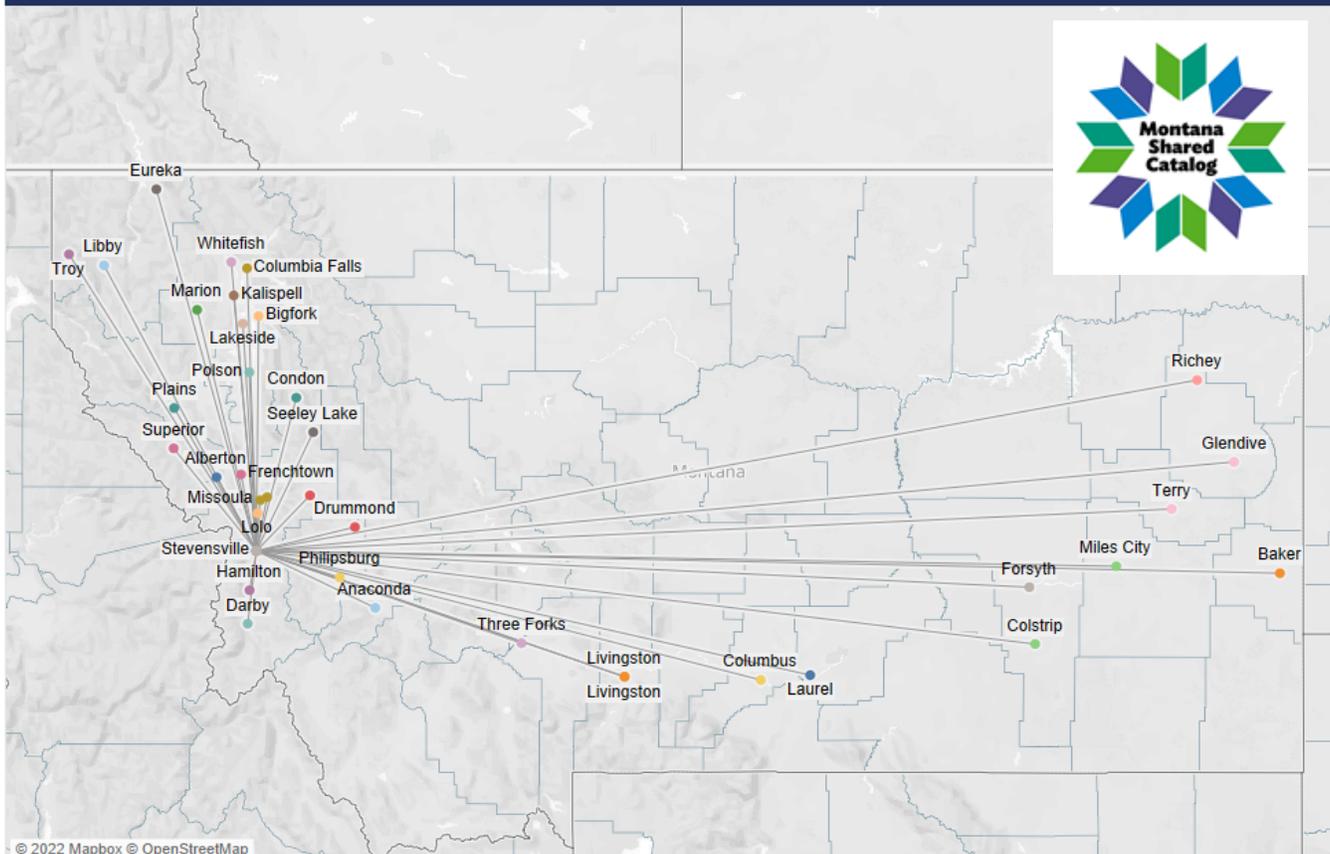
The map below indicates which Libraries share the group with the NVPL.



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Library Material Transit Map



APRIL PROGRAMS

TEEN PROGRAMS

Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4 pm

Are you looking to join a current D&D campaign? This program has limited space available. If interested in joining, email Emily at emilys@northvalleylibrary.org

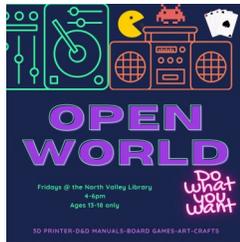


Open World Fridays

Ages 12-18

Fridays at 4–6pm

Make Fridays more exciting, come to the library for an all access pass to all the cool stuff. Choose to 3-D print objects and then paint them, create a craft, explore the *Dungeons & Dragons* handbooks, or make a zine, it's up to you! We will have craft ideas for those who don't want to choose.



CHILDREN PROGRAMS

Mother Goose on the Loose



Ages 0-3, Monday, April 4 and April 10 at 10:30.

Join this award-winning early literacy program. Getting your baby ready to read starts on your lap with rhymes and music! Assist your infant, baby, or toddler by joining in the singing, clapping, ringing, and rattling in this joyful event!

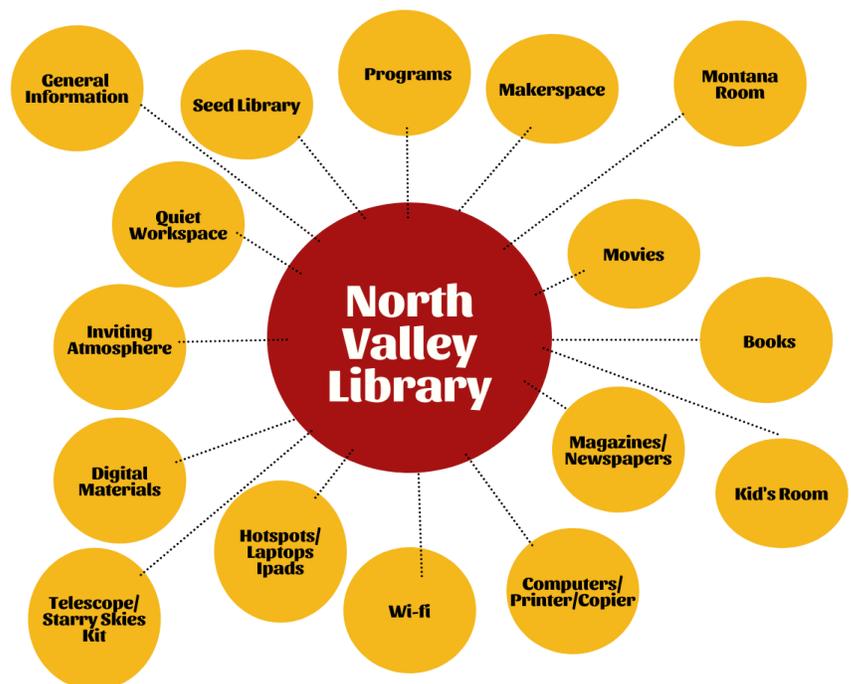
You are the Author

This month come into the library and write a mini-book. We will supply the materials as you author your own book. We will then place the books on display in the New Releases area for all to enjoy!

For those who are not ready for such fame and recognition, you can make a blank book to take home to use as a journal, a nature log, or just for notes.

How do you connect with your library?

Come in during April and let us know!



PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS: northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/