

NORTH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Discovery starts here
December 2025



DECEMBER ADULT PROGRAMS



4th Annual Winter Art Show

Fri, Dec 5 from 5-8pm

With art and "bookorations" for sale, this is an evening we all look forward to. Be sure to come by and help us

celebrate the work of our talented community members during this gallery event of local adult artists. Deadline to submit for the exhibit is Dec 1. Pick up a submission form at the library or go to tinyurl.com/2025nvplart.

A Midwinter Night's Dream (adult holiday party)



Thu, Dec 11 from 6-8pm

Wonder, whimsy, and enchantment await this midwinter evening. Inspired by the lore and traditions of yuletides past, the Library will transform into a fantasy forest brimming with

twinkling lights and charming delights. But like any fairytale adventure, the magic lasts only one night. So, kindle your imagination, don a cloak or tiara, and join us for an adults-only evening of festive amusements and good cheer.

Midwinter night dreamers are encouraged to wear renaissance, medieval, or fantasy-inspired costumes or items. If you can't find anything to wear that seems

quite right or you wish to top off your look, you'll also have the opportunity to create a mask fit for any masquerade ball. Means for merrymaking include various activities, crafts, and classic games. Registration required for this evening's enchantment.



One Person's Not-Quite-Right is Another's Just What I Needed!
Plus: Free Range Arts & Crafts

Thu, Dec 18 at 6pm

Some items you love...until you don't anymore. If you have artwork, home decor, like-new clothing, or a useful but rarely used item that no longer fits your taste or needs, this is an opportunity to let someone else enjoy them and to go home with something new to you. The makerspace and craft supplies will also be available during this time, so it's not too late to finish (or make!) that homemade gift or simply socialize over crafts.

Monthly Adult Programs



Fiber Arts Club

Thu, Dec 4 at 12-1:30pm

Enjoy the company of like-minded crafters.



Lunchtime Writer's Retreat

Mon, Dec 29 at 12-2pm

Men's Club

Thu, Dec 18 at 2pm

Make connections and conversation over a game of chess or checkers. **Be sure not to miss each other. Come promptly at 2pm!**



NEW PROGRAM

Saturday Morning Social for Adults Dec 6 & 20
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays at 10am-12pm

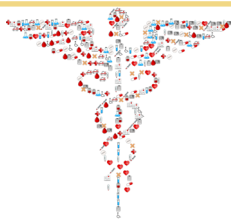
Come chat, work a jigsaw puzzle, play a game, or do coloring pages. Tea and coffee provided, so have a cuppa, and start puzzling, gaming, or coloring.

LIBRARY NEWS

REFERENCE AT THE LIBRARY: CONSUMER REPORTS & MEDICARE CHOICES

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

It's not too late to make changes to your Medicare plan for 2026. Medicare Open Enrollment runs to December 7, and during this time, you can make changes to your existing coverage such as switching between traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage or changing your prescription plan. (The government shutdown does not effect the Medicare open enrollment window.)



CONSUMER REPORTS REFERENCE

Remember the days when libraries had reference sections with books devoted to answering questions? The internet diminished reference areas in libraries, but there a few gems left at NVPL. One of those gems is **Consumer Reports (CR)** magazine for product and service reviews. You can find free reviews on the internet but are they trustworthy? *Consumer Reports* is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1936 that tests thousands of products in their labs each year. CR pays for all the products they rate, and they don't accept paid advertising.

The September/October edition has a 5-page article on Medicare stating, "As drug coverage and doctor networks change for 2026, find out which type of plan is the right fit for you-and how to avoid costly mistakes."

The article continues, "Even with guidance from the pros, it helps to be familiar with the various coverage options."

Ask a staff member for this issue of the magazine and read the full *Consumer Reports* article to help

you determine options that work best for you.

Consumer Reports cannot be checked out, but you can read it in the library or make photocopies for 10c a page.

STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP)

[Ravalli County Counsel on Aging](#) at 310 Old Corvallis Rd, Hamilton provides SHIP Counselors that "are trained in Medicare benefits and options and have no affiliation with any insurance company." Call 406-363-5690 to make an appointment. You need to have a Medicare card to make an appointment.

The [Medicare](#) website is full of information at [medicare.gov/health-drug-plans/open-enrollment](https://www.medicare.gov/health-drug-plans/open-enrollment).

NOT YET ON MEDICARE AND TURNING 65 SOON?

Timing is everything! Sign up three months before or after your birthday or face penalties.

Enroll through [Social Security](#). The Missoula office has one employee at 866-931-9029. Sign up for Medicare Part A (hospital) & B (doctors) regardless of your choice of traditional Medicare or Medicare Advantage. You will need Part D (medication) if you decide on traditional Medicare or if the Medicare Advantage plan you choose does not include Rx, but most do. If you go without an Rx plan for 63 days or more you will pay a penalty. A checklist for what you need is available at ssa.gov/hlp/isba/10/isba-checklist.pdf.

WORKS CITED:

Gill, Lisa L. "The Best Medicare Choices Right Now." *Consumer Reports*, vol. 90, no. 6, Sept.-Oct. 2025, pp. 48-53.

(The same issue has an article on pain remedies that is worth reading.)

Join us for our annual
Bookorations

*Turn a new page on
Christmas shopping at this*

NOVEL event

**Gifts & decor
made from
books, plus
other novelty
items, tasty
treats, and
MORE!**

**December 5, 5-8pm
North Valley Public Library
Community Room**

during Stevensville's Country Christmas
and presented along with the Library's
annual Winter Art Exhibit

**December 6, 11am-4pm
in the Entry Area
of the Library**



NVPL FOUNDATION & FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

DECEMBER 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. **No program Dec 17, 24, 31**



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. **No program Dec 17, 24, 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 Dec 17, 24, 31

LIBRARY REGULAR HOURS

Monday - Friday: 10am to 6pm.

1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays of the month: 10am to 5pm

LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

December 24-26 for Christmas

December 31 close early at 1pm for New Year's Eve

January 1 for New Year's Day

See our online [CALENDAR](#) for emergency weather closures.

No youth programs Winter Break Dec 17-Jan 2

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.

No program Dec 23, Dec 30

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 Dec 19, 26**

Drop-in Crafts



December's theme is "Hearth & Home," and the December Drop-in-Craft is a paper bag gingerbread house.