

LIBRARY TRUSTEE POSITION OPEN

The North Valley Public Library Board of Trustees currently has a vacancy created by the resignation of Leon Theroux.

Being on the North Valley Public Library Board of Trustees is a rewarding and challenging volunteer experience. Trustees set policies for the Library, set the overall direction for the Library through participating in strategic planning, and oversee the finances and budget of the Library, making sure that the Library is being responsible with library district taxpayer dollars. The Trustees are elected officials and uphold state laws that pertain to libraries and must have a high degree of ethics. Trustees need to adhere to the State Library Public Library Standards including receiving at least three hours of continuing education each year (<https://docs.msl.mt.gov/librariesweb/documents/Standards/FINALEssentialStandardsARM.pdf>). Library Trustees must also value the importance of libraries and life-long learning, appreciating that public libraries have collections for all ages and interests.

Monthly board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month and there are also special meetings to attend occasionally throughout the year, including the annual budget hearing usually held at the



end of August or the first week in September. North Valley Public Library is in the middle of building planning, so from January through March of 2023 the Board will attend building design meetings with MMW Architects, discussing square footage, electrical systems, plumbing, cost estimates, and aesthetics.

To be eligible to be a North Valley Public Library Trustee you need to live in the Library District which corresponds with the Stevensville and Lone Rock School Districts. If you would like to be considered to be appointed by the Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term, which runs through May 2023, please submit a letter of interest with qualifications to Victoria Howell at editor@bitterrootstar.com. Please put in the subject line "Library Trustee Application." If you would like to run for the remainder of the vacant term, you can fill out a Ravalli County Oath of Candidacy form. Filing is currently open and closes Feb. 6, 2023. The term would serve from May 2023-May 2025. There are three other Trustees up for elections, so on your Oath of Candidacy form you can indicate that you are running for the term ending May 2025.

SECOND ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND ART EXHIBIT

Children have the fridge and school open houses, professionals have galleries, but where do adults known to sketch, collage, or paint share their creations? The Winter Wonderland Art Exhibition, now in its second year, began with just these *I'd-never-call-myself-an-artist-but-I-like-to-paint* folks in mind. This community event celebrates the artsy spark in ourselves, our friends, and neighbors, and is an opportunity to experience your work in a gallery. So while you're shoveling the sidewalk and



chipping icicles off the roof, keep the theme "winter wonderland" in mind and let yourself be inspired. The only stipulations are that artwork must be a drawing or painting, your own work, and no larger than 24" on any side. You still have plenty of time to start and finish a project, or to pull out a beauty you finished long ago but never shared: Submissions are due January 19 –January 25, 2023. Voter's choice awards will be given to Best of Show in Children, Teens, and Adult categories.

ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Registration required northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/



Yarn, Darns & Needle Charms: Knit & Crochet Club Thu., Jan 5 at 12pm

Cable knit sweaters and garter stitch socks; treble and half double, skip stitch and chain; if these and a skein are some of your favorite things, join us for this informal knit and crochet club. Bring your work-in-progress, problem piece, or brand-new pattern and enjoy your craft with other knit and crocheters. There will be no presenter or expert teacher but rather a cozy place to gather, tea, and a community of yarn artists like yourself. Held the first Thursday of every month.



Game & Gab: Bingo Thu., Jan 12 at 12pm

It's all too easy to hunker down at home during the winter and talk to no one but the cat. If you're experiencing these early symptoms of cabin fever, come on down for a game and gab session at the Library. Meet new people, have a cup of tea or cocoa, and try your luck with a few rounds of Bingo. You could be a prizewinner!



Herbs & Spice for When the Weather's Not Nice Thu., Jan 12 at 6:30pm

Did you know that cinnamon you sprinkle in your oatmeal has scientifically-proven antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and lipid-lowering properties? Learn how to support your immune system, rev up your circulation, and show a little extra care to your body with cinnamon, pepper, clove, and other common herbs and spices. You'll go home with plenty of recipes, resources, and a new appreciation for your spice cupboard.



Meditation for Busy People Thu., Jan 19 at 6:30pm

If your New Year's resolution is to be more mindful, present, and resilient to the ups and downs of the day, you will appreciate this practical introduction to meditation. Learn techniques you can practice anytime, anywhere, sitting up, walking, and even with your eyes open. We will practice breathing exercises, visualizations, and the fundamentals of meditation that anyone can do.

Winter Wonderland

Art Exhibit



Winter Wonderland Art Exhibit Thu., Jan. 26 at 6:00pm

Friday nights are when the art galleries in NYC and the big cities have their swanky wine and cheese art openings. Join in that tradition Stevensville-style as we toast the artists of our Second Annual Winter Wonderland Art Exhibit.

View the art and meet the artists while snacking on delicacies in this fun-filled evening. Attendees may vote once in each category: Children (ages 6-12), Teens (ages 12-18), and Adults (ages 19+). Ribbons awarded to Best of Show in each age category.

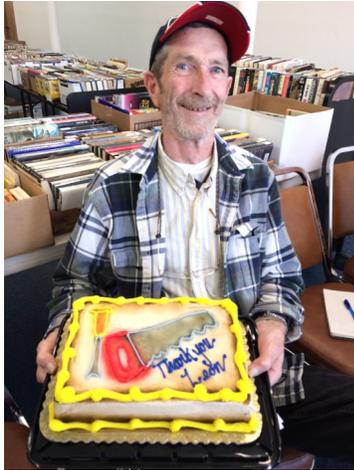
Submission form can be found at:

northvalley.librarycalendar.com/event/2nd-annual-winter-wonderland-art-exhibition



A BIG THANK YOU TO LEON THEROUX FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

Leon Theroux has been involved in the North Valley Public Library in one way or another for many years. Most recently he served on the Library Board of Trustees. He was appointed on January 2018 and ran additional terms, resigning November 2022. Before serving as a Trustee, Leon was a volunteer, helping the library with maintenance and renovation projects for over 10 years. He turned an abandoned restroom into an office! Even before Leon was a board member he would attend library board meetings. He often said there was so much more to libraries than he previously thought and did not understand why more people in the community did not attend the meetings. Leon has also made various donations to the library, helping the library get a TV display, easels, contributing to the donor tree, and much, much more! Luckily, Leon is also a reader and so those of us that work at the library will still see him checking out books as a patron. Thank you Leon for all the years of service you have given the North Valley Library.



INTERESTED IN A BOOK GROUP?



BYOB and Get Literary

Bring your favorite adult beverage, peruse the library after-hours, and enjoy a community of fellow readers during this fun and informal

Introduction to Literature course.

Over 4 sessions, you will learn how to "close read" a text and the basics of literary theory, then practice your new skills as we dive into three different genres. Shake up your reading routine, think new thoughts, and hone your discussion skills during the Lit 101 course you *wish* you had!

If you are interested in this program, please email Kayli Maffei, Adult Programmer, at kaylim@northvalleylibrary.org.

NEWS FROM THE NVPL FOUNDATION

We want to offer our thanks to our wonderful community for supporting the library through various NVPL Foundation events during 2022, most recently during our sale of small "trees" made from books during Stevensville's Country Christmas holiday kickoff in early December. Your generosity helps grow NVPL in so many ways.



We're recognizing donor giving with the library's new Donor Tree. Be sure to stop by and view the beautiful new tree, mounted on the wall just inside the front door.

Upcoming: This winter, watch for our Business Battle for Books competition, featuring our Brews for Books pint nights. We hope to see you at one of Stevensville's local businesses during these fun events, where a portion of sales benefits the library. Be on the lookout for more details.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

KID PROGRAMS

Stories & Songs for Preschoolers

Ages 0-5

Wednesdays at 10:30am



Join this early literacy program, readying your child to read while enjoying rhythm & rhymes and movement & music with friends, and books of course!

You and your little one(s) can share in the fun singing, clapping, reading, and dancing while connecting with other young families in our community.

Wild & Weird Wednesdays with Science Officer Lisa



Ages 8-12

Wednesdays at 4pm

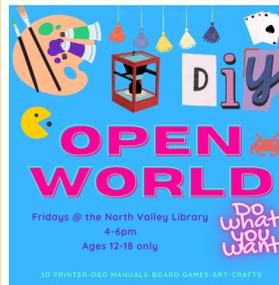
Explore the universe, both micro and macro, and learn the science mysteries behind the natural world. Expect fun activities with Legos®, paper planes, food, and more. Children will soon be formulating their own hypotheses, experiments, and documentation in order to participate in a grade-free science fair at the end of the summer. Be sure to register as this program will get filled soon and we need to know how many supplies to have on hand. Concepts taught are geared towards ages 8-12, but younger scientists/siblings 6-7 welcome. Parents/caregivers must register themselves as well as each child attending.

Winter Wonderland

Bring all the wonders of winter inside with January's library craft. Make your own handy snow-people or fantastical snowflake to take home. All the materials are provided and the craft is available during all open hours.



TEEN PROGRAMS



Ages 12-18

Fridays at 4pm

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 all.

Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4pm

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



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