

## MAY ADULT PROGRAMS

### Knit & Crochet Club

Thursday, May 4 at 12pm

Join us for this informal club and enjoy good company, tea, and a dedicated time to work on your yarn projects.



### Pine Needle Basket Weaving

Monday, May 8 at 6pm

Raking pine needles in the yard is less tedious when you can make something beautiful and useful out of them. Join Michelle Buker for this adult craft night and learn how to weave a pine needle basket. After covering basic techniques, everyone will weave their own miniature basket.



### DIY Garden Crafts:

#### Plant Tags & Garden Stakes

Thursday, May 11 at 6pm

Spring is here and planting season has arrived! Take a break from yard work and create your own plant tags and garden stakes. A variety of design options and materials will be available, so let your creativity run as rampant as dandelions. Materials provided.



### How Plants Work: Botany for Gardeners

Thursday, May 18

at 6:30pm

Whether online or in-person, there is no shortage of gardening advice, tricks, and trends floating



around. Learn how to evaluate gardening advice and perhaps even improve your own practices by understanding how plants work. No boring botany lectures here, just a practical crash-course on the parts of a plant and how they function. With this understanding, you can be more confident in how you select, transplant, prune, and tend your landscape and garden plants.

### Wildfire Preparedness for Homeowners

featuring *Fire in the Root*

Thursday, May 25 at 6:30pm

Protecting your home and property from wildfires is a must for homeowners in the Bitterroot.

Led by Fire in the Root, this program will cover:



- How to assess your property for fire danger
- Actions you can take to reduce the wildfire risk in the home ignition zone
- Factors that present danger to homes and how houses catch fire during wildfire season
- Survivable space, home hardening, and creating an evacuation plan

If you're new to the area or not as fire-wise as you could be, don't miss this opportunity!

**Why is registration important?** Some events fill quickly.; Many events require supplies;

Other events may be cancelled if minimum registration is not met, so let us know you are coming!

## LIBRARY OF THINGS

### Check Out the Library of Things at NVPL this National Library Week

By Carla Sanders, Foundation President

Author E.B. White, famed for “Charlotte’s Web” and “Stuart Little,” once wrote that a library is “a place to go if you want to sit and think. It is a place where books live, and where you can get in touch with other people, and other thoughts, through books... A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there in a book, you may have your question answered.”

During this year’s National Library Week (April 23-29), with the theme “There’s More to the Story,” we celebrate libraries in general and the North Valley Public Library (NVPL) in Stevensville, in particular. With a small but mighty staff and tight quarters, this gem is the heart of the community, where children, teens, and adults can find something that appeals to each of them. And, if you think the library is only about books, read on. There’s more to the story here.

Library Director Denise Ard shares that the NVPL currently helps patrons not only through checkout of books and movies, but also with printing and technology (the library has a bank of computers for use).

Now, the NVPL is slowly building a “Library of Things” available to check out and take home. These include board and card games, laptops, iPad’s—and even a telescope! Mobile hotspots, which were so valuable to many families during the



# Library of Things

pandemic, are still among the more popular items for use. The NVPL also has a Seed Library and soon will have needle felting kits.

On the wish list are useful home, yard, garden, office, and craft items, film-to-digital converter, a pole digger, fence post remover, sawhorses, and more. As Ard explains, “We would like to offer things the average homeowner or renter needs only occasionally and would prefer not to store or purchase so it is better to check it out.

“Our current collection is only a fraction of what we would like to offer,” said Ard. “We would love to expand our Library of Things, but we’re severely limited by the lack of space in the current building to offer all that we think would be useful to the community.”

The biggest item on the wish list is a new library building, which is in the very early planning stages. There is much more to the story of the Library of Things, and, as we work toward a new facility, more to the story of NVPL as well.

# The North Valley Public Library (NVPL) Foundation

is the primary fundraising group for the NVPL.

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## Brews for Books Set for May 9

The last of three **BREWS FOR BOOKS** pint night fundraisers to benefit the North Valley Public Library will be **Tuesday, May 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Blacksmith Brewing Company, 114 Main St., Stevensville.**

During **BREWS FOR BOOKS** pint nights, a portion of sales goes to the library. These events are organized and staffed by the **all-volunteer NVPL Foundation**, which raises funds for library programs and materials.

Thank  
you!

The Foundation would like to thank the **Tin Can Bar & Draft Room and Wildwood Brewery** for hosting our first two **BREWS FOR BOOKS** events this spring on April 7 and April 18.



**REMEMBER:** Be sure to LIKE the NVPL Foundation's Facebook page for current information:  
<https://www.facebook.com/NVPLFoundation>



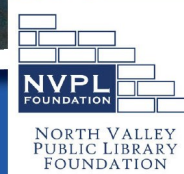
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The  
**NVPL Foundation**  
offers heartfelt thanks to  
**Ravalli Electric Co-op**  
and its **Power of Change**  
program for a recent  
**donation of \$1,000 to the**  
**North Valley**  
**Public Library.**

The gift will be used to replenish the children's board book section and purchase new teen fiction at the Stevensville library.

**Melissa Greenwood** (left), manager of communications for Ravalli Electric Co-op, presented the check to **Denise Ard** (center), director of the North Valley Public Library, and **Carla Sanders** (right), NVPL Foundation president.



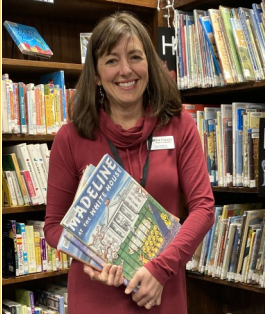
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## MAY YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Stories & Songs for Preschoolers

Ages 0-5

Wednesdays at 10:30am



This early literacy program readies your child to read while enjoying movement, music, and books of course! Join the fun singing, clapping, reading, and dancing while connecting with other young families in our community.

### Art for Kids, ages 5-10

Monday, May 1

Mother's Day paper vase with handprint lilies

Monday, May 15

Shaving cream fireworks.



### Science Squad Wednesdays with Science Officer Lisa, ages 8-12

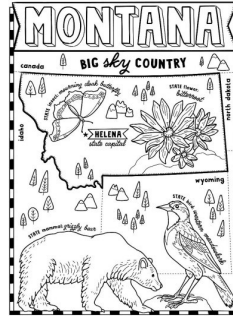
**SCIENCE**  
Squad on Wednesdays  
with Science Officer Lisa

Hey explorers, investigators, and inventors ages 8-12! Experience the universe through Legos®, food, experiments, a science fair, and more.

Wednesdays at 4pm ~ Registration Required

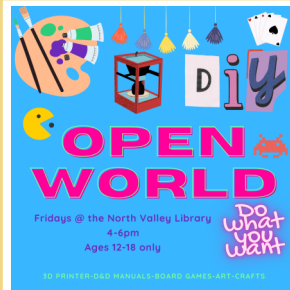
### Maytana

This month, we are gearing up for summer fun! Come to the library to make a Montana Summer Passport. You choose the activities to include in your passport. Then you have all summer to complete the activities you chose. If you include 5 activities that take place at the library, show the Front Desk when you are finished for a special stamp and to receive a prize! You have until the end of August to receive a prize.



### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Open World Fridays



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](mailto:emilys@northvalleylibrary.org)



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