

North Valley Public Library April 2026 Newsletter: Text version for assistive technology

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April Adult Programs

Part 2 The Philosophy of Feng Shui

Thu, April 2 at 6:30pm

Missed Part 1? That's ok! Part 1 not required to attend Part 2. Building on the concepts introduced in Part 1, we will practice viewing landscapes from a traditional Feng Shui perspective, delve deeper into the 5 Phases as a tool for balance amidst change, and, by applying some of what we've learned to our own surroundings, consider if and how this ancient philosophy interacts with modern life. Zoom option available.

Design a Flock! Adult Craft

Thu, April 9 at 6pm

Guarantee a bird sighting any time you need a smile by decorating your own whimsical flock of clay birds. Have your flock migrate between houseplants, keep watch in the garden, or flutter in a window. Supplies provided. Registration opens March 20.

Spring Puzzle Swap & Free Range Arts and Crafts

Thu, April 16 at 6pm

After a winter of jigsaw puzzling, refresh your collection at our ever-popular swap. Please arrive at 6pm and bring complete puzzles (no missing pieces) to trade or donate. Or simply come and just take! It's also arts and crafts night, so prepare to set your creativity loose in a room full of craft supplies.

Honeybees in the Bitterroot with Mike Foster

Thu, April 23 at 6:30pm

IT'S A SWARM! Don't panic. Local beekeeper Mike Foster explains why swarming is a healthy part of the honeybee life cycle and what to do if you spot one. We'll also learn about the important role bees play in our community, identify what first steps you should take to begin beekeeping, and see some equipment. Zoom option available.

DIY Bee Hotel Adult Craft

Thu, April 30 at 6pm

We can't forget the other bees! Honeybees are devastated by pesticides, parasites, and diseases, but they are not at risk of extinction. North America's nearly 4,000 native bee species are in peril, however. Unlike honeybees in a hive, 90% of native bees make solitary nests in wood, hollow stems, or underground. This program is a chance to make your own "bee hotel,"

where essential pollinators like mason and leafcutter bees can safely nest. Supplies provided. Registration opens March 20.

Monthly Adult Programs

Saturday Morning Social for Adults

April 4 & 18 (1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays) at 10am-12pm

Tea and coffee provided. Have a chat and a cuppa while puzzling, gaming, or coloring or bring your own project.

Fiber Arts Club

Thu, April 2 from 12-2 pm

Enjoy the company of like-minded crafters.

Men's Club: Chess & Checkers

Thu, April 30 at 2pm

Make connections and conversation over a game of chess or checkers. Arrive at 2pm for a chess partner.

Interested in Spanish?

Would you attend an informal Spanish language club at NVPL? Open to all ages and skill levels, the group would be a chance for learners to practice and for native/fluent speakers to converse. No host would be present. If interested, please complete the brief survey at tinyurl.com/NVPLspanishclub

April Youth Programs

Baby & Me Storytime, Ages 0-2

Wednesdays at 10am

For parents, grandparents & caretakers with babies 0-2 years. Nursery rhymes, music & stories to engage those amazing young minds. REGISTRATION REQUESTED.

Songs & Stories for Preschoolers, Ages 3-5

Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Join this dynamic early literacy program readying your child to read. Share in the fun with singing, clapping, reading & dancing while connecting with other young families in our community. REGISTRATION REQUESTED.

Science Squad, Ages 8-12 on Wednesdays at 2:30 with Science Officer Lisa

Hey explorers, investigators, and inventors, experience the universe through Legos, food, experiments, and more. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. No Science Squad April 15.

Youth Chess Club, Ages 10-17

Mondays 4-5:30pm March 2, 9 & 16

Youth wanting to hone their chess skills, please drop in for an informal game. Bring your own board and chess pieces or use ours. Ages 10-17, all abilities welcome!

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.

Drop in Craft

With Earth Day on April 22, the theme this month is "What's On Earth?!", an exploration and celebration of what makes our planet special and our home in the Mountain West extraordinary. While you're here learning something new, make a sweet felt bird bookmark!

April is Strengthening Families Month!

Prevention is every 1's responsibility. Join us in promoting the safety and well-being of Montana's kids. Families that play together tend to be effective communicators, have a sense of togetherness, exhibit healthy self-esteem, and be motivated to pursue goals. Check out our Celebrating Strengthening Families Month display brimming with inspiring family-fun ideas. Let's play!

Foundation News

Get your tickets now for "Black, White & READ All Over -- A Boot-Stomping Shindig to Benefit the North Valley Public Library," presented by North Valley Public Library Foundation and Friends of the Library.

This event will be April 25, 5 to 8 p.m., at The Barn on Pine Hollow, 397 Pine Hollow Road, Stevensville. Cost is \$35 per person or \$60 for two.

It will feature hearty appetizers, bang-up desserts, beer and wine; live entertainment; a silent auction, and so much more! Western attire is encouraged.

Tickets are available at the library, 208 Main Street, Stevensville.

For more information, please contact the library at (406) 777-5061 or email celeste.statler@gmail.com.

Coming this summer:

- Annual NVPL Foundation Golf Scramble
- Birdies for Books
- Saturday, August 22, 2026
- Whitetail Golf Course, 4295 Wild Fowl Lane,
- Stevensville, MT

All proceeds to benefit the North Valley Public Library

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Legal Advice & AI

The Montana Legal Services Association says when it comes to legal advice and legal arguments, you should never rely only on artificial intelligence (AI) technology. This includes ChatGPT, DeepSeek, Google AI Overview, and AI chatbots on social media.

When you ask AI technology about a specific legal problem, it's not the same as simply searching for information online. It rapidly scans a massive amount of information on the internet and then tells you what it thinks you want to know. The AI technology might misinterpret the information it finds online, and it might even make up information based on what it calculates you want to hear. For example, if you ask an AI chatbot to make a legal argument for you to read in front of a judge to support your case, the chatbot might make up a fake law. This could cause you to lose your case or even be held in contempt of court, which could result in a fine or jail time.

Legal information and legal advice are best when they come from people. Unlike AI technology, lawyers have a duty to make sure they are not misstating the facts or the law to a judge. For legal information in Montana, www.MontanaLawHelp.org has do-it-yourself resources and free legal forms written and reviewed by lawyers and other professionals. If you need legal advice, you can apply for services with Montana Legal Services by visiting MontanaLawHelp.org/apply or by calling 1-800-666-6899 Tuesday through Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA) shares legal tips to help Montanans better understand their rights and find free resources.

Mansfield Library & Academic Books

North Valley Public Library provides general-interest, popular titles to the local community. With the exception of our special collection in the Montana room, we do not serve as a research library. You might wonder what to do if you need access to academic titles or want to do more in-depth research.

Here are two options available to you:

- 1.) Montanans are welcome to use the Mansfield Library located at the campus of the University of Montana in Missoula. Non-student Montana residents can set up a "Montana Borrower" account. Go to the Mansfield Library website to find out how to get a library card :

<https://www.umt.edu/library/about/policies/circulation/default.php>. Anyone is able to come into the building and use materials on site, and there are two public/open access computers that the public can use to access library subscription databases. Remotely, patrons can search the card catalog, OneSearch, and also locate scholarly materials that are Open Access.

2.) NVPL has interlibrary loan available for materials not found in our Partners sharing group catalog. There is a per-item fee due at the time of pick up to help defray the cost of shipping. District patrons pay \$2.00 per item and out-of-district Florence patrons pay \$5.00-\$10 per item, depending on weight.

District patrons are limited to five ILL items at a time. Out-of-district patrons are limited to three ILL items at a time.

Overdue fines for interlibrary loan materials are \$1.00 per item per day. Renewals of ILL items are at the discretion of the loaning library.

Put in a request by sending an email to nancym@northvalleylibrary.org