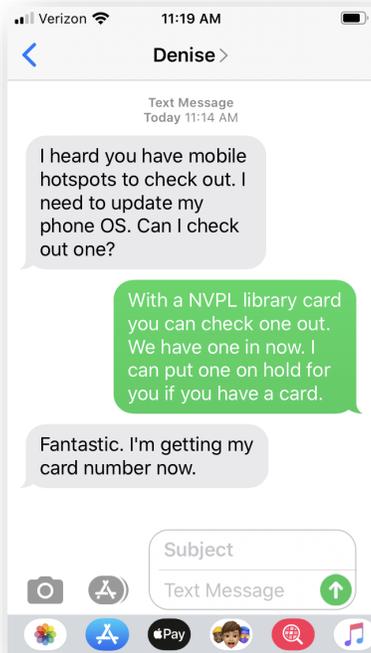


## Introducing a New Service! TEXT-the-Library



**Text-the-Library** service is now available at North Valley Library.

This new option allows patrons to contact library staff from any location by sending a question or request from their phones.

Texting has surpassed the use of phone calls and emails, so adding Text-the-Library is a natural next step to serving the patrons of our Library District.

The Library front desk staff will respond to questions and inquiries during library hours which are Monday-Friday 10am-7pm and Saturday 10am-5pm. We will monitor texts throughout the day. We cannot give out any information on your account without verifying it belongs to you due to privacy laws. Thank you for your understanding.

**Text us at (406) 370-0947.**

(Note to iPhone users: Please turn OFF iMessage option to TEXT us.)

## Free Internet Access at home for 7 days with your North Valley Library Card

Patrons are raving about our hotspots, some even say they are a godsend. Maybe you missed the July news that we have hotspots to check out. They are super easy to use. Check one out with your North Valley Library card and get free internet at your home for 7 days. The overdue charge for hotspots is \$1.00 a day. "I checked one out to update my phone operating system and run updates." — NVPL Patron



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## Library Humor

### IS YOUR CHILD TEXTING ABOUT LIBRARIES?

Use this handy guide to find out:

**lol:** Lots of libraries  
**tbh:** That book's hot  
**brb:** Books rock, bro  
**smh:** So much help  
**lmao:** Let me ask online  
**ttyl:** Talk to your librarian

Know the signs.



**Hours: Monday—Friday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday CLOSED**  
**208 Main Street, STEVENSVILLE, MT**

## Thank you for the iPads



The **North Valley Public Library Foundation** received a grant from the **Rapp Foundation** to purchase 6 iPads

for library programming. A big thank you to both foundations.

## Thank you Leon Theroux

Thanks to the generous donation from Library Board member Leon Theroux, the Library purchased a professional CD and DVD disc cleaner.

## Welcome Caryn



For the last two decades, Caryn has worked as a copy editor and high school teacher. She fell in love with the valley in her youth when she fought fires with the

Bitterroot Hotshots down in Darby, and she's glad to be back in Montana. Caryn loves Ponderosa trees, coffee, and of course, libraries and books.

**LABOR DAY**  
**HAPPY**  
**CLOSED SEPTEMBER 7**

## StoryWalk® coming to a path by you



The Library is partnering with the Town of Stevensville to bring you the first ever StoryWalk,® an innovative and delightful way for children — and adults— to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Pages from a children's book are displayed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story. Join in the fun **Monday, August 31 at 9 am** on the east end of the Stevensville Bike Path (the part closest to town). You can visit the walk any time during the day, and it **will be displayed for the entire week**. Our story will be ***Over in the Forest: Come and Take a Peek*** by Marianne Berkes. Please practice social distancing while you participate.

StoryWalks® have been installed in 50 states and 12 countries. They are received with appreciation. StoryWalk® was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and has developed with the help of Rachel Senechal.

**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.

## SEPTEMBER ADULT EVENTS: ZOOM & IN-PERSON WITH MASK

### Brother, Can You Spare a Dime? Laughin' to Keep from Dryin'



Join us for Music and Storytelling at **Veteran's Memorial Park, 100 Main Street, Stevensville, MT** with Montana Humanities Scholar, Bill Rossiter **Thursday, September 17 at 6:30 pm.** The Great Depression of the "Dirty Thirties" left Americans with a wicked gallows humor, a sense that if they could keep laughing, they wouldn't have to start crying. So in this time of Covid, how appropriate. This program shows that spit-in-the-demon's-eye spirit, not through history and literature, but through folklore and "illiterature." Americans survived a disaster by using a great national resource: their sense of humor. Bill Rossiter has been playing traditional finger-style guitar, autoharp, and old-time "clawhammer" banjo music in bars, concert halls, and back rooms for a reeeeeeally long time. He is a 2015 recipient of the Governor's Award for Service to the Humanities in Montana.

Sponsored in part by Humanities Montana

### CUTE & WARM YARN CRAFTS

Due to Covid-19, we have not been able to host our in-person Craft and Hobby night. We have a temporary workaround with a couple of projects slated for **TAKE-HOME** crafts. [Register online](#) for your Adult Maker Kit, "Cute Yarn Crafts" by **Saturday, September 12** for a pick-up September



15-19. Supplies Limited.

### Writers' Circle in person or via Zoom

Join the Writers' Circle **in-person or via Zoom** on **September 14 at 6 pm.** Registration is required, free, and open to the public. [Register on our calendar for a writing prompt.](#)

### Is Self-Employment Right for You?

Transitions in the Time of Pandemic, including Resources Available from the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority (RCEDA). Presenter: John Schneeberger, CPP Economic Development Specialist. **Monday, September 21 at 6:00 pm in the Community Room or via Zoom.** The purpose of the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority is to promote, stimulate, develop, and advance the general welfare, commerce, economic development, and prosperity of our local citizens, Ravalli County, and the State of Montana.

### Into the Wild with "Muir and Pinchot" (a walk & talk)



**Meet at Bitterroot River Park, 100 Stevensville Cutoff Rd, Stevensville.** Please register for headcount and location updates. Presented by Humanities Montana scholars,

John Clayton and Marisa Diaz-Waian, on **Saturday, September 26, 10 am to noon.** How do we relate to nature? Preservation-based philosophies – associated with author and wanderer John Muir – celebrate the spiritual benefits of holistic, unimpacted natural systems. Conservation-based philosophies – associated with US Forest Service founder Gifford Pinchot – highlight management and sustainability of natural resources for all. In 1896, Muir and Pinchot met in what is now Glacier National Park and discussed these philosophies. What happened next changed the course of history. Biographer John Clayton and philosopher Marisa Diaz-Waian co-lead a discussion about the unique lives of Muir and Pinchot and the questions their contrasting philosophies raise.

**Register for adult programs on our website [northvalleylibrary.org](http://northvalleylibrary.org).  
Click on CALENDAR. Form available at the bottom of each event.**

## TEENS SEPTEMBER NEWS

### Role Playing Games in person/online!

**Ages 13-18**

**Tuesdays at 4 pm.**

Enter the world of *Dungeons & Dragons!* Create your own character and join the campaign. This program will be held both in-person (masks required) or online via Zoom. You choose. No experience necessary. **Registration is required.**

[Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/](http://Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/)



### Digital Dungeon Escape

**Ages 13 and up**

Can you make it out of the dungeon or will you be lost in the darkness forever? Solve the puzzles to work your way through this interactive dungeon escape.

**Find it online:**

<https://forms.gle/oLYAw374RdPpUVgv9>



### Artful Witches and Magic Manga



This newly released Manga series, follows Coco as she trains to be a witch. This series is not only exciting, but mysterious as well. Plus, the artwork is so entrancing, you'll find yourself staring at the pages long after you've finished the book.

## YOUTH SEPTEMBER NEWS

### ONLINE: Monday: Mother Goose & Wednesday: Story Time

*Mother Goose Sings and Swings* for babies-3 years of age is **online every Monday in August at 10:30.** Tune in for interactive songs and rhymes, a story, and maybe some dancing. [Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/](http://Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/)  
**Story Time Facebook Live! Wednesdays at 10:30.** Stories, a quick early literacy activity, and a link to a creative craft. These live programs are geared for preschool and under.

### FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN THE LIBRARY, INCLUDING DURING PROGRAMS



Your cloth face covering may protect them. Their cloth face covering may protect you.

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

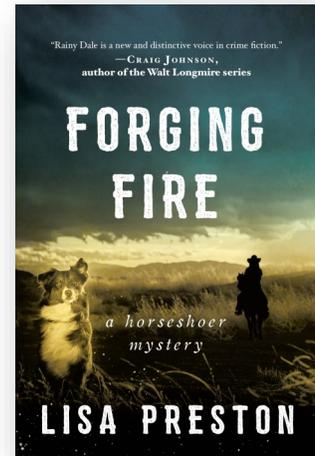
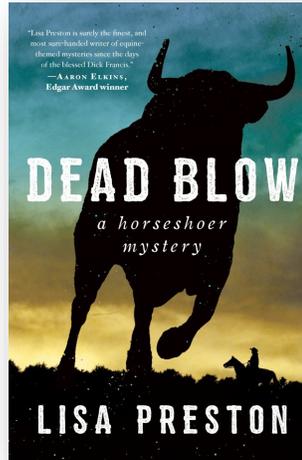
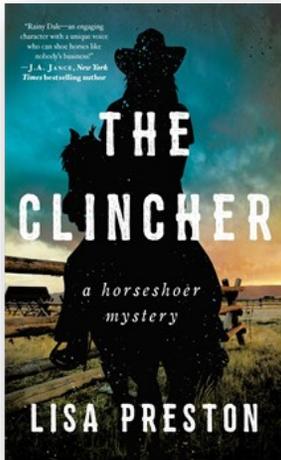


What is 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten all about? It is a national program that promotes reading with your child and early literacy. The concept is simple: read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or

toddler. The goal is to read 1,000 books (yes, you can repeat books) before your little one starts kindergarten. Register on North Valley Public Library's website or come into the Library. You can then pick up a packet in the Library or download the app (free in your app store). Each time you reach 100 books come in to the Library to turn in your sheet and get another or just show us your app. For every 100 books you read together, you'll get your name on our digital "Wall of Fame" located on the Library's website. That's it! Well, except that you and your child will have cuddle time, build literacy skills, and learn new things together. Happy reading!

## Preston's Horseshoer Mystery Series

Are you a fan of Marc Cameron's *Arliss Cutter* series, Craig Johnson's *Longmire* series, and/or C.J. Box's Wyoming mysteries? You may enjoy the *Horseshoer Mystery* Series by Lisa Preston. Lisa Preston turned to writing after her careers as a fire department paramedic and a city police officer. The *Horseshoer Mystery* Series features sassy horseshoer, Rainy Dale, who works the barns of central Oregon.



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## Montana counts!



The **deadline** for Montana residents to be counted in the 2020 Census count is **September 30, 2020**.

Fill out the 2020 Census form at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov). The 2020 Census questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.

- Be counted for the good of all Montanans.
- Be counted so federal funds go towards Montana roads, schools, healthcare, and other public services.
- Be counted to determine the number of seats Montana has representing us in Congress.

## Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program Report, June-August 2020

*According to studies, teachers observed that students who participated in the public library summer reading program returned to school ready to learn, improved their reading achievement and skills, increased their enjoyment of reading, were more motivated to read, were more confident in participating in classroom reading activities, read beyond what was required in their free time, and perceived reading to be important.*

The summer of 2020 brought a unique set of challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic drastically changing the summer for most families. Due to this pandemic, events had to be canceled, in-person programming halted, and the summer youth programs modified. This prompted thinking outside of the box and creating new ways to engage with families. A new type of engagement highlight was the Summer Maker Kits, crafts that kids could take home with all the supplies included. This allowed kids to read, make, and create all while maintaining physical distancing protocols. Plus, families stayed connected to the library!

### Book Bingo

Kids read a vast variety of genres and completed fun reading activities this summer with Book Bingo including:

- Reading nonfiction & biographies
- Reading bestsellers & books that became movies
- Recording themselves reading
- Reading with friends



**49** children & teens participated

### Rubber Duck

### Reading Club

Through this program, parents read interactively with young children, ages 0-4. These activities and challenges are designed to help instill lifelong literacy skills.



**27** children & their parents participated in early literacy activities and challenges.

### Summer Maker Kits

This program taught children and teens to follow directions through reading, all while creating something new. The kits were carefully tailored to specific age-appropriate crafts. The teen projects focused on up-cycling, using recycled materials to create something new. Craft kits included, using old jars to make butterfly feeders, using jar lids to create floating candles, and old socks to create the character Totoro. Other kits included STEM activities such as Alka-Seltzer rockets, homemade lava lamps, and catapult engineering.

**432** children & teens participated



### THE LIBRARY THANKS YOU!

**spectrUM Discovery Area** provided 120 Summer Maker Kits to the 432 children & teens that participated.

**Donna Bainbridge** donated the remaining funds for the materials.

### Role Playing Games

Focusing on teamwork, ingenuity, and critical thinking, teens created their own characters and had them go on a creative adventure. Through learning about the game, the teens read and thought about what would motivate their character. They then put these skills to use in the game play.

**2** teens participated in creative expression and problem solving this summer.

*"All people today—youth and adults—spend the majority of their lives learning outside the walls of formal classrooms."*

— *"Museums, Libraries, and 21st Century Skills," Institute of Museums & Library Services, July 2009*