

Chocolate & Authors: Welcome to the Jungle Friday, March 2 from 4-8pm



Chocolate and Authors

Join us for the 23rd Annual Chocolate and Authors fundraiser for the library on Friday March 2, 4- 8 pm.

This year's theme is "Welcome to the Jungle."

Entry is a \$5 donation and entitles the visitor to chat with over 20 published authors, enjoy luscious chocolates, and a selection of healthy alternatives. You have a chance to win a fun door prizes throughout the evening. If you choose to purchase a book from one of the authors you can have a personalized signed copy.

Raffle tickets are also available. 1st prize is a \$120 voucher to Art in Glass plus two tickets to the Stevensville Playhouse plus a \$25 gift certificate from Apenstuble. 2nd prize is a 3 month membership to Anytime Fitness and 3rd prize is a basket of books donated by our guest authors plus goodies from the Montana Chocolate Company.

No babysitter? No problem! Crafts and games for the children will take place in the Community Room while parents appreciate some grown up time.

Over 20 author's have confirmed attendance and books include a wide variety of genre from fantasy to non-fiction. A short bio of each author can be found in this newsletter.

Profits help the library to pay for both children's and adult programs, as well as many extras that add to the enjoyment of everyone who loves the library.

If you have not been to the library in a while, you might be surprised by the wonderful renovations that have taken place, making the library a much brighter and more welcoming place.

This is a great opportunity for members of the community to support the library and visit with over 20 local authors, all while enjoying some gastronomical delights!

The library closes for regular business at 2 pm while the Friends of the NVPL set up for this fun and exciting event.

Authors who will be at our Chocolate & Authors event:

Dale Burk is a writer and publisher (Stoneydale Publishing). He writes about the great outdoors and his books include *Camp Cookbook* and a book of photographs of our beautiful state.

The title of **Adele Lewis Coon's** book is *Listening to Animals* and is a first-hand account of Adele's vivid experiences with many types of animals.

Mike Cyrus is a firefighter, fisherman, hunter, cattle rancher, businessman and all round adventurer. His novels, *The Kingdom Come*, *The Journey Back Begins* and *Tall Tree Chronicles*, reflect his love of adventure.

Casey Dawes is a romance writer who's diverse characters face real-life problems and find real love. Casey has a degree in theatre, has been a teacher, business coach, manager, stage hand, secretary and database guru.

Kathy Dufresne, a teacher with a journalist degree, writes for early readers. Her books are designed to encourage creativity, imagination and a love of reading.

Dr. Norma Gilmore is the author of *Get Ready, Set, Go and Read*, a program to help students with reading problems. The program is based on Dr. Gilmore's lifelong experience in education, cranio-sacral methodology and work with a Developmental Optometrist.

Brandon Griffin is a Friend of the NVPL and the author of two books of fantasy. The Books of Azric series to date are *The Beginning* and *Truth*.

Local, knowledgeable gardner **Molly Hackett** is the author of *Complete Gardner* and *Year in the Garden*. Anyone who wants to garden in the Bitterroot can learn from her rich wisdom.

Patricia Ann Holmes writes charming little books for early readers, including *Little Toad*.

Judy Hoy is a biologist, wildlife researcher and wildlife rehabilitator and has written the book *Changing Faces* which deals with the problems and repercussions associated with increased pesticide use.

Michael Hoyt has written three in depth guides to hiking trails in the Bitterroots, He also wrote a young adult novel *Ranger*, a gripping tale of magic, wolves and wilderness.

Jane Lambert's book *Charlie Russell: The Cowboy Years* has received excellent reviews in Western Horseman, American Cowboy, and Ranch and Reata.

Mark Lewing wrote *Lakota Lore: A Compendium of Thoughts and Knowledge of the Dakota Nation* and is himself an author, hunter, outdoorsman, firefighter, and forester.

Milana Marsenich's first novel *Copper Sky* is an historical novel set in Butte in 1917 and this pivotal time in history is viewed through the eyes of the two main female protagonists.

Robert Liam McCallum has sold his books worldwide. He writes gothic ghost stories, Victorian mysteries, poetry and short stores. Some of his books are even set in the Bitterroot.

Mary Mills is a successful massage therapist as well as an author. Her first published book is a memoir *My Father's Ledger*, a story of grace, survival and healing.

See Over for more...

Rebecca E. Ondov writes about horses. If you love horses, and especially if you're a girl who loves horses then Rebecca's books are for you.

Alicia Sprinkle is a Registered Nurse as well as a children's book author and member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators.

Lolly and the Holly Berry Tree is a children's easy reader level book. Alicia volunteered for many years reading at the library's Storytime.

Powell Swanser glass artist, sculptor, bladesmith and author, has written a book *John Colter – Young Patriot* which is being made into a film called "*Colter's Run*".

Jim Tree-Gilmore is a teacher of Natural Spirituality and author of the book *The Way of the Sacred Pipe*. Mr. Tree-Gilmore has the honor to be the caretaker of the United Nations Turtle Pipe, a Sacred Pipe created for the UN by Elder, Adam Fortunate Eagle in the 1970's, a duty which has taken him around the world conducting pipe ceremonies.

Danica Winters, a bestselling author of romance and paranormal who has won multiple awards. Danica's books are gripping and suspenseful, with a touch of magic.

Author, photographer and veterinarian **Ed Wolff** provides expert insight into elk hunting in his book *Elk Hunting in the Northern Rockies*



Seeking Treasures for Foundation Fundraising Dinner

The North Valley Public Library Foundation is holding its first annual fundraising dinner - "A NOVEL AFFAIR" on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the St Mary's Center, Stevensville to raise funds to support library programs and continued library building renovations.

Doors open at 5:45 for socializing, seating and bidding on a Silent Auction. Dinner is 6:30-7:30 followed by entertainment from local talent.

Donor levels (Tickets) include one drink of your choice, full dinner, dessert, entertainment, and access to the silent auction:

Single person	\$ 50.00
Couple	\$ 90.00
Table (8 persons)	\$ 350.00
Child (< 10 years)	\$ 25.00

Tickets may be purchased at North Valley Public Library (M-F 10-7, Sat 10-5), The Bitterroot Star on 115 W 3rd St (behind Valley Drug) (M-F 9-5pm) or Main Street Association on 102 Main St (T-F, 9-5pm)

Tickets can also be purchased by contacting NVPL Foundation Board member, Fran Schmitz franniela70@gmail.com 777-3579 or (225) 304-3947

The Foundation is happily accepting donations of art works, antiques, vintage or unique pieces in good condition and of value for the Silent Auction.. If you are interested in donating an item, please visit the local North Valley Library OR contact Donna Bainbridge at 406 370-4563. "We will review your item and complete the needed information so we can represent your item correctly and thoroughly on the Auction table. We will send you a letter acknowledging your donation so you can utilize it with your next tax return if you so choose."

Our Mission:

To strengthen and support our community by fostering a welcoming and comfortable setting for all people to gather, explore and discover.
To promote literacy and lifelong learning.
To provide exemplary service and quality, timely materials.

Library News

March Library Closures

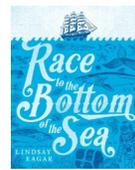
The library is closing early at 2 pm on Friday March 2.



Kid's Corner



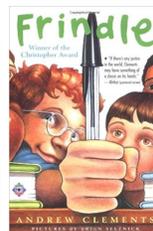
Annika Recommends:



Race to the Bottom of the Sea by Lindsay Eagar

This book has it all, exploration, sharks, pirates, plundering, treasure, love, adventure, and mystery! *Race to the Bottom of the Sea* follows eleven year old Fidelia Quail, who is the product of two world renowned marine biologists. Fidelia herself is a young genius inventor who helps her parents with their work and studies. At the beginning of the book, Fidelia experiences a great personal loss that shakes her entire world, and causes her to feel some discomfort with the aspects of her life that she's always known and loved. I think Fidelia personifies exactly what a lot of ten-year-olds aspire to be. She is smart, nerdy, and brave, but she also had a lot of heart. What a great character for middle-grade girls to look up to!

Guest Reviewer: Jake S., age 10



Frindle by Andrew Clements

Nick is a very creative kid that is always thinking of crazy ideas. He comes up with the idea to change the classroom into a beach. He puts bags of sands on the floor, umbrellas, and puts a volleyball net up in the classroom. Now you can see why Nick is very creative. Now you are wondering why they call the book *Frindle*. Frindle is what Nick calls his pen. Soon the word "frindle" is spread through the whole classroom, then the whole school. Finally, the word frindle spreads through the whole town, then across the country! Nick doesn't know what to do to stop it. To find out more about this book, read it!

I liked the book because it was funny. There was lots of humor and creative ideas. My favorite part was when he changed the classroom into a beach. My favorite character was Nick because he was very different. I recommend this book because it is hilarious. There are so many ideas that Nick comes up with that nobody else would think of. You would like this book if you like funny and creative books.

In other news:

- ◆ We have 10 new Juvenile Playaways to choose from!
- ◆ Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bookmark Decorating Contest. Be sure to pick up your copy of the winning bookmarks at the Library's front desk!

Annual Chocolate and Authors fundraiser



Friday, March 2 at 5 pm Come meet great local authors and eat amazing deserts! Sponsored by the Friends of the North Valley Public Library. **Tickets available at the door.**

Growing Legumes in Montana



Tuesday, March 6 at 6 pm
Adding legumes into established perennial pastures improves soil health and increases forage quality. Come and learn how to improve your soil and give a boost to your economic bottom line.

Introduction to Fly Fishing



Friday, March 16 at 6 pm
Learn about tackle requirements, different types of flies, where and how to fish for success. This exciting class includes a hands-on demonstration on how to cast. Presented by Chuck of Chuck

Stranahan's Fly Shop in Hamilton.

Please register either on our Facebook site, or at the library if you're interested in attending so that Chuck knows how many supplies to bring.

Dieting Tips & Tricks



Friday March 23 at 5 pm
Julie believes grocery shopping, cooking and diet changes should be fun. A Registered Dietitian, Julie Waibel specializes in weight

loss, sports/medical nutrition, and therapy. If weight loss is one of your New Year resolutions, or you are just interested in nutrition, join us and see what new insight Julie may have for you.

Square Foot Gardening Series

Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 6-7 pm



Learn the basics of square foot gardening from certified Master Gardener, Stone Mason, who currently runs the teaching garden, Ankh Farm. This is a four-part gardening series. Come to them all or drop-in on a session.

Mindfulness Meditation Group



Tuesdays at 10:30 am
Continuing classes in meditation. Usually classes include a short video, a discussion on technique and practice. **Newcomers welcome.**

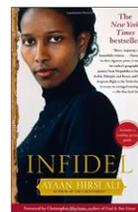
Tai Chi Group



Fridays at 11 pm

Continuing classes on performing the ancient exercise of Tai Chi with Master Mike English who has been a student of Tai Chi since 2003 and has a background in Aikido and Shotokan Karate. No equipment is necessary for these classes, but comfortable clothes recommended. **Newcomers welcome.**

Book Club



Tuesday, March 13 at 10:30 am

Join members of the book club to discuss this month's selection: **Ayaan Hirsi Ali's** book, *Infidel*

Upcoming Events:

- **NVPL Foundation Dinner & Entertainment Fundraiser** at St. Mary's: Saturday, April 14
- **Mushroom Foraging and Identification:** April 5
- **Wildfire Home Defense & Safety:** April 12
- **How to Train your Puppy:** April 21
- **Organizing Basics :** May 3

The Library enriches lives through free resources for learning, fun, and opportunity. All library programs are free and open to the public.



Mother Goose Sings and Swings
Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 am
Join us for simple stories, finger plays, songs, nursery rhymes and social interaction. The *Mother Goose on the Loose*

program is designed to promote early literacy skills in the very young child.
For babies up to 23 months and their adult caregivers.

Captain Hooked on Books @ the Library
Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 9:30-10 am

Join us for this interactive program of reading, singing and dancing featuring the Captain (played by Kim Gibbs) and Petey the Parrot. This program reinforces early literacy skills in a fun, creative style that always keeps kids entertained. Come and read at the library with a pirate! Caregivers are required to quietly supervise any children under their care so that the performance is not interrupted. Sponsored by the North Valley Public Library Foundation and the Rapp Foundation.
For children ages 3-5



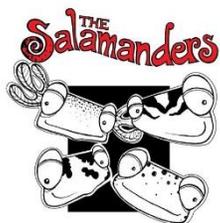
For ages 5-18

After School @ the Library
Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 3-4:30 pm
Join us for study hall, free tutoring, crafts and Legos.

Music Makers
Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 1:30 pm
Join us for songs, rhythm exercises, stories and more!
For preschool and under



Art Club
Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 4-5 pm
Join us for fun, creative art lessons & projects! This is a great chance to get your creative juices flowing.
For ages 5-18



The Salamanders
Tuesday, March 20 at 5:30 pm
Join this all-ages rock group and dance to fun tunes, play some instruments, and just enjoy the music!
For all ages

Montana Wild Skies Raptor Center
Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30-6:30 pm
Interact with native Montana birds. Come have fun while you learn about amazing bird species.
For all ages



Science Friday
March 9 at 4-5 pm
The library hosts a science-based program for kids one Friday a month. Come learn about a scientific topic and do an experiment or project. For the month of March, we will do experiments and learn about clouds, water, & weather. **Please sign up** by emailing the Youth Services Specialist or at the Library's front desk, **space is limited.**
For ages 8-14



Pre-School Stories & Crafts
Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 10:30-11:30 am
Join us for amazing stories, a craft, and a snack.
For preschool and under

Contact Super Reader Annika
annikar@northvalleylibrary.org for more information about youth programs or to get on the email list. All programs listed on our website and Facebook.

