

## We need *Friends!*

### CONSIDER THE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Across the nation, public libraries depend on their *Friends* groups to support them in significant ways. The *Friends of the North Valley Public Library* provides volunteer services to assist library activities and conducts 'fun' fundraisers that raise additional monies to augment the library budget. The *Friends* recently merged with and operates under the umbrella of the *North Valley Public Library Foundation*, allowing the *Friends* to do its own thing, but also have non-profit status.

Beverly Helrich, President of the *Friends* for 13 years, resigned in 2016 when she moved from the area.

Diana Griffin succeeded as President when no one else stepped up so the group would survive.

The *Friends* currently do one fundraiser a year - *Chocolate and Authors*. This event, much loved in our community, enables local authors to showcase their work. But *Chocolate and Authors* is not just a library fundraiser; it is also an ambassador for the library.

*Friends* support the library by purchasing needed items outside of the library's budget such as the art screen for Community Room, piano tuning, additional children's programming supplies, speaker co-payments that enable the Library to take advantage of expert presentations offered through Humanities Montana, an independent non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In addition to its fundraising and volunteer roles, the *Friends* is also a **social** group of people who enjoy engaging with and meeting people. In addition to the socialization that occurs during meetings and events, they have held a yearly tea and an annual activity at the Lee Metcalf. Importantly, the *Friends* are advocates for the library. It was *Friends'* feet on the ground that helped this library remain open and became an independent district.

**Our *Friends of the Library* group is in trouble.** Diana would like to mentor and hand over the reins as President to someone else. *Friends* membership has declined with only a few older core members remaining. We need **new leadership** and **new membership** to keep *Friends* alive!

As book lovers and library users, please consider joining the *Friends*, or talking to people you know who might be interested in joining and revitalizing the *Friends*. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Library Director Denise Ard.



## Fundraiser Buy a ticket and support the Library.

**Saturday April 13**  
*Libraries : A Kaleidoscope of Value*

*A Novel Affair* is the second annual fundraising event for the library sponsored by the *NVPL Foundation* and will be held at St Mary's Mission, Charlos St., Stevensville.

Your ticket includes dinner, a drink, dessert, a silent auction and entertainment by the LeGrande Harvey Group.

Purchase tickets at the following locations:

- North Valley Public Library
- Bitterroot Star: 115 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Stevensville
- Main Street Association: 102 Main St, Stevensville
- NVPL Foundation - [franniela70@gmail.com](mailto:franniela70@gmail.com) ph: 777-3579 or (225) 304-3947

### Donor Levels:

Dinner, Silent Auction & Entertainment  
5:30 pm—9:00 pm

Single	\$50
Couple	\$90
Table (8 seats)	\$350

Dessert Bar & Entertainment only  
7:30 pm—9:00 pm \$25

Doors open at 5:30 pm for the silent auction.

The *Foundation* supports the Library with larger grants and monies for building, maintenance, and programing including the cost of the "Montana Mollie" program for kids and seniors.

## Seeking Treasures

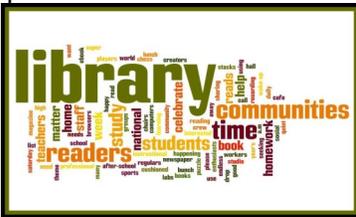
The *Foundation* is happily accepting donations of art works, antiques, or unique pieces of value in excellent condition for the Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating an item, contact Donna Bainbridge at 406-370-4563.



# Library News

## Chocolate & Authors postponed.

The weather and snow pack made us postpone our 24th annual *Chocolate and Authors* event. Stay tuned for a new date for this fantastic event with about 20 local authors.



## National Libraries Week

is April 7-13. This year's theme is "Strong Communities" which works well with our community listening sessions and our continuing work in this area.

Celebrate with us by participating in our special book themed trivia night on April 11.

**Volunteer Appreciation** week is April 7-13 and we want to publicly thank our fabulous volunteers; the library would not be the same without you.

Amy G  
Amy H  
Amy K  
Betsy  
Brandon  
Caitlin  
Carol  
Charlene  
Debbie  
Dianna  
Dianne



Donna  
Frannie  
Kim  
Leon  
Lisa  
Lyn  
Lynn  
Mimi  
Pam  
Valerie  
Victoria

## New Mission Statement

Our updated mission statement, which can be seen at the bottom of this page, reflects the feedback from our Community Listening Sessions held last year.

## In Memoriam



*Phyllis Anne (Roberts) Daniels*

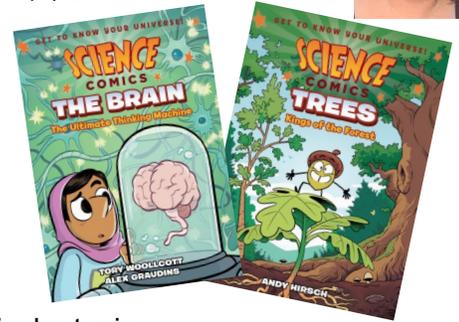
*Nov 4, 1943-Feb 27, 2019*

Phyllis worked part-time at North Valley Public Library starting in 2007. After resigning from the library in 2014 she volunteered for *Friends of the Library*. She was a prodigious reader and faithful patron. She will be missed.

# Kid's Corner



**Annika Recommends:**  
**Science Comics** by various authors



Every volume of *Science Comics* offers a complete introduction to a particular topic.

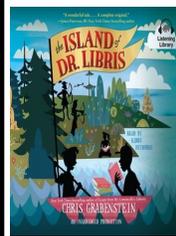
These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer wildly entertaining views of their subjects. Whether you're a fourth grader doing a natural science unit at school or a thirty year old with a secret passion for airplanes, these books are for you!

The Library has *Science Comics* on the following topics: The brain, trees, volcanoes, and the solar system.

## Kid's Book Review: Kenzy B., age 7

**The Island of Dr. Libris** by Chris Grabenstein

I gave this book 5 stars because it had a great element of action. I loved how stories that every kid knows come together in the book. My favorite character is Robin Hood. I love how he is always crazy and happy. He loves Sir William as a good friends. He is always ready for action.



## Early Literacy Tip :

Have your preschooler tell you the story. By age 5, children can be still for longer books, and can create their own stories based on the pictures. Ask your preschooler to tell you the basic plot of the book or to make up stories based on what he sees on each page.

## Director's Feature Book



**The Hunger** by Alma Katsu

*The Hunger* by Alma Katsu takes the tragic tale of the Donner Party and infuses it with hints of witchcraft, vampirism, lycanthropy, cannibalism and zombiism in a tale that is fated to become the latest Donner Party-inspired horror movie." --True West Magazine

"Alma Katsu has taken one of the darkest and most chilling episodes in our history, and made the story even darker, even more terrifying. I swear I'm still shuddering. A fantastic read!" --R.L. Stine

**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.



**A Novel Affair Library Foundation Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, April 13 at St. Mary's Center** The theme is *Libraries: A Kaleidoscope of Value.*

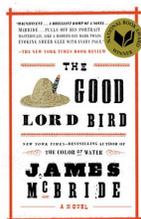
Dinner, entertainment and silent auction 5:30-9 pm. Or you can choose the dessert bar and entertainment only option, 7:30-9 pm.  
Purchase tickets at the Library, Bitterroot Star, Main Street or contact Fran Schmitz at 777-3579 or 225-304-3947 or franniela70@gmail.com.



**Victorian Ladies Tea Guild of Western Montana**

**Fashion & Afternoon Tea**  
**Saturday, April 13 at 2 pm**

RSVP to a fashion show of Victorian clothing, with commentary and explanations, followed by an afternoon tea.  
**Please register for this event.**



**Book Club**

**Tuesday, March 12 at 10:45 am**  
Join members of the book club to discuss this month's selection:  
***The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride**



**Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia**

**Friday, April 12 at 5:30 pm**

Alzheimer's disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's. Discussion includes the different stages of Alzheimer's, risk factors and current research and treatments available.



**Knitting Group**

**Thursday, April 18 at 1 pm**

A social knitting group. Experienced and beginner knitters welcome.

**Upcoming Events:**

- ◆ May 4: All about Hats.
- ◆ May 3: Elliott Oppenheim in concert.
- ◆ May 16: 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's.
- ◆ May 18: 80's Trivia Night.
- ◆ May 30: Introduction to Shinrin-Yoku aka "forest bathing."
- ◆ May Book Club selection: *The Sea Runners* by Ivan Doig.



**Gardening with Native Plants**  
**Thursday, April 4, at 6 pm**

Hear Aimee Kelley speak about gardening native. Native plants are gorgeous, attract birds, support native pollinators including honey bees, and thrive in our weather conditions.



**Introduction to Small Business Planning**

**Thursday, April 11, 9 -12 pm**

A workshop to get you started on the critical planning, essential to business success. Learn about free resources and other useful tips from the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority.



**Library Trivia Night: Books**

**Thursday, April 11 at 5:30 pm**

Celebrate all things books during **National Library Week** by joining this special trivia night. Compete for glory demonstrating your literary knowledge. Teams consist of 2-6 people. Each round has a separate theme with questions ranging in difficulty. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this friendly competition.

*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 & Swings Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 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 ages 0-3 and their adult caregivers.**

### Storytime & More Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 10:30 am

Join us for amazing stories, a craft, and a snack. **For preschool and under**



### Bingo for Books

**Monday, April 8 at 4 pm**

Join us to celebrate National Library Week (April 8-13) and play Bingo for Books. If you win a game, pick book to take home! Cookies, hot chocolate and cider provided. **For all ages**

### After School @ the Library

**Wednesdays, April 3,  
10, 17, & 24 at 3 pm**

Join us for study hall, free tutoring, crafts, and Legos. **For ages 5-18**



### Montana Mollie's Tales for Tots\*

**Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30  
at 10 am**

This interactive program of reading, singing, and dancing features Montana Mollie and Rocky the Marmot. The program reinforces early literacy skills in a fun, creative style that always keeps kids entertained. Caregivers are required to quietly supervise children under their care so that the performance is not interrupted. **For children ages 3-5**  
\*Sponsored by the North Valley Public Library Foundation and the Rapp Foundation.

### Art Club

**Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18,  
& 25 at 4 pm**

Join us for fun, creative art lessons & projects! This is a great chance to get your creative juices flowing.

**For ages 5-18**

**Weekly registration is required.**



### Stuffed Animal Sleepover Wednesday, April 17 10:30 am —Thursday, April 18, 3 pm

Join us for a special Story Time Pajama Party on Wednesday, April 17 at 10:30 am. Wear your pajamas and enjoy stories and songs about bedtime. Bring a stuffed animal you are willing to leave overnight for their own library adventure – after hours!  
**\*If you can't make our special Story Time, drop your stuffed animal off by 3 pm on April 17. Please pick up your animal by 3 pm on April 18!**

### Science Friday

**April 12 at 4 pm**

The library hosts a science program the second Friday of the month. Come learn about a scientific topic and do an experiment or project.

**For ages 7 & up**

**Registration is required. Space is limited.**



Contact **Super Reader Annika** about youth programs or to get on the email list. [annikar@northvalleylibrary.org](mailto:annikar@northvalleylibrary.org)



**Please be considerate by showing up on time to all programs!**