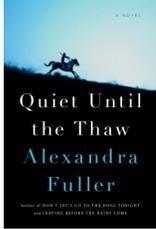


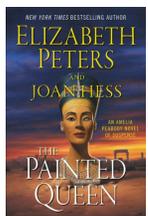
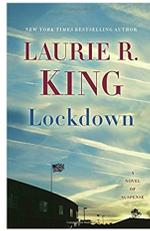
September Reads New Releases



Quiet Until the Thaw by Alexandra Fuller
Two Native American cousins find themselves at odds as they grapple with the implications of their shared heritage.

Lockdown by Laurie R. King

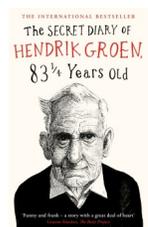
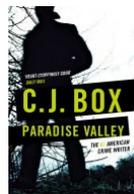
A community comes together when threatened by someone with a thirst for revenge in this stunningly intricate, tautly plotted novel of rich psychological suspense from the New York Times bestselling author of the Mary Russell mysteries.



Painted Queen by Elizabeth Peters
Egypt, 1912. Amelia Peabody and her dashing archeologist husband, Radcliffe Emerson, are once again in danger as they search for a priceless, stolen bust of legendary Queen Nefertiti in this long-awaited, eagerly anticipated final installment of Elizabeth Peters's bestselling series.

Paradise Valley by C.J. Box

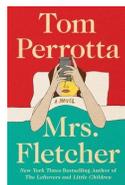
The Lizard King is a serial killer who haunts North America's highways and truck stops, preying on runaways and prostitutes. For three years, Chief Investigator Cassandra 'Cassie' Dewell has been hunting the Lizard King. Twice she has come close to taking him, but this time she surely has him. The trap is set and baited.



Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen by Hester Velmans
The hilarious international bestselling novel that has had pensioners ditching their sticks and zimmers to follow the age-defying, youth inducing antics inside of Hendrik Groen, 83 1/4 years young.

Mrs. Fletcher by Tom Perrotta

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Leftovers* and *Little Children* comes a penetrating and hilarious new novel about sex, love, and identity on the frontlines of America's culture wars.



In Memory of Melvin J. "Mel" Leonard

December 13, 1939 - July 7, 2017

Melvin Leonard served on the North Valley Public Library Board from 2008-2010 and volunteered running a chess club for children at the library. His legacy lives on in the chess sets that we have available to patrons.

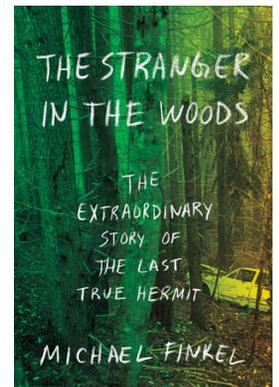
Our deepest sympathy to Mel's wife Geri, his grandson Earl, and family and friends. Our thanks to Anne and Daniel Varner who made a donation to the library in memory of Mel.

Montana Author of the Month:

Michael Finkel

Montana and Alaska are popular states for people (usually men) who voluntarily disappear from society.

Christopher Knight hid in the Maine woods for 27 years, never seen, never communicating with anyone, even his family. Almost dying from cold and starvation, Knight was captured when he went once too often to steal supplies from Pine Hills Camp. Montana author Michael Finkel was so intrigued by this amazing feat that he wrote letters and interviewed Knight while in jail. Slowly an odd relationship developed between the two, culminating in Knight giving Finkel permission to write this fascinating book about the motivations and contemplations of a person who gives up everything, even love, to be lost.



This review is largely derived from Credit FOCUS: a newsletter of the Montana Library Association [August 2017 Vol. 35 Issue 4]

Story of a Book Club



Did you know that there is a book club operating from the library?

The Book Club meets 10:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month, usually at the library.

In 2012 Connie Rakecki retired from Colorado to the beautiful Bitterroot Valley. One of the first things she did was to join the library and inquire about a book club.

Library assistant Amy Leach jumped on the idea of starting a club, and invited Connie to organize one. The infant book club advertised in the paper and the first meeting was held October 2012 with four people in attendance. Since that time the number of members has grown to regularly include 10-12 people.

Book club members decide on the year's books each December. Currently each member chooses a book, often from the Missoula library "chat bag" list. Chat Bags contain 10 copies of a book, along with a folder which contains discussion questions, author interviews and biographies. There are over 100 Chat Bags available for checkout through the Missoula Public Library. The book club also make a yearly donation of a set of 10 new books of their choice, which, once read, are added to the MPL Chat Bag Collection.

As well as their regular meetings, the club sometimes has extension activities to enhance their reading of the month's book. After reading *Undaunted Courage* by **Stephen E. Ambrose** in July, the book club visited the University of Montana Planetarium in Missoula to learn about how Lewis and Clarke would have navigated their way across the country using constellations, latitude and longitude. The Planetarium program was presented by one of our founding members, Jaylene Naylor. Occasional related movies and visiting Author talks add a further dimension to meetings.

Members are a diverse group of people, each bringing a unique perspective to the discussion, which is always lively and respectful.

After 5 years at the helm, Connie Rakecki retains membership, but is handing her leadership baton to several other members of the club. Mimi Sauer (inquiries and emails), Betsy Ballard (chat bag co-ordination), Janelle Corn and Elaine Furhmann have volunteered to share the task.

If you're interested in expanding your reading horizons, and attending a book club meeting, please contact Mimi Sauer at mimisauer@montana.com

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Connie Rakecki for starting the club in 2012 and for her great years of service continuing this strong and popular club. Thank you to Mimi, Betsy, Janelle and Elaine for continuing the great tradition!

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.



Annika Recommends:

Wolfie the Bunny by **Ame Dyckman**. It is a wonderful story about a rabbit family that adopts a baby wolf to raise in their family. It's a story of accepting someone for who they are on the inside. It's hilarious and sweet with great illustrations.

Guest Reviewer: Saphyre, Age 9

Emily Windsnap and the Land of the Midnight Sun by **Liz Kessler**

I rated this book 5/5 stars! It was full of action and death defying moments. Like when Neptune's twin brother almost flooded all of the land with a huge tsunami.



Check out our new Playaways!

Playaway is the simplest way to listen to an audiobook. Unlike CDs, audio cassettes or downloads, Playaway does not need a separate player. Instead, Playaway comes pre-loaded and ready to use. Simply plug in earbuds and enjoy.

We have several titles now for Juveniles and Young Adults. Look for the orange boxes!

We have over 50 **new Easy Picture book** titles, amazing illustrations and great reads!

Thank you to everyone who made the summer reading programs possible! Enjoy your school year and look out for



A big thank you to the musicians who make our First Fridays wonderful!

Please join us in thanking the musicians that have donated their talent so far this year:

Arthur Kostuk, classical pianist,

Russell Perri folk rock singer and player,

Tim Hunter, Jim and Susan McCauley, Sue Pearson and Cleo Gunther of **Bittergrass String** band,

The **Tin Cup Trio**,

Jack Mauer & Dr. Marshall Bloom

They generously give their time to play for the library and the community on First Fridays.



Mother Goose Sings and Swings

Mondays, Sept 11, 18 & 25 at 12:30 pm

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, Sept 5, 12, 19 & 26 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



Salamanders

Tuesday, Sept 12 at 6-7 pm

Join this all-ages rock group and dance to fun tunes, play some instruments, and just enjoy the music! **For all ages**



Pre-School Stories & Crafts
Wednesdays, Sept 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30-11:30 am
For preschool and under



After School @ the Library
Wednesdays, Sept 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 3-4:30 pm
Join us for study hall, free tutoring, crafts and Legos.
For ages 5-18

Music Makers

Thursdays, Sept 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 1:30 pm

Join us for songs, rhythm exercises, stories and more!
For preschool and under



Art Club

Thursdays, Sept 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 4-5 pm

Join us for fun, creative art lessons and projects! This is a great chance to get your creative juices flowing.
For ages 5-18



Science Friday

Sept 15 at 4-5 pm

The library hosts a science based program for kids the third Friday of the month. Come learn about a scientific topic and do an experiment or project.
For ages 8-14



Borrow a Telescope

Borrow the telescope for up to 14 days at a time. The Orion StarBlast telescope includes an instruction manual, posters, planispheres, and a carrying case.

Eligibility for borrowing: You must be 18 years or older, either reside in the North Valley Public Library District (which corresponds with the Stevensville or Lone

Rock School Districts) or have purchase an annual nonresident North Valley Public Library card. Card must be in good standing. Reserve it now.

Contact Super Reader Annika

annikar@northvalleylibrary.org for more information about the youth programs or to get on the email list. All programs listed on our website and in the Bitterroot Star.



Banjo Duo



**First Friday,
September 1 at 6-7 pm**
Come hear old time fiddle and banjo tunes performed by locals Jack Mallard and Dr. Marshall Bloom. They blend playing traditional and

modern instruments with a splash of banjo history. First Friday events are in conjunction with the Stevensville Main Street Association.

For Adults and Families

Art by Eric Brunet

also on First Friday, September 1 at 6-7 pm

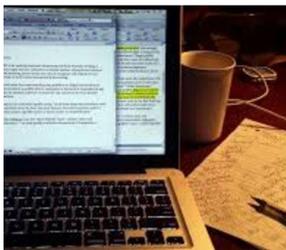
While enjoying music, view the art of writer and photographer Eric Brunet. Eric, who lives in Florence, is at work on a photo-essay project entitled "Rise and Seek Nothing". Eric's art show is up only for the duration of the program and features gorgeous local scenery.

For Adults and Families



Author Presentation: Brandon Griffin

Wednesday September 6, 5:30-6:30pm



Brandon writes in the fantasy genre and introduces the second book in his *Books of Azric* series. Brandon is speaking about the actual process of writing his books: visualizing the plot, how he manages his time, and what motivates him to write.

Mindfulness Meditation & Qigong/Taichi

Wednesday, September 6 at 12-2 pm

The first of two free classes, to be taken as a set, introducing the practice foundations.

Most suited to seniors but all are welcome



Adult Open Paint @ the Library



Thursdays at 5-6:30 pm
Paint at the library with like-minded people for 1.5 hours. Registration required DeniseA@northvalleylibrary.com. Artists supply their own materials.
Suitable for adults

Life & Estate Organization

Friday September 15, 6-7pm

Karin Fried of Organizational Consulting Services is speaking about organizing all of the information in your life; family, medical, financial, home etc., so that it is accessible to yourself, and others if the need arises.



Suitable for adults

Fun Fermentation

Saturday September 16, 6-7pm

Fermentation is a food preservation process used for thousands of years. Come and learn how easy it is to create your own culinary delights with different fermentation methods.

Suitable for adults



History of Fort Owen

Thursday September 14, 7-9pm

John Owen purchased St Mary's Mission grounds in 1850 and created Fort Owen, which was a trading, not a military post. Come and hear Vernon Carroll speak about this local, historical spot. This event is presented in conjunction with the Friends of Fort Owen and the Stevensville



Historical Museum.