

Staff Picks

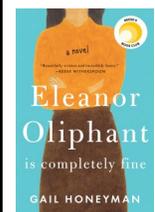
Scharyn recommends author **Georgette Heyer** for anyone who loves great language and historical fiction. Look for Heyer's books in print in the romance section or in our audiobook collection.



Scharyn enjoys **P.G. Wodehouse's** Jeeves series on audiobook using MontanaLibrary2Go to download digital copies. The series features the inimitable butler Jeeves, and his bumbling, lovable employer Bertie Wooster. It is a lighthearted and humorous series set in 1920's England. She also recommends *Jeeves and the Wedding Bells: An Homage to P.G. Woodhouse* by Sebastian Faulks.

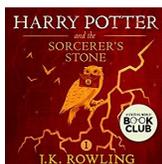


Scharyn is also loving the recently discovered Brandon Sanderson's *Stormlight Archive* epic fantasy series. Each of the books is so large that it gives you muscles holding them up in bed. Work out and read at the same time.



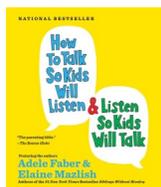
Denise recommends *Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine : a novel* by **Gail Honeyman** on audiobook. I enjoyed listening the Scottish accents of the reader. The action takes place in Glasgow and we are introduced to Eleanor, a 30-year old woman who goes to work, reads, does crosswords, and drinks vodka on the weekends. She lives a lonely life, but insists she is completely fine. She is an intelligent, but socially awkward outsider that is unaware of popular culture. She had a tragic upbringing, which the listener slowly discovers, as Eleanor starts to develop connections and opens herself up, emerging from her solitary lifestyle.

Dan, Denise and Pam love the Harry Potter audiobooks. The library has the copies read by British actor Jim Dale, and his reading of them is so good that one wonders... did the actors in the film try and sound like him?



Pam enjoyed reading *A Gentleman in Moscow* by **Amor Towles**. Winner of Goodreads "Best Historical Fiction" award, the book is set in 1922 and centers around Count Alexander Rostov, a truly genteel man, who is sentenced to spend the rest of his life in an hotel.

Annika is learning from *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* by **Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish**. It's really readable and full of good advice. The advise is broken down by age so it's easy to reference. One of the main learning points is how to truly acknowledge your child's feelings. We also have this book on audio.



Director's Recommendations

The Girl Who Never Read Noam Chomsky by **Jana Casale**
A timely and timeless book that captures the complexity and joys of modern womanhood. The book follows Leda from her time as a young woman through the decades of her life. It is a lively and disarmingly honest book. Alternately funny and heartbreaking, the story it tells is an essential one.

Come West and See: Stories by **Maxim Loskutoff**
Set in an isolated triangle of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming where an armed occupation of a wildlife refuge escalates into a separatist uprising, these stories offer startling insight into the wounds of the American people and a powerful vision of the West.

Two Steps Forward by **Graeme Simsion**
Smart and funny, insightful and romantic, *Two Steps Forward* reveals that the most important journeys we make aren't measured in miles, but in the strength, wisdom, and love found along the way. Fans of *The Rosie Project* and *The Rosie Effect* will recognize Graeme Simsion's uniquely quirky and charming writing style.

Reservoir 13 by **Jon McGregor**
An award winning and extraordinary novel of power and grace set in an English Village. *Reservoir 13* explores the rhythms of the natural world and the repeated human gift for violence, unfolding over thirteen years as the aftershocks of a tragedy refuse to subside.

Adjustment Day by **Chuck Palahniuk**
An ingeniously comic work in which the author skewers the absurdities in our society. People have been waiting for "Adjustment Day" and when it arrives, it fearlessly makes real the logical conclusion of every separatist fantasy and conspiracy theory lurking in our subconscious.

The Collapsing Empire (Interdependency #1) by **John Scalzi**
First novel in a sweeping new series, set in an all new universe by an award-winning SF author. "Fans of *Game of Thrones* and *Dune* will enjoy this bawdy, brutal, and brilliant political adventure" - Booklist Review

The Half-Drowned King by **Linnea Hartsuyker**
Fans of *Game of Thrones* and *Outlander* will love this compelling story of the first king of Norway and the political intrigues, battles and struggles that led to his rise to power. It's an exhilarating saga of the Vikings, set in the 9th century, brutal, mystical and imaginative.

The Vanishing Season: A Mystery by **Joanna Schaffhausen**
Schaffhausen's accomplished debut will grip readers from the opening page to the stunning conclusion. Ellery Hathaway is an officer in sleepy Woodbury, MA, where a bicycle theft still makes the newspapers. When three people disappear from her town in three years--all around her birthday--Ellery fears there's a connection between herself, a dangerous killer and a major crime from her past.

Library News

New Mural:

Don't forget to check out our marvelous new mural which is being painted by local, professional artist Ken Daly, on the front wall of the library! Ken is hard at work on this board-approved painting which is looking more and more grand as it takes it's final form.

Library Group Wins Award!

The Montana Shared Catalog Partners Sharing Group (MSC), of which the NVPL is a part, received a 2017 "Community Connector Award".



Berit Nelson, a VP at SirsiDynix, presented the award and said about the MSC "...11 years ago the Partners Resource Sharing Group agreed to work together to share collections for the benefit of patrons across the State of Montana. Originally comprised of 13 libraries, the group has grown to 31 members. Each library acts as if it is a branch of the other, and placing holds and receiving materials is just like magic! The partnership allows small rural libraries access to collections at two of the largest libraries in the state and everything in between. The Shared Catalog staff have worked diligently over the years, to streamline this system, which has become a lifeline for patrons. They have, in a very literal way, been connecting communities all across the huge state of Montana. Kudos to this amazing group!"

The award was on display at NVPL during the month of May and in June will be on display at Bitterroot Public Library in Hamilton.

Montana author of the month

Gwen Florio

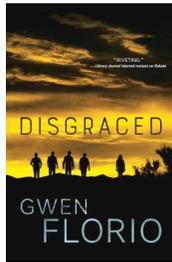
Missoula author Gwen Florio won several journalism awards and was nominated three times for the Pulitzer Prize.

Her fiction won the inaugural Pinckley Prize and the High Plains Book Award and she was nominated for the Pushcart Prize for her Short Fiction.

Gwen's *Lolo Wicks Mystery* series of books are face paced and action packed, centering around Lola Wicks a former foreign correspondent, who has a nose for a story.

Her mysteries feature returned soldiers, eco-terrorists, overseas adoptions and other compelling, current world events and problems. The characters are complex and humanly flawed.

NVPL has the entire Lolo Wicks series: *Montana*, *Dakota*, *Disgraced*, *Reservations* and *Under the Shadows*.



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.

Kid's Corner

Annika Recommends:



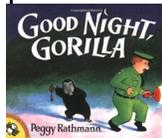
The Adventures of Tintin by Herge



The Adventures of Tintin is a collection of Young Adult graphic novels about a boy and his dog Snowy adventuring around the globe going on mad capers, escaping bad guys, and getting into dangerous situations where they have to escape. Tintin's stories are so enjoyable to read and remind me of a mix of the Hardy Boys, James Bond, and Indiana Jones. These novels began being published in the 1940's, some of the content is dated, but it's wonderful to see what things were like in this period of time. The Library has seven volumes of these adventures and they are perfect for anyone who enjoys adventure!

Guest Reviewer: Tyler V., age 6

Goodnight, Gorilla by Peggy Rathman



In this story the gorilla was trying to get the zoo keepers keys. There is a mouse, an elephant, a lion, a giraffe, and a hyena in the story. They follow the zoo keeper. Finally they all go to sleep. I like this story. My favorite part was when the gorilla got the keys and the zoo keeper didn't know. I liked the lion the best of all. I have been to the zoo and seen these animals so this story reminds me of going to the zoo. I think other people should read this story because it is a funny story. The gorilla made it so funny.

Early Literacy Tip: Singing!

Singing encourages a child to express their emotions and sharpens their ability to communicate while exercising lip and tongue movement. But one of the biggest benefits of singing is the repeated use of the 'memory muscle.'

Singing at Home – Singing is a great way to learn new vocabulary and help children understand sentence structure by slowing the language down. Try to sing songs about everyday routines such as getting dressed, washing hands, or making breakfast.

Singing On the Go – Keep a CD or playlist of your child's favorite songs in the car. Sing along with them (or sing made-up songs!) to help your child hear syllables, word sounds, and new vocabulary.

Singing at the Library – Join us for Mother Goose Sings & Swings Mondays at 10:30 am for songs, rhymes, rhythms, and more. The *Mother Goose on the Loose* program is designed to promote early literacy skills in the very young child. This program is geared toward babies 0-23 months.

Odds & Ends:

Check out our website and Facebook page for weekly Art Club and Science Squad topics, Special Events, and more!

June 19: Learn about and interact with native fish species and aquatic insects and

June 22: learn about bird calls & songs with the MNHC



First Friday: Tim Hunter on Banjo

Friday, June 1 at 6-7 pm

Tim Hunter is playing the "History of the 5 string banjo" on six different banjos representing the evolution of the banjo from a primitive African instrument to modern. Join us for some great music!

Tea & Tranquility

Thursday, June 28 at 6-7 pm



Celebrate Spring with the Adult Coloring group, Tea and Tranquility. Bring your favorite mug to the Library for tea and treats. Grab a chair and join in discussion with others, or grab

some colored pencils and try your hand at an array of stress relieving coloring sheets.

Say Goodbye to Radon!

Friday, June 14 at 6 pm



Radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year (EPA). Average indoor radon levels in Ravalli County are often above the recommended safe level. Come and learn simple techniques to detect radon and eliminate it from

your home. **Please register for this event**



Adult Open Art @ the Library

Thursday, June 14, 21 & 28 at 5-7pm
Come and create with like-minded people in our "Maker's Space". We supply easels. Artists must supply their

own materials. Registration is required as size is limited. Register by sending an email to denisea@northvalleylibrary.org

Suitable for Adults

Internet Safety Tips



Saturday, June 16 at 2 pm

Designed for seniors and basic internet users, learn safety tips about passwords, email, pop-ups and more.



Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Continuing classes in meditation. **Newcomers welcome.**



Tai Chi Group

Fridays at 11 am

Continuing classes with Tai Chi Master Mike English. No equipment is necessary but comfortable clothes are recommended. **Newcomers welcome.**

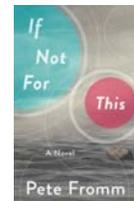
Backyard Composting for Beginners

Thursday, June 21 at 5:30 pm



Composting is fun, easy, and an inexpensive method to enrich the soil in your garden. Learn why composting is important, what you can compost, how to make the best compost, and how to set up a cheap backyard

composting system.



Book Club

Tuesday, June 12 at 10:30 am

Join members of the book club to discuss this month's selection, ***If Not For This*** by **Pete Fromm**

Upcoming Events:

- Energy Incentives : July 12
- Friends of the Library meet July 19
- Movies at the library : Saturdays in July

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

Summer Reading Programs

@ North Valley Public Library

June 11-August 31

All programs are held in the Library's Community Room!

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Reading Challenge

Ages 5-18

When: June 11-August 31

What: Track your reading minutes, complete book reviews, and earn fun prizes! Our theme this year is **LIBRARIES ROCK!**

How: Register on the Kids' Programs page of our website starting June 1 or stop by the Library.



Rubber Duck Reading Club

Ages 0-4

When: June 11-August 31

What: Complete an activity booklet with your child this summer and earn fabulous prizes!

How: Register on the Kid's Programs page of our website starting June 1 or stop by the Library.



Mother Goose Sings & Swings

Ages 0-23 months

When: Mondays, 10:30 am

What: A wonderful time to bond, play, learn, and cuddle with your baby. Join us for simple songs, stories, nursery rhymes, and social interaction. The *Mother Goose on the Loose* program is designed to promote early literacy skills in the very young child.



Theater Workshop

Ages 7-14

When: Mondays, June 11-July 30, 3:30-4:30 pm

What: Learn about the basics of acting and theatre. Perform fun drama exercises and games with theater major Hillary Bard! Come use your imagination and have a blast!



Writer's Club

Ages 8 & up

When: Tuesdays, 12-1 pm

What: A chance to write creative stories, informative pieces, and learn a variety of writing styles.



Story Time

Ages 7 & under

When: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

What: A time for amazing stories, songs, fun crafts, and more! Our special guests this year include exceptional musicians, The Sock Rockerz, and Smoky the Bear, just to name a few!



Mommy & Me Yoga

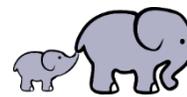
*Daddies and caregivers welcome, too!

Ages 1-4

When: Thursdays, June 14-August 30, 1-1:30 pm

What: Looking for a way to get out of the house and get moving with your child? Join us June through August with instructor Andrea, who has a B.A. in elementary education. Come move, interact, and enjoy yoga with your child. All levels are welcome. Please bring a mat and any props you may need.

How: Sign a waiver before attending this program.



Kids' Yoga

Ages 5 & up

When: Thursdays, June 14-August 30, 1:45-2:15 pm

What: Need a way to get your child moving this summer? Kids can join yoga Instructor Andrea for high-energy classes with fun yoga poses paired with relaxation. If your child has a yoga mat or a towel to use, please bring it.

How: Sign a waiver before attending this program.



Art Club Ages 5-18



When: Thursdays, June 14-August 30, 3-4 pm

What: A chance to express yourself artistically with a variety of mediums.

How: Register starting on June 1 on the Kids' Programs page of our website or stop by the Library. **Space is limited.**

Science Squad Ages 5-18



When: 2nd, 3rd, & 5th Fridays of the month, June 15-August 31, 10:30-11:30 am

What: An opportunity to explore and discover various science topics in a hands on way!

How: Register starting on June 1 on the Kids' Program page of our website or stop by the Library. **Space is limited.**

Book Club Ages 8-14



When: The 4th Friday of each month of summer - June 22, July 27, and August 24 from 12:00-1:00 pm

What: Bring a sack lunch and take time to talk about the book of the month with friends, fun activities, and refreshments!

How: Pick up your copy of our title of the month from the Youth Services Specialist. **Copies are limited, first come first serve.**

Special Events All ages + families



When: Stay tuned to our Facebook, website, or newsletter for dates!

What: We have many special events this summer including The Salamanders, Montana Natural History Center, and more! Email Annika to be added to our email list, annikar@northvalleylibrary.org

Creamery Picnic Parade All ages



When: Saturday, August 4, 11:00 am

What: Please contact Annika if you are interested in riding on or helping decorate the Library's float!

Please be considerate and show up on time to all programs!



Children who participated
in their library's Summer
Reading Program:

1. Scored higher on standardized tests.
2. Scored higher on assessment tests at the beginning of the school year.
3. By the end of 3rd grade had better reading scores.

Source: Susan Roman, Deborah T. Carran, and Carole D. Fiore, "The Dominican Study: Public Library Summer Reading Programs Close the Reading Gap," Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science, June 2010

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