



Artist Ken Daly paints Mural

Professional artist Kenneth Daly is donating his time and talent to brighten the Library's Main Street presence by painting a mural on a front wall of the library.

The mountainous pastoral scene featuring a reader is approved by the Library Board.

Painting started this April and is continue through May. Please stop by and say hello to Ken.

Ken worked as a professional artist for over 35 years and painted all across the US, and in several countries around the world. He made his mark by painting portraits of horses, dogs, children, barns and scenery relating to owners in the cutting horse, polo and race horse business.

His works are in the collections of horse people of note around the world.

While travelling from New York to California in 1982 he stopped in Montana to see some cousins. Reluctant to leave, he spent 10 months here and decided to eventually make Montana home. Now several thousand horses later, he is able to realize his dream and embark on his endgame here in the Bitterroot Valley.



Captain Hooked on Books Retires

Kim Gibbs a.k.a. "Captain Hooked on Books" is relinquishing the helm.

Much loved by local children, the Captain regularly reads to preschoolers and to seniors in a program that is funded by the NVPL Foundation and the Rapp Foundation.

Children are never quite sure if Kim is a pirate or not, or if Petey the Parrot is alive, or just a stuffed toy.

Kim's wonderful reading style is also periodically heard on the local radio where she reads children's stories. Don't miss Kim's final performance on May 29, 2018.

The NVPL Foundation is looking for a replacement for the Captain.

If you would like to apply to do a character-driven early literacy reading performance for young children, please contact Donna Bainbridge with your character ideas and performance resume, donna.nvplfoundation@gmail.com

Library News



Thank you to all those members of the community who supported the Foundation's "Novel Affair" fundraising dinner

The fundraiser was successful and the foundation members had a lot of fun to boot. Monies raised go toward continuing library renovations and programming. We hope to see you all next year!

From the Staff of the Library, our thanks to the entire Foundation Board for all their hard work and the marvelous things that they do for the library, and for us!

Library Closure

The library will be closed on **Monday May 28** for Memorial Day.

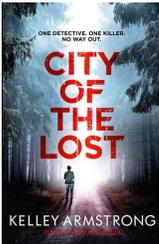
Why not borrow the telescope

The moon, Saturn, Jupiter, nebulas and distant star clusters are waiting for you when you borrow the library's telescope. The moon is crisp, clear and awesome, and even the bands on Jupiter can be seen once you allow your eyes to adjust.

There's even a tutorial on YouTube **How to Use the Orion StarBlast II 4.5 Equatorial Reflector Telescope**. Take advantage of these clear nights and check out the telescope.



Director's Recommendations



Kelley Armstrong is a very popular NY Times bestselling author with more than 31 books to her credit. The *Rockton Novel* series are crime thrillers who's central character is a homicide detective with a secret. They are very plot driven novels, with well developed characters. *City of the Lost*, *A Darkness Absolute* and *This Fallen Prey* are the first three books of the series, which the library has in both paper and as audio books.

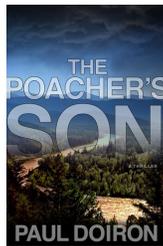
You may recognize some of Kelley's other novels, such as *Bitten*, *Omens*, *No Humans Involved* and *Awakening*

Paul Doiron has written a mystery series featuring Mike Bowditch, a game warden in Maine. Written in the first person, the books are fast paced and riveting. The hero is tormented by his own dark past as he stalks murderers in the wilderness.

As testament to the writing, **Paul Doiron** has won both the Barry Award and the Strand Critics Award for best first novel.

NVPL has a selection of his books on the shelf, and 6 newly purchased audiobooks, all in the same series.

First in the series is *The Poacher's Son*.



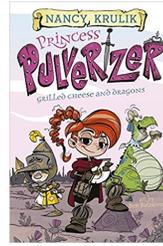
Our Mission:

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:

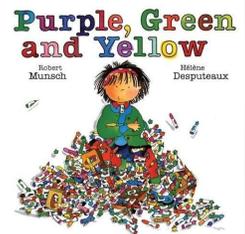


Princess Pulverizer Series by Nancy Krulik

Princess Serena (aka Princess Pulverizer) does not want to be a ladylike princess who has tea parties and ballroom dances. She wants to go to Knight School and go on heroic adventures. In order to fulfill her dream, her father makes a deal with her: she can go to Knight School if she completes eight good deeds and brings proof of each completed quest back to him. This book is filled with rich language, female empowerment, and hilarious obstacles. It promotes a brilliant message of the essential skill of problem solving and the importance of team work. It's an overall fun read!

Guest Reviewer: Allyson L., age 11

Purple, Green and Yellow by Robert Munsch



This story is about a girl named Brigid who likes to color with markers. She asked her mom to get her markers and more markers. She gets herself in trouble with the markers. She colored on herself with the markers. I liked this book because it was funny. My favorite part is when she colored her fingernails with the markers. This story reminds me of my colorful, green shirt. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes to color

Advanced Readers:

Looking for age appropriate books for your advanced reader can be a real problem if you don't want to confront your child with topics that may be inappropriate for their age level.

There is a really excellent website that deals specifically with this topic and has reading lists by age level. Website author, Tanya Turek is a mother, children's bookseller, ardent reader of children's literature, and elementary school librarian. The site also contains her top tips for looking for reading material for your advanced reader, when you don't have time to pre-read everything yourself. The website is books4yourkids.com

Early Literacy Tip for ages 0-3:

Just talking to you child can help facilitate language and learning!

Talking at Home – As you are preparing a meal, invite your child to help. Talk about what you are doing, how you are doing it or the food you are preparing (name, color, texture, taste, or where it comes from.)

Talking On the Go – Engage your child in conversation while in the car! Talk about where you are headed, what you did last time you were there if it's a familiar place, or what new and exciting things you will do if it's somewhere your child has never been.

First Friday: Bittergrass String Band

Friday, May 4 at 6-7 pm



Come hear toe-tapping local musicians playing fiddle, guitar, mandolin and bass. The band loves to alternate between popular bluegrass and old-timey favorites.

Stevensville Garden Club

Friday, May 4 at 5 pm



The gardening club is giving away plants in small Dixie cups in front of the Main Library. Talk to them about gardening in Montana and get a plant before attending the First Friday musical event above.

Organizing Basics

Thursday, May 3 at 6 pm



Are you overwhelmed by clutter and chaos? Organizing and cleaning are not the same thing. Being organized saves you time, money and helps reduce your stress. Learn to declutter your home and life.

Trivia Night

Saturday, May 19 at 3-5 pm



Come to the Library to test your trivia skills and compete for glory. The team trivia competition consists of three rounds of 10 questions. Each round has a separate theme with questions ranging in difficulty.

Bring your family, friends, and snacks to enjoy this friendly competition at your local Library.

Weed Management, Acreage & Garden

Thursday, May 29 at 2 pm



Christy Schram is a Bio-Control & Noxious Weed Educator from the Ravalli County Weed District. Christy explains how to identify and control weeds in your garden, including bio-control methods available for acreages.

Tea and Tranquility

Thursday, May 31 at 6-7 pm



Celebrate Spring with the adult coloring group. 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.



Adult Open Art

Most Thursdays starting May 17 at 5 pm

If you are an artist that wants to socialize with like-minded people while you create, join us in our *Makerspace*. Artists supply their own materials. We supply easels. Group size is limited, so please register your interest by emailing DeniseA@northvalleylibrary.com or come into the library.



Mindfulness Meditation

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

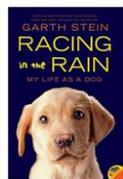
Continuing classes in meditation.
Newcomers welcome.



Tai Chi Group

Fridays at 11 am

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



Book Club

Tuesday, May 8 at 10:30 am

Join members of the book club to discuss this month's selection: **Garth Stein's** book, *The Art of Racing in the Rain*.

Upcoming Events:

- Tim Hunter on Banjo: June 1
- Internet Safety Tips: June 16

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

All programs are in the **Community Room**, unless notes otherwise.
The entrance is one door north of the Main entrance.



Mother Goose Sings and Swings
Mondays, May 7, 14, 21, & 28 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, May 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 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
Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to Captain Hooked on Books at the end of May. Thanks for all the fun, Captain!
For children ages 3-5



Mommy & Me Tea
Tuesday, May 8 at 5:30-6:30 pm
Bring your moms, grandmas, or aunts for tea & cookies, do-it-yourself mom portrait drawing, and board games.

For all ages + families

Pre-School Stories & Crafts
Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10:30-11:30 am
Join us for amazing stories, a craft, and a snack.
For preschool and under



After School @ the Library
Wednesdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 3-4:30 pm
Join us for study hall, free tutoring, crafts and Legos.
After School @ Library starts summer break in June.
For ages 5-18

Music Makers
Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 1:30 pm
Join us for songs, rhythm exercises, stories and more!
For preschool and under



Art Club
Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 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

Science Friday
May 11 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. **Please sign up** by emailing the Youth Services Specialist or at the Library's front desk, **space is limited.**
For ages 8-14



Please be considerate and show up on time for all programs.

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 in the Bitterroot Star.

