



## Become a Friend of the North Valley Public Library in Stevensville

The North Valley Public Library Friends of the Library are looking for new members to become a part of this active, community oriented group. By contributing as a library Friend, a community member can make a lasting difference for the library. Anyone interested in becoming a Friend can call NVPL at 777-5061.

The Friends of the North Valley Library were established many years ago and have raised thousands of dollars for the library to date. Many community members actively contribute their volunteer time annually to the Friends. The group helps promote the library with fundraising efforts that have included an annual used book sale.

"The library has always played such an important role in the community," said Library Director Denise Ard. "Members of the Friends truly enjoy being able to give something back – and being an active member of this group is fun!"

The NVPL Friends are currently reorganizing as President Diana Griffin plans to resign this year. The group will be looking for new leadership as well as new members.

Friends' volunteers are needed to help decorate with the Friends annual "Chocolate and Authors" fundraiser, to be held March 2. This year's theme is "The Jungle Book."

Friends' fundraising efforts have helped fund special children's programs, artist displays and improved lighting in the library.

"Our library would be much poorer without the Friends," continued Ard. "The funds they raise definitely help our library thrive. I think most patrons would be surprised to learn how many of the services and programs they enjoy are supported by the Friends."

Ard emphasized that Friends groups can literally make the difference between a budget increase and cuts for their libraries. Since the beginning of the American library movement, Friends groups have been formed by citizens using their collective powers to do everything from running a book sale to ensuring that our American library legacy remains viable.

**Friends will hold their next meeting on Monday, Feb 5 at 1:30 at NVPL. Everyone is invited to attend.**



## Pint Night for the Library Friday February 2

Cheers!

**Friday February 2 is pint night for the North Valley Library Foundation**

Blacksmith Brewing company generously offered to hold a "pint night" for the NVPL Foundation. 50c from each pint sold goes to the Foundation

NVPL Foundation raises funds for library programs and building maintenance and renovation.



## Seeking Treasures for Foundation Fundraising Dinner



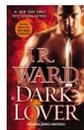
The North Valley Public Library Foundation is holding its first annual fundraising event - "A NOVEL AFFAIR" on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the St Mary's Center, Stevensville to raise funds to support library programs and continued library building renovations.

The Foundation is happily accepting donations of art works or 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."

## Romantic Reads



**How to Find Love in a Bookshop** by **Veronica Henry** is a light, pleasant read about a woman who comes to own a bookshop and the effect the bookshop has on her own love life and the lives of other patrons.



**The Black Dagger Brotherhood** series by **J.R. Ward** are some of the best racy romances out there. The series features steamy interactions between Vampires and Humans.

**Pride and Prejudice** by **Jane Austen**. A beloved classic set in the Regency era, the story revolves around the daughter of a country gentleman and the arrogant Derbyshire landowner Mr. Darcy, and their respective families. If you have never read an Austin book, you are missing out.

**These Old Shades** by **Georgette Heyer**, Staff member Scharyn says Heyer is, "One of the best historical romance writers ever!" Scharyn enjoys Heyer's attention to detail, dress, language, and likes the strong heroines and interesting plot lines. Newsflash: We have just obtained quite a few audio books of Ms Heyer's!

**Outlander** by **Diana Gabaldon**: A series of books, that even includes recipes of the period and now also a TV series about nurse Clair Randall. Clair is caught in a time travelling paradox, travelling between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, and who deeply loves two different men in those two different centuries

**The Rosie Project** by **Graeme Simison** is a delightful and funny book about Don, who decides to rationally and scientifically find a wife. Highly recommended.

**Jane Eyre** by **Charlotte Bronte**. A rich story of a young girl's tragic life first published in 1847. A love story full of twists and turns, fully deserving of its title as a romantic classic.

### One of our favorite patrons recommends the following:

- ♥ **The MacGregor Series** of 9 books by **Nora Roberts**
- ♥ **The Midnight Sons Series** by **Debbie Macomber**
- ♥ **Strong Poison, Gaudy Night & Busman's Honeymoon** by **Dorothy L. Sayers**

### Non-Fiction Romance

We have quite a few books in the non-fiction section about romance and enhancing your marriage. Look it the 306's to find titles like:

- ♥ **1001 ways to be Romantic** by **Gregory J.P. Godek**
- ♥ **Making Marriage Work for Dummies** by **Steven and Sue Simring**.

## Montana Author of the Month: Tom McGuane (1937-2016)

**Thomas Francis McGuane III** (born December 11, 1939) lived with his wife Laurie on a 2000 acre ranch in the foothills of the Absaroka Mountains.

His works of fiction, often set in Montana, are intelligent and distinguished with rich comic invention. His main protagonists have been described as "hip, smart, and capriciously self-destructive." (*the Guardian*).

NVPL has novels **Keep the Change**, **The Bushwacked Piano**, **The Cadence of Grass** on the shelves as well as **To Skin a Cat** a book of short stories and **Some Horses** a book of true horse stories in our non-fiction section.

## Library News

### February Library Closures

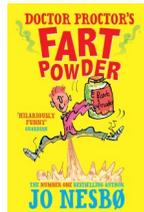
The library is closed, Monday, February 19 for Presidents' Day.

## Kid's Corner



**Annika is back!** We are excited to have Annika back with us at the library after the birth of her sweet daughter, Leia

### Annika Recommends:



**Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder** series by **Jo Nesbo**

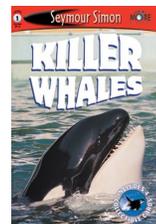
These hilarious books, written by a Norwegian author, follow two kids, Nilly and Lisa, and a mad scientist who become friends and have crazy adventures together. Fart Powder, a substance that can send you into the air, comes in handy day after day in these books.

Having just the right amount of childish humor; you will not be able to put them down! The library has *Doctor Proctor's Fart Powder*, *Doctor Proctor: Bubble in the Bathtub*, and *Doctor Proctor: Who Cut the Cheese?*. Read them all!

### Guest Reviewer: Elly, age 6

**Killer Whales** by **Seymour Simon**

I love the sea and the ocean. I love how killer whales or orcas get along with each other. I love baby whales they are so cute!



## 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.

### Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count Thursday, February 1 at 6-7pm



Do you love birds? Are you a bird-watcher? Come hear Craig Kuchel speak about birds and learn how to participate in the Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count.

### Dempsey Duo



**Friday, February 2 at 6 pm**  
Bring in the New Year with Tom and Judy Dempsey's toe-tapping, rollicking, sing-along fun. Tom and Judy entertain with a variety of styles including Country, Latin, Cajun, Irish and more. After enjoying the Dempsey's music, down the street, the

Blacksmith Brewing is having "pint night" for the NVPL Foundation. 50¢ from each beer purchase goes to the Foundation. The Foundation is a 501c3 that raises funds for library programs, materials, and building renovation and maintenance.

### Friends of the Library



**Monday, February 5 at 1:30**  
Your help is needed. A great way to contribute to the library is by becoming a *Friend of the Library*. *Friends* host fun fundraisers at the Library such as Chocolate & Authors. Please consider joining the *Friends*.

### Songwriting: Music & Lyrics Thursday, February 22 at 6-7 pm



If you are curious about what it takes to write songs, or are passionate about your own music, then this class is for you. Jo enjoys imparting her knowledge, tips, tricks and experience to those with curious minds and a love of music and song.

So come along and write something of your very own.



### Craigslist for Beginners Saturday February 17 at 3 pm

Get ready for Spring cleaning.

Ready to sell that fish tank you used for a month? Looking for a new bike? Or maybe trying to find a new place to rent?

Come to the North Valley Public Library to learn how to navigate Craigslist online classified ads, post items to sell, attach photos, search for a job, find a rental, and avoid scams. Feel free to bring your own laptop if you want to navigate Craigslist during the presentation.



### Mindfulness Meditation Group

**Tuesdays at 10:30 am**

Continuing classes in meditation. Usually classes include a short video, a

discussion on technique and practice.

**All are welcome**

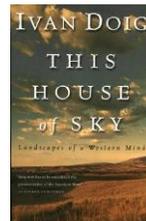


### Tai Chi Group

**Fridays at 11 am**

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.

**All are welcome**



### Book Club

**Tuesday, February 13 at 10:30 am**

Join members of the book club to discuss this month's selection: **Ivan Doig's** book, *This House of Sky*

### Upcoming Events:

- Chocolate & Authors: March 2
- Growing Legumes in Montana: March 6
- Introduction to Fly Fishing: March 16
- Dieting Tips & Tricks: March 23
- NVPL Foundation Dinner & Entertainment Fundraiser at St. Mary's: Saturday, April 14



**Mother Goose Sings and Swings**  
Mondays, Feb 5, 12, & 26  
at 10:30 am  
**Note: No class Feb 19**  
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.**

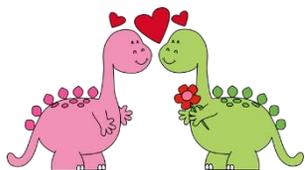
**Captain Hooked on Books @ the Library**  
Tuesdays, Feb 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 9:30-10 am

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**



**Valentine Craft Night**

**Tuesday, February 13**  
at 5:30-6:30 pm  
Join us to create Valentine cards and decorate Valentine cookies for your loved ones.  
**For all ages**



**Pre-School Stories & Crafts**  
Wednesdays, Feb 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](mailto:annikar@northvalleylibrary.org) for more information about youth programs or to get on the email list. All programs listed on our website and Facebook.



**After School @ the Library**  
Wednesdays, Feb 7, 14, 21, & 28  
at 3-4:30 pm  
Join us for study hall, free tutoring, crafts and Legos.  
**For ages 5-18**

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



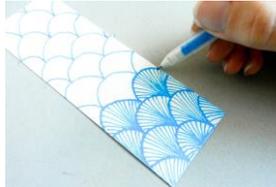
**Art Club**  
Thursdays, Feb 8, 15, & 22 at 4-5 pm  
Join us for fun, creative art lessons & projects! This is a great chance to get your creative juices flowing.  
**For ages 5-18**



**Science Friday**  
Feb 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 ages 8-14**



**Bookmark Decorating Contest**



February is "I Love to Read Month" and North Valley Public Library is hosting a bookmark decorating contest. Pick up your bookmark template from the youth services specialist, create your design, and submit it back to the library. On the back of your bookmark, write two to three sentences about why you love to read. The winner's bookmark will be copied and available for the public to take in March. In addition the winner can choose a prize from the prize store. The contest lasts the entire month of February with a winner announced on the last day of the month. **For ages 0-18**