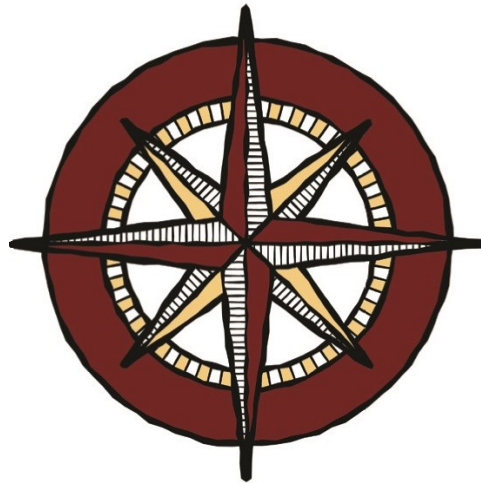


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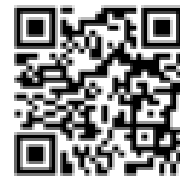
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NVPL Hosts Abe Lincoln Impersonator



Feature: Leon Theroux

As part of our series on the American Civil War (provided by the Gilder Lehrman Institute's grant), Abraham Lincoln visited our library, performed by Professor Harry Fritz from the University of Montana. The program was packed with patrons ranging in age from 5 to 80+. Everyone learned a lot about the life and times of Lincoln. Prizes and refreshments were also provided. Fun was had by all!

For over ten years Leon has been a dedicated NVPL volunteer acting as our handyman and special project person. He not only performed most of the routine maintenance jobs, such as changing light bulbs and replacing smoke detector batteries, he also constructed shelves and other woodworking projects. Before he retired, Leon worked for the U.S. Forest Service in the Northern Rockies Region. Once he relocated to Stevensville, Leon became a regular library patron and began volunteering. Leon said

he used to think a library was "just about books." Over time Leon has learned a public library is so much more, especially how important children's reading programs are to their development. Leon is the father of two sons and has two grandchildren. In his retirement, Leon's passions include gardening and yard work, fishing at Georgetown Lake, and reading. Recently, Leon has officially retired as NVPL volunteer, but he remains a loyal NVPL library patron. Thanks Leon!



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Director's Chat

This year the library Board of Trustees increased the materials budget. We are ordering more books and DVDs for you. If you did not notice, it may be because many popular items have holds on them. You can see lists of the new items on the slide show above the circulation desk. We encourage you to put holds on items that interest you. A staff member is happy to help.

We made many building improvements to make your library visit more enjoyable. Last summer we had the building façade painted. After that we started working on the interior. This summer we will have air conditioning so you can finally come to the library in the hot months and cool down reading a book, magazine, checking your e-mail on our computers, or using the Wi-Fi on your own device. Here is a list of improvement that have been made:

HVAC was installed by Anderson's Heating A/C & Plumbing in the main library and the Community Room.

The Community Room was cleaned, painted, floor leveled, and safe outlets, new carpet and base boards installed.

The newly painted Community Room now features all four of Patricia B. Hasting's beautiful Lewis & Clark quilts. Check out her series of books, *Quilting the Journeys of Lewis & Clark*, located in our Montana room.

Gently-used furniture that matches the new meeting room carpet is coming from Farmer's State Bank in Stevensville. To those of you that bank there, I'm sure they would appreciate you mentioning it.

In the Children's Room a corner wall was removed, the walls were painted with sky and clouds and repurposed shelves were moved into the room.

Hallways and bathrooms were painted, dirty vents cleaned, unsteady plumbing repaired. Bistro tables and chairs are now in the front window area near the magazines. We put in outlets for those of you that want to use it as an internet café but you have to bring your own latte! (Covered beverages are allowed except by public computers.)

A great big THANK YOU to Colleen Miller for all her quality construction work in the Children's Room and other areas of the library.

The board and I are being responsible and frugal with the library finances. Many of these items were free or low cost and your taxes were not increased.

However, the library could use some additional improvements. We would like to put supports under the floor of the main library, level the floor and get new carpeting. Asbestos abatement is required for some work. Donations to the Library Foundation would help make those projects a reality.

The board wants to start long range planning and needs community input. We would like to have a community survey and focus group. If you are interested in participating in a focus group, please let me know. We also have a box on the circulation desk for your suggestions and ideas.

Your friendly library director,
Denise E. Ard

NVPL Foundation Launches

The NVPL Foundation is a new 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to raise money in support of improving and enhancing the library's facilities, programs, technology, resources and services. There are three guiding themes: Community Spirit, Community Space, and

Community Resource. Annually our patrons borrow thousands of books, movies, audio books and use other resources such as online databases and even our free meeting room available on a first-come, first-serve basis. At our recent Friends of the Library "Chocolate and Authors" event,

John Anderson of Anderson Plumbing & Heating made the first major contribution to the Foundation.

Thank you, Anderson Plumbing & Heating for your generous donation of \$1,500!

We invite you to make a financial contribution, consider an ongoing

commitment, or include us in your estate planning.

To make a donation, visit our Foundation website: www.nvplfoundation.org

Technology & Community Room

By the end of May we will have a major Internet upgrade. Century Link installed their fiber optics providing faster, more reliable internet to the library's free Wi-Fi and 11 public computers.

The Community Room now has audio, video, microphone, screen, conferencing (Skype) and presentation capability. There is a new meeting room policy that can be found on our website. Those of

you who have reserved the Community Room previously will need to complete a new meeting room agreement. Stop in to see the new features and reserve the room for your next meeting. One-on-one

tech consultations are available. For an appointment, call 777-5061 or e-mail bretg@northvalleylibrary.org

Colleen Miller's Clever Construction



For those of you who are long-time patrons, you realize how far the library has come over the years. Having three separate buildings to mesh together into one library has been difficult at best. Remodeling would not have been possible without the clever, practical ideas offered by volunteers such as Colleen. Colleen is one of the

most talented and generous construction workers we've had. Not only is she an accomplished carpenter, she knows plumbing, electricity and painting. Here are just some of the projects Colleen has worked on recently: Painted the children's room, bathrooms, hallways and meeting room baseboards, moved numerous shelves, replaced electrical outlets,

repaired leaky toilets, leveled floors, cleaned drain lines, built new mirror frames, repaired wall and ceiling damage, added trim to children's room and securely anchored book cases. With buildings as old as ours, Colleen will always have a project waiting for her. **Thank you, Colleen!**

Youth Services Updates

Greetings from the Youth Services section of the library! This winter has been incredibly busy for the Children's and Youth sections. We've increased our collection in several areas, completely remodeled the Children's Room and hosted some wonderful programs.

Remodel: The Children's Room has been extensively remodeled, beginning in the fall of 2014 and finishing this February. The old furnace was removed, making room for more bookcases and play space. The walls were repainted with blue sky and clouds, courtesy of Colleen Miller. The new colored lights were provided by the Friends of the Library. We also now have a display bookcase, which features some of our newest titles in Juvenile Non-Fiction, Biography and Fiction. The changes and additions are too numerous to recap here, so stop by and browse through!

Collection Additions: We've been focusing on adding to our non-fiction for kids of all ages. Our latest additions include several titles on the American Civil War, World War II and Zoology. We've also expanded our foreign language selections...come in and learn about

German, French, Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin (Chinese), Russian and more! DVD's have also expanded, including educational titles for preschool and kindergarten, the latest cartoon and feature film releases and anime and TV series. Audiobooks have also increased both classics and new fiction titles. Juvenile Biography now includes books on Mother Teresa, Malala Yousafzai, Shaun White, Adele, Anne Frank, Abraham Lincoln and Jim Thorpe.

Teen: Our young adult (YA) area has also undergone new additions. We replaced most of our bookcases with larger ones, and added a YA display bookcase for our newest titles, including Fiction, Manga, Non-Fiction and Biography. There are couches and moveable desks for studying, reading and working. In the last year, we created a YA DVD section which now includes movies, anime, and TV series. Audiobooks have also been increased, especially for popular teen series.

Programs: This winter we hosted some special events, in addition to our regular Story Time and Lego Time programs. With a grant from the

Gilder Lehrman Institute, we were able to host two programs on the American Civil War. First, Abraham Lincoln visited our library! Second, we hosted the "History Detective" program (presented by Kristjana Eyjólfsson from the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula) for 20 teens and children. We hope to host similar events in the future.

Our most recent special event was "Bingo for Books," in honor of National Library Week. Over 30 children and their parents played Bingo and won books. Bingo was followed by pizza and door prizes. **Thanks to Shannon Miller and Nancy Morrison for the donated prizes!**

Summer Reading: It's hard to believe, but it's almost summer time! That means it's also time to start thinking about our summer reading programs.

This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story." We will be

having several special guests for our weekly Story Time program, and some special presentations too. We will also have a Superhero Science Club, a book club for ages 9-



12, a reading competition and more!

Call the library or email maryw@northvalleylibrary.org for more information.

See you this summer!

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Did you know that NVPL is the perfect place to display your art work to the public? In keeping with the NVPL mission *to provide a common environment that addresses the needs of people to meet and interact*

with others in the community, the library offers space for exhibition of original works of art created by members of the community. As one of the most popular community centers in Stevensville, the library

hosts almost 200 patrons per day. What better way to promote your art work to prospective buyers? We have large wall spaces and a secure glass display case to hold your work for up to one month. You may even

consider doing an art project with our Children's Program. Call 777-5061 or stop in for details.