



## NOVEMBER ADULT PROGRAMS



**De-Stress the Holidays with Martha Piersma**  
**Thu., Nov 7 at 6:30pm**  
Martha's inviting, practical, and truly enjoyable approach to taking care of yourself and living each moment more fully makes her workshops a perennial favorite among participants here at the library. As the holidays approach, learn simple ways to skip the stress and savor the season.



**Handmade Holiday Cards**  
**Thu., Nov 14 at 6:30pm**  
"Bills, bills, junk mail...a handcrafted holiday card!" - *Your friends & family at the mailbox.* We'll make holiday cards sure to make even Scrooge smile.



**DIY After-Dinner Tea Blend**  
**Thu., Nov 21 at 6:30pm**  
If large, heavy meals are in your holiday future, or if you simply fancy a cup of soothing tea before bed, you and your digestive system will enjoy learning how to make your own after-dinner tea blend.

COVER MONTANA

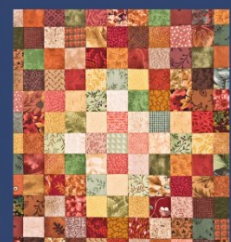


**Cover MT—Medicaid Help Private, 1-1 Sessions with Rachel Pauli**  
**Mon., Nov 18 10:30am-5:30pm**  
Need help making sense of MT Medicaid? Lost your

Medicaid or Healthy MT Kids and need help gaining coverage again? Rachel Pauli, Cover Montana Navigator, will be at the Library and offering private, 1-1 appts to help you access, understand, and enroll in the MT Health Insurance Marketplace. Enrollment ends 12/15 for coverage beginning 1/1.

## Local Adult Creatives Needed

# call for art



## 3rd annual winter art exhibit

## Monthly Adult Program



**Fiber Arts Club**  
**Thu., Nov 7 at 12pm**  
Enjoy the company of like-minded crafters during this informal club.

NEW

## LIBRARY HOURS

Year-Round Hours Effective Beginning November 1

**OPEN**

Monday - Friday 10am - 6pm  
1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday 10am - 5pm  
of the month

**CLOSED**

2nd & 4th Saturday  
Every Sunday

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Time for Change

North Valley Public Library (NVPL) is adjusting hours starting November 1, 2024. The library will be open Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, and the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of the month.

The board voted to change the North Valley Public Library hours at the October 16 meeting. This change is in response to staff shortages and evaluation of library usage statistics from July 1, 2023-October 11, 2024.

The reduction of hours is when the library is minimally used, so the board considers this to be the most fiscal responsible action. Based on the library's budget, it was not feasible to hire another staff member.

Director Denise Ard said, "Saturdays have historically been slow days, but the library still wants to offer some Saturday hours to patrons. Therefore, instead of eliminating all Saturdays, the library will be closed on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays and open on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th. I realize this is a

bit harder to follow but am hopeful that this will serve the community better. With the advent of smart phones most people have access to a calendar so can see which Saturdays we are open."

Ard said, "Most of the staff are part time and we have only 5 FTE (Full-time equivalent employees). It became obvious that we did not have enough staff to cover 52 hours of open hours, offer programming, run the library, and cover the absences that happen in life.

This change in hours allows overlap in coverage. An added benefit of greater coverage is that we can add a children's art program on Saturdays. If you have input on a convenient time to attend a children's art program on Saturday, please let the library know."

Please take this ONE question survey on what times work for you for a Saturday art program for kids 5-10 starting November 16.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YTJ25HY>

Adult programs are still at 6:30pm or 6pm on Thursdays after the main library closes.

**November 2024**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					Open 10-6 1	Open 10-5 2
Closed 3	Open 10-6 4	Closed 5 General Election	Open 10-6 6	Open 10-6 7 Program 6:30	Open 10-6 8	Closed 9
Closed 10	Open 10-6 11	Open 10-6 12	Open 10-6 13	Open 10-6 14 Program 6:30	Open 10-6 15	Open 10-5 16
Closed 17	Open 10-6 18	Open 10-6 19	Open 10-6 20	Open 10-6 21 Program 6:30	Open 10-6 22	Closed 23
Closed 24	Open 10-6 25	Open 10-6 26	Open 10-5 27 Early closure	Closed 28 Thanksgiving	Closed 29 Thanksgiving	Open 10-5 30

## LIBRARY NEWS

NORTH VALLEY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# HOLIDAY *hours*

## ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, Nov 5 | CLOSED

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Wednesday, Nov 27 | Close early at 5pm  
Thursday & Friday, Nov 28 & 29 | CLOSED

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Tuesday-Thursday, Dec 24-26 | CLOSED

## PC Giveaway

Patrons may have the retired computers on a first come, first serve basis.

Desktop tower, mouse & keyboard included. Sorry, no monitors, because we are reusing them.

- Dell Optiplex 5070 SFF BTX Desktop.
- Intel Core i7-9700 (8 cores/12MB/8T/3.0GHz to 4.7GHz/65W)
- Memory: 8GB DDR4
- Storage: 256GB
- Original purchase date 12/27/2019

If interested, please give your contact information to the front desk staff.

## Pause in Book Donations

The Foundation thanks you for another successful annual Big Book Sale fundraiser. Your donations are appreciated. The library is unable to take any book or AV donations until the remnants are dispersed. Please call the library later this November to find out when donations will resume.

We CANNOT accept Dirty/Damaged/Musty/Moldy items (even a small bit of mold can spread to other books & may cause health issues), textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS, cassettes, LPs, magazines, computer/medical manuals.

The library has a collection budget and purchases new materials monthly. Library staff regularly remove outdated materials from the collections to make room

for new materials. Most donated items go on the free cart or our little book sale.

**BOOK  
DONATIONS  
NOT  
ACCEPTED**



**NO DONATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE**

## Missoula Butterfly House & Insectarium Visit

### Monday, Nov 25 at 4 pm

Families with children will enjoy this fun and active program. You will learn all about the special adaptations and behaviors arthropods use to survive in the wild. We'll hold Bug Ambassadors and play movement-based games to learn about their survival adaptations. We'll wrap up our time together with a simple craft that engages your imagination. Everyone will envision a new species of arthropod that is uniquely adapted to survive in its habitat. Register early. Space limited to 30.



"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."

—Andrew Carnegie

The **NVPL Foundation** and **Friends of the Library** appreciate the continual support of **OUR COMMUNITY**

in helping the **North Valley Public Library**

by participating in our FUNdraisers. Most recently our **BIG BOOK SALE** and upcoming, our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOOKORATIONS** (stay tuned!)

**Big**  
**Book Sale**

TURN A NEW PAGE ON Christmas  
shopping at this **NOVEL** event...

**Bookorations**

December 6, 5-8pm



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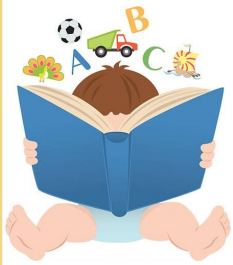
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# NOVEMBER YOUTH PROGRAMS

## Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers



### Baby & Me Storytime

Wednesdays at 10am, Ages 0-2

For parents, grandparents, & caretakers with babies 0-2 years. Nursery rhymes, music, & stories to engage those amazing young minds. **No program Nov 20, 27**

## Songs & Stories for Preschoolers



Wednesdays at 10:30am, Ages 3-5

Join this dynamic early literacy program readying your child to read.

Share in the fun singing, clapping, reading, and dancing while connecting with other young families in our community. **No program Nov 20, 27**

## Art for Kids Ages 5-10 on SATURDAYS

Saturdays! Nov 16 and Nov 30 at 10:30am Paint, make cards, or create mobiles with Lone Rock Kindergarten teacher Crystal Grant.

### Art for Kids ages 5-10

Saturdays, Nov 16 & 30



## Science (Ages 8-12) No program Nov 20 & 27

# SCIENCE Squad

on Wednesdays with Science Officer Lisa

Hey explorers, investigators, and inventors ages 8-12! Experience the universe through Legos®, food, experiments and more.

Wednesdays at 2:30pm ~ Registration Required



## Roleplaying Games for Teens

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4pm

**No program Nov 5**

Enter the world of Dungeons & Dragons! We are accepting new players, no experience necessary. Register online on the library's calendar. For more information email Emily at [emilys@northvalleylibrary.org](mailto:emilys@northvalleylibrary.org)



## Open World Fridays for Teens



Ages 12-18

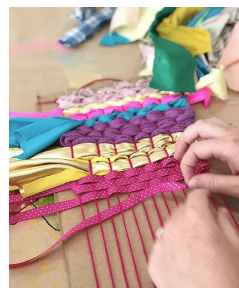
Fridays at 4pm

**No program Nov 1 & 29**

That Friday Thing with an all-access pass to the cool stuff at the library. Choose to do what's available or do something else exciting.

Register online through the library calendar. You need not attend all sessions.

## Drop-in Craft



### Woven Wall Hanging

Create a woven piece of art in honor of national Native American Heritage Month. Choose the colors you like and design your own pattern!

## Adventure Begins at Your Library

### Summer Reading Program Report, June-August 2024

*According to studies, teachers observed that students who participated in the public library summer reading program returned to school ready to learn, improved their reading achievement and skills, increased their enjoyment of reading, were more motivated to read, were more confident in participating in classroom reading activities, read beyond what was required in their free time, and perceived reading to be important.*

#### Book Bingo

(May 30-Aug 11)

Kids read a vast variety of genres and completed fun reading activities this summer with Book Bingo including,

- Reading nonfiction & biographies
- Reading books about the ocean
- Recording themselves reading
- Reading with friends
- Submitting artwork as a book report

**34** children & teens participated.

#### Special thanks for donated grand prizes

Dianne Snedigar of Farmer's State Bank for the generous gift cards & to the City of Stevensville for the fun pool pass.



#### spectrUM Summer of Science

University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area shared fun filled exhibits and activities including airplane, rocket & puzzle making and giant brick building.

**42** children & parents participated in problem solving challenges and activities over three visits.

#### Teen Role Playing Games

Focusing on teamwork, ingenuity, and critical thinking, teens created their own characters and had them go on a creative adventure. Some teens took up the additional challenge of leadership and lead the other teens through game scenarios.

**7** unduplicated teens problem solved for **26** hours this summer

#### Teen Open World

This program is an all access pass for teens at the library. Teens choose to 3-D print objects and then paint them, create crafts, and explore new avenues of expression.

**24** unduplicated teens participated in self-expression this summer. **22** hours this summer



#### Rubber Duck Reading Club

(May 30-Aug 11)

Through this program, parents read interactively with young children, ages 0-4. These activities and challenges are designed to help instill lifelong literacy skills.

**7** children & their parents participated in early literacy activities and challenges.

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#### Animal Wonders

Animal Wonders provides homes to displaced exotic animals and non-releasable wildlife. This educational outreach programs brought families to the library to learn about Simon the parakeet (who does tricks!), Otis the lesser (smaller) anteater, Ernie, Felicia & Shredded Cheese the salamanders, Wonder the porcupine and Indie the bearded dragon.



**50** children & family members expanded their animal knowledge. **8** adults attended the Animal Wonders Adult session.

#### Baby & Me Storytime

An early literacy program for parents, grandparents with babies 0-2 years. This program proved a great place to share nursery rhymes, music and stories using a felt board, percussion instruments & dancing scarves.



Attendance ranged from 13-25 weekly including children with their parents & occasional grandparent. Moms commented how their babies enjoy the music shakers & rhythm sticks and how their kiddos often repeat the activities at home.

**159** child & parent attendance counted over 9 story-times where participants learned early literacy skills.

#### Stories & Songs for Preschoolers

In this dynamic early literacy program, 0-5 year old attendees learned letters, sounds, numbers, emotions, rhymes, taking turns, days of the week and so much more.

Attendance ranged from 22-41 weekly including children with their parents, grandparents, or nannies. Many families came week after week building friendships and community.

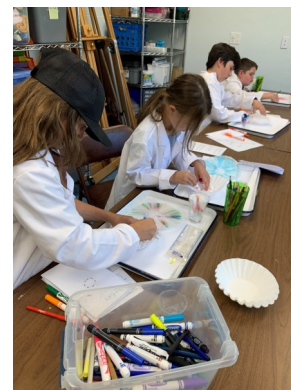
**276** child & parent attendance counted over the 9 storytimes where participants learned early literacy skills.



#### Science Squad

This weekly hour and a half long program for 8-12 year olds facilitated exploration of our natural world. This summer we delved into paper chromatography, learned about the mysteries of honey bees, completed supertaster & smelling labs & even built atoms. Class size ranged from 4-11 participants.

Attendees made Science Notebooks complete with research notes, illustrations, photographs, and activity sheets.



**70** youth attendance counted over the 9 sessions where participants learned science, technology, engineering, art, and math skills.

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### Summer Reading Program Report, June-August 2024

#### Library Tours

The library hosted several tours for Summer Reading. Children listened to a story, learned about library etiquette, then received a tour of the library and information on the Summer Reading Program.

**61** Kindergarteners learned about the library.

**85** 3rd graders learned about the library.

#### Art for Kids

Summer Session ran June 3-August 12

**94** child attendance counted over 8 sessions where youth created artwork based on a weekly theme.

#### Passive Crafts



June: Adventure Bags

July: Adventure

Postcards

August: Adventure Maps  
& Treasure Boxes

**207** patrons creatively expressed themselves with adventure themed crafts



#### Take Home Adventure Kits

Grab-bag style kits contained an adventure themed craft for the summer. What's inside was a mystery. Kits were age specific and included time capsule bottles & worksheets, rhythm blocks sets for parents & toddlers, and foam stamp making supplies.



**75** patrons adventurously grabbed mystery crafts efficiently utilizing surplus library items

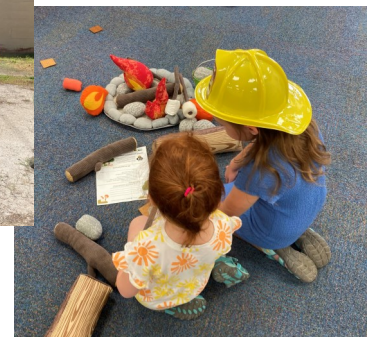
#### Learn With a Fire Fighter (& Smokey the Bear himself)

In cooperation with Fire in the Root, Montana DNRC, and the US Forest Service, NVPL sponsored this



important learning opportunity for our youth living in and around a fire-prone forest. Bitterroot Firefighters read the story of Smokey the Bear, taught the kids campfire safety, how to aim a real firehose from a forest service engine and how to work wildfire hand tools.

**46** children & their family members participated in this interactive learning program about wildland and fire safety.



*"All people today—youth and adults—spend the majority of their lives learning outside the walls of formal classrooms."*