



## OCTOBER ADULT PROGRAMS



**Living with the Land**  
featuring **Louise Ogemahgeshig Fisher**  
**Thu., Oct 3 at 6pm**  
Anishinaabe Indian Louise Ogemahgeshig Fisher inspires you to think about "living with the land" in new ways.

Covering medicinal plants and their uses, Indian history and ways of life, hunting, fishing, foods, clothing, gatherings, stars, storytelling, and more, Louise's presentation is an inspiring look at the past and the present. Louise shares artifacts, sings Indian songs now and then, and, having lived in the old ways, shares from experience and from the heart.



**Ghost Stories of the Bitterroot Valley** with **Historian Sophia Etier**  
**Thu., Oct 17 at 6pm**

This spooky season, researcher and historian Sophia Etier is sharing some lesser-known tales of the Bitterroot that might send chills down your spine. If you're interested in local history with a spooky twist, this fascinating presentation is for you.



### Bats of Montana



**Bats of Montana (Watch Party)**  
**Thu., Oct 24 at 6pm**  
Celebrate International Bat Week by learning

about Montana bats, their role in the environment, the problems they face, and how we can help. Bats are an important part of Montana's ecosystem, but white-nose syndrome is killing off bats across the US and Canada. What can we do to help bats? Build a bat box! This program will include simple, printable

blueprints for building bat boxes, with or without power tools. Zoom option available.



### Montana Stories and How They Shape Our Lives

**Sat., Oct 26 9:30am - 12pm**

During this hands-on workshop, facilitator Sally Thompson shares her treasure trove of primary documents from Montana history. We will explore short historical narratives, artwork, and maps from places we know, with an eye toward understanding how our viewpoints have been shaped by those who have controlled the pen.



### Adult Craft Night: Skull Art

**Around the World Thurs., Oct 31**

**at 6pm** Explore the fascinating history and significance of skull iconography in diverse cultures around the world. Crafters will then use mixed media, like metal foil embossing, paper clay, and paint to create their own ready-to-hang skull art.

## Monthly adult program



### Fiber Arts Club

**Thu., Oct 3 at 12pm**

Enjoy the company of like-minded crafters during this informal Fiber Arts Club.

## PC Giveaway

The library is upgrading our patron computers. Patrons may have the retired computers on a first come, first serve basis. Desktop tower, mouse & keyboard included. Sorry, no monitors.

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Welcome New Employee Ingrid



Please welcome our newest employee, Ingrid Janse-Wood. Ingrid is new to the Bitterroot Valley. She is from the Netherlands but has lived in the US for a long time. She is married to Tim and has two adult children and two cats. She has a passion for the environment and recently finished a Master's in Social Justice with Ecology. One of her goals is to hike all the trails in the valley and learn what grows and flourishes. She enjoys research and helping others with their projects. She loves to read books on philosophy, personal growth and sustainability, historical novels, and a good recipe.

### It's Bat Month at the Library!

Please be nice to us.



Tricolored bat  
*Perimyotis subflavus*



Little Brown bat  
*Myotis lucifugus* (also known as Lucy)

We eat bugs!



Northern long-eared bat  
*Myotis septentrionalis*



Eastern small-footed bat  
*Myotis leibii*

North America needs bats.

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**BAT WEEK**  
October 24 - 31, 2024

Swoop by the Library this month for **all things bats**: Crafts for all ages, fun activities, fascinating information about Montana bats and their role in the ecosystem and our economy, and more.

The highlight of this month is **International Bat Week**, an annual celebration to raise awareness about the importance of bats and their conservation. Although we may not always see these amazing nighttime creatures, bats are hard at work all around the world - eating tons of insects, pollinating flowers, and spreading seeds that grow new plants and trees. Learn more and find additional ways to participate at [batweek.org](http://batweek.org).

Don't forget to **register for the Bats of Montana Watch Party** at NVPL on Thursday, October 27 at 6:30pm. We will hear from Dan Bachen, Montana Heritage Project, about the latest on white-nose syndrome in our state, how to build a bat house, and other ways we can support bats.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Have you heard of our *Library of Things*?

We have more than just books. The Library of Things is a collection of non-traditional items available for check out to our Adult Patrons.

#### Need a tool for a one-time job?

Try the Kill-A-Watt Usage Meter to measure the amount of electricity your appliances are using. Add a notch to your favorite belt with the leather hole punch. Make your important documents last or create professional-looking signs by checking out the laminator (laminating paper not included).

#### Refresh Family Game Night

From classic favorites to new releases, we have an exciting collection of board games and card games for all ages.

#### Heading Outside?

We have a Birding the Bitterroot Kit, created specifically for local trails and nearby birding hot spots. This kit is a favorite among patrons; give it a try and let us know what you see. If you feel like staying home and wouldn't mind contributing to scientific research, take the Pollinator Observation Kit to your yard for an interesting (and easy!) insect adventure. And don't forget our ever-popular Seed Library. As harvest time approaches, help us stock up for next year by saving and donating open-pollinated seeds.

#### Try Something New

Curious about needle felting or embroidery but not ready to commit to buying the supplies? We have Needle Felting Kits available as well as an Embroidery Kit. Each kit includes everything you need to try your hand at these popular crafts except for fabric or wool roving.

#### Into Space and Science?

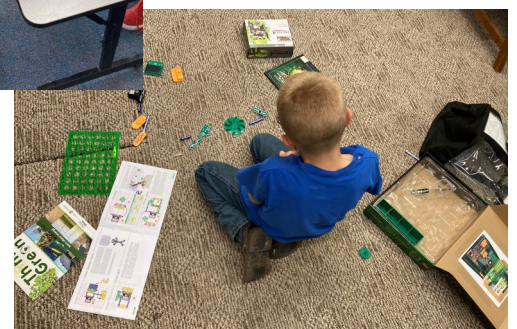
See the skies in a new way by checking out the telescope and Starry Skies Survey Kit.

#### New! STEAM Hands-on Learning Kits

Help your child/children learn through play and experimentation with our two new STEAM to-go kits.

The Green Energy Kit introduces young engineers to solar, wind, and geothermal power. Designed for ages 9+, this kit includes all the parts, instructions, and educational materials to create 4 different robots and over 120 snap circuit builds powered by renewable energy sources.

Get the ball rolling and the gears cranking with the Engineering Gears & Mazes Kit. Ideal for grades K-3 or ages 5-8, this kit promotes critical thinking and STEM skills through the open-ended play and building of marble gravity mazes and moving machines with gears.



# call for art



North Valley Public Library

## 3rd annual winter art exhibit

Local adult artists (age 19+) are invited to submit up to 5 pieces of art for exhibition. Mediums accepted:

- Ceramics, sculpture
- Printmaking
- Fiber arts
- Mixed Media
- Painting, drawing
- Woodworking



**Submission Form available** at  
[tinyurl.com/NVPLart2024](http://tinyurl.com/NVPLart2024)  
or at the Library



# Big

## Book Sale

**Friday  
October 4  
5 to 9 pm**

**Saturday,  
October 5  
10 am to 6 pm**

The annual Big Book Sale to benefit the North Valley Public Library in Stevensville will be held the first weekend in October in the library Community Room.

The best selection will be available on October 4, and books will be priced accordingly. Prices will be lowered on October 5, and a “bag sale” is planned for the last 90 minutes of the sale on

October 5, with a bag of books selling for \$10.

**Book donations will be accepted in the Community Room of the Library on October 2 and in the main library on October 3 from 3 to 8 pm each day. Textbooks, magazines, and VHS tapes will not be accepted.**

For more information, contact Carla at (406) 777-7318.

**COMING  
SOON**

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

**Bookorations**



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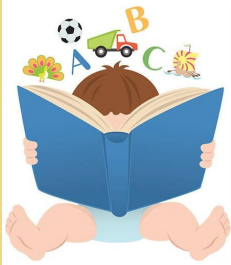
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# OCTOBER YOUTH PROGRAMS

## 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.

## 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.

## Art for Kids Ages 5-10



Monday, Oct 21 at 4:30pm

Whether it's painting, making cards, or creating mobiles, kids will

go home with a handmade treasure after this hands-on program. Lisa DeMoss presents a craft prepared by Lone Rock Kindergarten teacher Crystal Grant.

## Science (Ages 8-12)



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

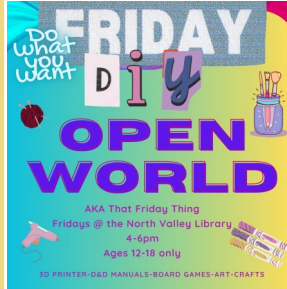
Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4pm

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

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



### Bat Crafts

It's Bat Month, so we're going batty with crafts for all ages! Different bat-themed

crafts will swoop in and out throughout the month, from bat puppets with flappable wings to early literacy color-by-letters, to bat masks, and more.