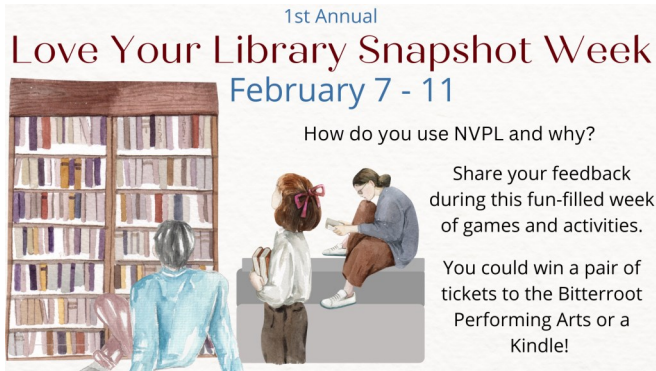




HOW DO YOU LOVE YOUR LIBRARY? HELP US COUNT THE WAYS. Join us for the 1st Annual Love Your Library Snapshot Week Feb 7-11



We need your feedback on how and why you use North Valley Public Library.

Feb 7 – 11 we are offering a variety of activities designed to collect memories, feedback, and, hopefully, affectionate anecdotes from patrons about the library, which we will not only cherish but put to good use.

Stories such as yours about why NVPL is important can make all the difference when it comes to fundraising, applying for grants, and library-related legislature.

Be sure to stop by during this week and:

- **Fill out a feedback form** and be entered to win a pair of tickets to the Bitterroot Performing Arts show *The Suffers*. Stevi/Lone Rock patrons can also win a new Kindle! You will be entered to win for every form you complete.
- **Treat your programmers:** Our programmers made a wish list of items to supplement this year's programs. Each item is written on a heart and will be posted on the wall. Pick one and fulfill it with a new or gently used item, then bask in the gratitude of your NVPL programmers.
- Get booked at the **pop-up photo booth!**

TICKET GIVEAWAYS

The Bitterroot Performing Arts Council donated two tickets to each of the remaining 2022-2023 season performances to NVPL. This generous gift will be made available to patrons through a series of drawings.

The first pair of tickets are to *The Suffers*, an "adventurous blend of 70s R&B, disco, jazz, and contemporary gospel," on Saturday, March 4. To enter this drawing, fill out a feedback form during Love Your Library Snapshot Week.

You will be entered for every feedback form you complete. Tickets for contemporary Irish band *Lunasa* (Sat. March 25), and jazz vocalist *Sara Gazarek* (Sat. May 6) will be available through a general drawing open to anyone who frequents the Library.

Winners will be contacted and need not be present to claim the tickets.



Winter Hours:
Monday-Friday 9:30am-6:30pm & Saturday 10am-5pm

208 Main Street, Stevensville, MT

APPLY TO BE A LIBRARY TRUSTEE



Apply to be a Library Trustee! Being on the North Valley Public Library (NVPL) Board of Trustees is a rewarding and challenging volunteer experience. Trustees set policies for the Library, set the overall direction for the Library through participating in strategic planning, and oversee the finances and budget of the Library, making sure that the Library is being responsible with library district taxpayer dollars. The Trustees are elected officials and uphold state laws that pertain to libraries and must have a high degree of ethics. Trustees need to adhere to the State Library Public Library Standards including receiving at least three hours of continuing education each year. Library Trustees must value the importance of libraries and life-long learning, appreciating that public libraries have collections for all ages and interests.

Monthly board meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month and there are special meetings to attend occasionally throughout the year, including the annual budget hearing usually held at the end of August or the first week in September. The Library is in the midst of new building planning, so the Board attends design meetings with MMW Architects, discussing square footage, electrical systems, plumbing, cost estimates, and aesthetics.

To be eligible to be a NVPL Trustee you need to live in the Library District which corresponds with the Stevensville and Lone Rock School Districts. If

you would like to be considered to be appointed by the Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Leon Theroux which runs through May 2023, please submit a letter of interest with qualifications to Victoria Howell at editor@bitterrootstar.com. Please put in the subject line "Library Trustee Application." If you would like to run for the remainder of the vacant term, you can fill out a Ravalli County Oath of Candidacy form. Filing closes Feb. 6, 2023. The term would serve from May 2023-May 2025. There are three other Trustees up for elections, so on your Oath of Candidacy form you can indicate that you are running for the term ending May 2025 to fill the vacant position.

NEWS FROM THE NVPL FOUNDATION

Welcome to a new year with the NVPL Foundation. We have busy months ahead, and we hope you'll join us and support the library through these fun events:



- February-March: Brews for Books pint nights at local breweries through the winter. Watch for more details in this space and in local and social media.
- June: A sale of special items during Stevensville's Western Heritage Days in June.
- August: Our popular Birdies for Books golf scramble at Whitetail Golf Course. Let us know if you'd like to play or sponsor a team or hole.
- October: Our Big Book Sale during the Scarecrow Festival weekend. Start saving your books; we'll accept donations shortly before the sale.
- December: Our holiday sale with decorations made from books during Stevensville's Country Christmas.

As always, reach out if you'd like to know more about the foundation and our fundraising work.
harrisonsanders@aol.com

IT'S TAX TIME

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free tax filing help for those who qualify.

- VITA: Ravalli County FCU, 501 N. 1st St., Hamilton (406) 363-4631.

AARP focuses on taxpayers who are low to moderate income.

- Stevensville Senior Center, 100 Mission St, Stevensville (406) 777-5681. Call for appointment. NO walk-ins. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For other locations look at the IRS website at irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-qualifying-taxpayers

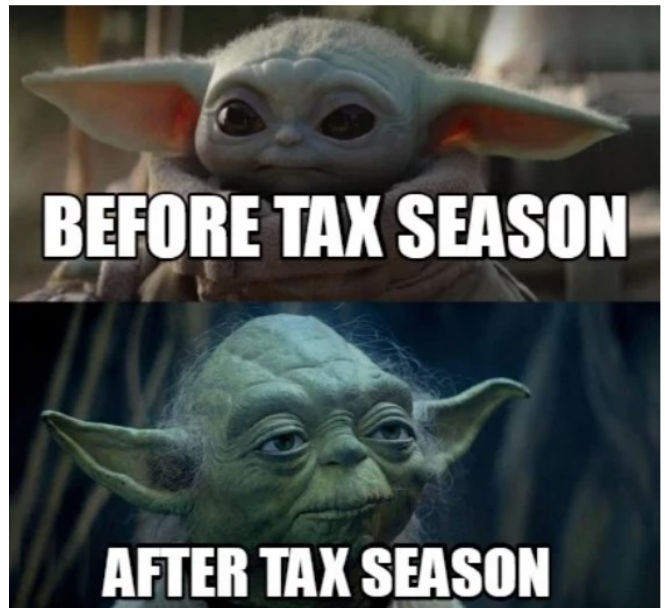
TAX FORMS

- IRS prefers that you file online. The IRS has partnered with 10 IRS Free File Online providers. Browse the offers at <https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/browse-all-offers/>
- If you need a tax form you can access them online at irs.gov/forms-instructions and print them at the library for 10¢ a page.
- Order the tax forms and instructions you need and have them mailed to you at <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/forms-and-publications-by-us-mail> or by phoning 1-800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676) to request a form be mailed to you.

- Montana Individual Income Tax Return. mtrevenue.gov/publications/montana-form-2-individual-income-tax-return-forms-and-instructions-includes-form-2ec/. To save taxpayer dollars and administer tax law within state budget constraints, the Montana Department of Revenue no longer prints income tax booklets and encourages Montana income taxpayers to file electronically online, or e-file.

LIBRARY STAFF

Library staff are unable to provide tax advice. Library staff are not tax professionals and are not allowed to give any advice, including which forms you should use. We can direct you to the IRS site and help you locate forms YOU choose and help you print those forms. It is 10¢ a page to print.



The mission of the North Valley Public Library is to strengthen and support our community by:

- fostering a welcoming and comfortable setting for all people to gather, explore, and discover;
- promoting literacy and lifelong learning;
- providing exemplary programming, service, and quality, timely materials.

IT'S OSCARS TIME

OSCARS

The 95th ACADEMY AWARDS takes place Sunday, March 12, 2023 honoring movies released in 2022.

The library purchased many of the nominations. Unfortunately, not all are available for the library to purchase on DVD yet, but be sure to put on hold the ones we own below and cheer for your choice favorite on Oscar night.

Best Picture Nominees

All Quiet on the Western Front—In theatres or Netflix.

Avatar: The Way of Water—Now playing in theatres

Banshees of Inisherin—Available at libraries on DVD to put on hold.

Elvis—Available at libraries on DVD to put on hold.

Everything Everywhere All at Once—Available at libraries on DVD to put on hold.

Fabelmans—On order at libraries.

Tár—Available at libraries on DVD to put on hold.

Top Gun: Maverick—Available at libraries on DVD to put on hold.

Triangle of Sadness—Available to rent on Prime Video. NVPL was able to place an order & DVD release date is 4/25/2023.

Women Talking—Now playing only in theatres

Animated Feature Film Nominees

Guillermo Del Toro's Pinocchio—In theatres or Netflix.

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On—In theatres, rent on Vudo or Prime. NVPL was able to place an order but no release date.

Puss in Boots: The Last Wish—In theatres, rent on Vudo or Prime. NVPL was able to place an order but no release date.

Sea Beast—Netflix

Turning Red—Available at libraries on DVD to put on hold.

Actor in Leading Role Nominees

Austin Bulter in Elvis—See best pictures

Colin Farrel in Banshees of Inisherin—See best pictures

Brendan Fraser in Whale—Now playing in theatres.

Paul Mescal in Aftersun—In theatres, rent on Vudo, Prime or Apple TV.

Bill Nighy in Living—Now playing in theatres.

Actress in a Leading Role Nominees

Cate Blanchett in Tár—See best pictures

Ana De Armas in Blonde—In theatres, Netflix.

Andrea Riseborough in To Leslie—In theatres, rent on Vudo, Prime or Apple TV.

Michelle Williams in Fabelmans—See best pictures

Michelle Yeoh in Everywhere Everywhere All at Once—See best pictures

HARDWIRE STATION

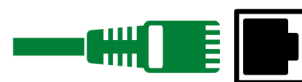
Patrons now have the ability to make a hardline secured internet connection at NVPL. We have provided a green Ethernet cable for this purpose at the Hardwire Station located near the printer.

Please Do

- Use the Ethernet cable to: Perform operating system updates, upload videos, or share graphic-heavy files, etc.
- Stay within sight of your laptop while using the Hardwire Station

Do Not

- Leave your equipment unattended
- Remove the Ethernet cable or change its port on the wall
- Use the cable to play games or search the internet



ADULT PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Registration required for all events northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/



Yarn, Darns & Needle Charms: Knit & Crochet Club Thu., Feb 2 at 12pm

Join us for this informal knit and crochet club. Bring your work-in-progress, problem piece, or brand-new pattern and enjoy your craft with other knit and crocheters. There will be no presenter but rather a cozy place to gather, tea, and a community of yarn artists like yourself. Held the first Thursday of every month from 12pm-1:30pm.



Night Out at the Library: Bingo!

Thu., Feb 2 at 6:30pm
Grab a friend, your lucky charm,

and if you're inclined and of age, an adult beverage, and come on down to the library for a fun-filled evening of Bingo!



Beginning Belly Dance Mondays on Feb. 6, 13, 27 & March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6pm-6:30pm (No class on Feb 20).

Learn belly dance moves, building core strength. *Belly dance*, as it is called in the U.S., is the style of dance popular in the Middle East with both men and women. It

stresses movements from the center of your body. **This is a seven-part class, each session will build upon the previous.** The first class you will learn posture, hip movements, arm movements, and step-touch. At the final class you should be able to do a full dance. The class requires standing with bent knees for 30 minutes and hip movement. You need to sign up for all seven sessions and sign a release. Please wear leggings, any comfortable shirt & shoes, and a scarf to put around your hips.



Step One to Beekeeping featuring Beekeepers of the Bitterroot Thu., Feb 9 at 6:30pm

Considering

taking up beekeeping? Curious about honeybees and hives? Take the first step on your beekeeping journey by attending this special presentation by Tim Meyer, Vice President of Beekeepers of the Bitterroot. He will discuss the basics of bee biology and hive life, explain what equipment you must have and what can wait, and describe how to best prepare for your role as beekeeper.



DIY Miniature Needle Felted Owls

Thu., Feb 16 at 6pm

Take a stab at needle felting and create a charming owl perfectly-sized to fit in your pocket or on a keychain. As your owl takes shape, you will practice basic needle felting techniques, adding felt colors, and forming shapes. By the end of this adult craft night, you'll have tried something new, created a cute creature, and have a new appreciation for the art of needle felting.

Rockhounding Montana with the Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society

Thu., Feb 23 at 6:30pm

Explore the Treasure State in a whole new way with this introduction to rockhounding featuring the Bitterroot Gem & Mineral Society. Learn to effectively, and ethically, prospect, recognize, dig, and collect some of the incredible crystals, gems, and minerals found right here in the Bitterroot.



YOUTH PROGRAMS

KID PROGRAMS

Stories & Songs for Preschoolers

Ages 0-5

Wednesdays at 10:30am



Join this early literacy program, reading your child to read while enjoying rhythm & rhymes, movement & music, and books of course! You and your little one(s) can share in the fun singing, clapping, reading & dancing while connecting with other young families in our community.

Library Love Letters

Come to the library and write a love letter to your favorite book! Templates are provided or you may craft your own card and 'mail' it to a book. Then proudly display your love of reading.



Wild & Weird Wednesdays with Science Officer Lisa



Ages 8-12

Wednesdays at 4pm (all Wednesdays in Feb)

Explore the universe, both micro and macro, and learn the science mysteries behind the natural world. Expect fun activities with Legos®, paper planes, food, and more. Children will soon be formulating their own hypotheses, experiments, and documentation in order to participate in a grade-free science fair at the end of the summer. Be sure to register as this program will get filled soon and we need to know how many supplies to have on hand. If parents/caregivers would like to stay and participate, please register yourselves and each child attending. Although concepts are geared toward 8-12 year olds, younger scientist/siblings 6-7 are welcomed if accompanied by an adult during the program.

TEEN PROGRAMS



Ages 12-18

Fridays at 4pm

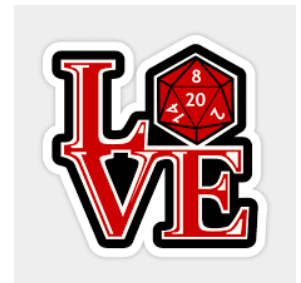
Make Fridays more exciting; come to the library for an all-access pass to all the cool stuff. Choose to 3-D print objects and then paint them, create a craft, explore the *Dungeons & Dragons* handbooks, or make a zine. It's up to you! We will have craft ideas for all.

Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 12-18

Tuesdays at 4pm

Are you looking to join a current D&D campaign? This program has limited space available. If interested in joining, email Emily at emilys@northvalleylibrary.org



PLEASE REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS at : northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/