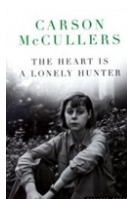
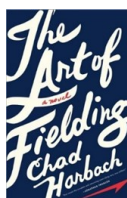




### January's Inspirational Titles



**Resolving to be more understanding?** Pick up **Carson McCuller's** *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*. The classic novel is told through the perspective of multiple characters, and centers around a deaf-mute who moves in with a young musician. You will finish the book with a newfound empathy for those around you.

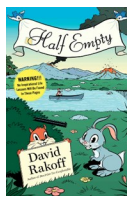


**Resolving to Strive for your goals?** Even if you couldn't care less about baseball *The Art of Fielding* by **Chad Harbach's** will trick you into thinking you do. You'll be fighting back tears as you near the end. Read it if you want this to be the year you stop being scared to chase your goals.



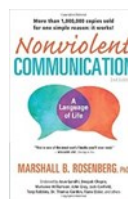
**Resolving to be more organized?** If you haven't yet purged your closet, and your desk is still a mess *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing* should be next on your reading list. Written by **Marie Kondo**, Japans expert on decluttering, it is an easy to follow book that makes a strong case for parting with those things you might love,

but haven't used.



**Resolving to Restore your faith in humanity?** If the phrase "Everything happens for a reason" makes you cringe, and you feel that your faith in humanity needs a boost, then *Half Empty* by **David Rakoff** is the book for you. Rakoff's book is full of human frailty and practicality, never saccharine, and is deeply refreshing.

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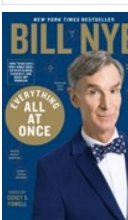
**Resolved to be a better communicator?** *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life* by **Marshall B. Rosenberg** partners practical skills with a powerful consciousness and vocabulary to help you express yourself, to get what you want, and to do it peacefully.



**Resolved to be more green?** If you need some motivation to finally buy a reusable water bottle and recycle your yogurt containers, read **Margaret Atwood's** *Oryx and Crake*. A believable (to the point of eerie) story about humans being responsible for the apocalypse. It will make you think twice about buying that bottle of water.



**Resolved to make a difference?** *Originals* by **Adam Grant** is a how-to guide to changing the world. Originals is all about breaking free of norms to spark real progress. Through inspiring success stories of unconventional minds, you can learn how to generate and recognize new ideas, and how to nurture original thinking in yourself and those around you.



**Resolved to solve problems?** **Bill Nye's** *Everything All at Once: How to Unleash Your Inner Nerd, Tap Into Radical Curiosity and Solve Any Problem* teaches us how to unpack any problem, no matter how difficult it seems and reach a solution in a step-by-step manner.

## 10 New Year resolutions for Book Lovers

1. Stop reading while walking
2. Stop judging people's character based on the books they read.
3. Resist the urge to speak in the latest character's "voice". Or not!
4. Start a conversation with "What have you read lately?"
5. Read something by someone you've never heard of.
6. Try a new genre.
7. Read a book aloud with someone you love.
8. Actually finish the books you check out!
9. Write a fan letter to an author.
10. Read one atrociously huge novel (hint: *War and Peace*)

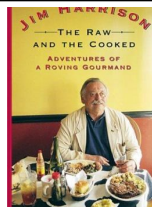
## We have a telescope!

And you can borrow it, if you have a NVPL card in good standing and are over 18 years of age.

The moon is awesome, the rings of Saturn and the moons of Jupiter can be seen, and just looking at our beautiful milky way is fantastic.

The loan period on the telescope is 14 days, and beware, there is a \$10.00 a day late fee, as well as damage fee of up to \$400.

**Why not take advantage of these wonderfully clear nights and see what you can see of our marvelous night sky.**



## Montana Author of the Month:

### Jim Harrison (1937-2016)

One of America's most versatile and celebrated writers, Mr. Harrison was the prodigious author of over thirty books of poetry, fiction, and nonfiction, including the acclaimed *Legends of the Fall*. His books have been translated into two dozen languages, and in 2007 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Mr. Harrison's writing is vivid, sometimes violent, and evocatively captures the soul of 20th century rural America.

A native of Michigan, most recently Mr. Harrison spent his summers in the wild countryside near Livingston, MT.

NVPL has a quite a collection of his works in both print and audio book format including *Legends of the Fall*, *The River Swimmer*, *In Search of Small Gods*, *The Raw and the Cooked: adventures of a travelling Gourmand*, *The Woman Lit by Fireflies*, and even more!

## Library News

### January Library Closures

The library will be closed twice in January; Monday January 1 for New Years and Monday January 15 for Martin Luther King's birthday.

### Silent Auction



Start gathering items for donation for our library silent auction fundraiser to be held in April! Vintage, antique or unique items in good condition would be appreciated! More news to come...

### Book Club News

the **James Lee Burke** book, *Jesus Out to Sea*, is the Book Club selection for January 9

### 10 Years Volunteering!

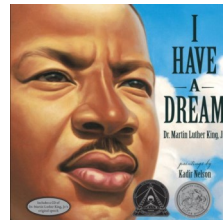
Carole Lester has been a wonderfully valuable volunteer at your library for over 10 years now! We'd like to once again publically thank Carole for all of her hard work: book covering, shelving, helping patrons, tracing missing books, helping with crates of items from other libraries and so much more. Our Tuesday staff in particular are most appreciative!

*Thank you Carole!*

## Kid's Corner



### Annika Recommends:



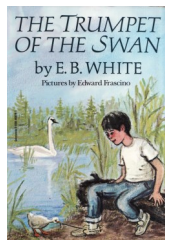
*I Have A Dream* by Martin Luther King, Jr.

This book takes Martin Luther King, Jr.'s most famous speech and puts them with stunning paintings. His words, taken on their own, give me chills and bring tears to my eyes, but seeing Dr. King's beloved speech coupled with the beautiful paintings of Kadir Nelson is

breathtaking. Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. day, Monday, January 15, with this book and reflect on the message of his powerful speech.

### Guest Reviewer: Colton, age 8

*The Trumpet of the Swan* by E. B. White



I liked the whole story, especially the part when Louis the swan went to school to learn how to write. I also liked when the swans found Louis.

### Remember...

Some kids events will not be happening in January while Annika recovers from her lying in. Check the Newsletter events flyer or our website for details.

## 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.

## Mindfulness Meditation Group

Wednesday, January 3 at 1pm

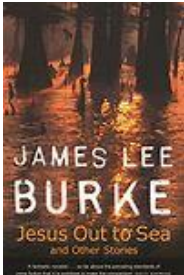


Mike English has been a student of Eastern disciplines since 2003 and has a background in Tai Chi, Aikido and Shotokan Karate this is an introduction course to

meditation.

## Book Club

Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30 am



Join members of the book club to discuss this month's selection:

**James Lee Burke's** book, *Jesus Out to Sea*

Author James Lee Burke grew up on the Texas-Louisiana gulf coast and currently lives full-time on his ranch in Lolo. He taught at University of Montana. Most of his

novels take place in Louisiana or Montana.

## Winter Driving in Montana

Thursday, January 11 at 1pm



Learn safe winter driving with Thom Ainsworth in this hour-long talk on driving in Montana.

In addition to winter specific driving tips, Thom discusses driving tips in

general, how driving rules have changed, what changes as you age, and discusses the difficult topic of when to give up driving.

Thom Ainsworth is an instructor for Montana AARP and drivers of all ages benefit from the information Thom provides.

## UFOs and Extraterrestrials in Montana

Thursday, January 11 at 6 pm



Joan Bird presents this Montana Conversations Program.

While many UFO sightings can be conventionally explained, a small percentage of reports remain unexplained in both government and private investigations.

Montana is home to some of the most significant, well-documented, and interesting UFO reports in the history of ufology. This presentation is a short course in UFO literacy, using Montana events to illustrate different aspects of the phenomenon. Montana seems to be a place where there is a lot of historical UFO activity. The audience is invited to share their own or their family's stories.

Joan Bird is an author and researcher. She holds a Ph.D. in zoology.

## Trivia Night

Saturday January 20 at 3-4:30pm



Test your trivia skills and compete for glory in the inaugural team trivia competition. The competition consists of three rounds of 10 questions. Each round has a separate theme

with questions ranging in difficulty. Teams consist of 2-5 people. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this friendly competition at your local Library. Teams are encouraged to bring snacks to share among themselves.

**Registration before January 18 is required for this event.**

All events take place in the Library's Community Room. You can find the entrance to the Community room the second door north from the main entrance door.



### Captain Hooked on Books @ the Library

Tuesdays, Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 9:30-10 am

This interactive program of reading, singing and dancing features Captain Kim Gibbs and Petey the Parrot. The program reinforces early literacy skills in a fun, creative style that always keeps kids entertained. Caregivers are required to quietly supervise children under their care so that the performance is not interrupted.

**For children ages 3-5**

Sponsored by the North Valley Public Library Foundation and the Rapp Foundation.

### Winter First Aid Training for Kids

Tuesday, January 16 at 5:30-7 pm

Join ski patrollers Stephanie & Michael to learn about taking care of yourself and others during the winter months when you may be out in the cold.

**For all ages**



### Pre-School Story Time & Craft

Wednesdays, Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at

10:30-11:30

Join us for amazing stories, a craft and a snack.

**For preschool and under**

### Music Makers

January 25 at 1:30 pm

Join us for songs, rhythm exercises, stories, and more!

**For preschool and under**



### Borrow a Telescope

Borrow the telescope for up to 14 days at a time. The Orion StarBlast telescope includes an instruction manual, posters, planispheres, and a carrying case. Eligibility for borrowing: You must be 18 years or older, either reside in the North Valley Public Library District (which corresponds with the Stevensville or Lone Rock School Districts) or have purchase an annual nonresident North Valley Public Library card. Card must be in good standing. Reserve it now.

Contact Super Reader Annika [annikar@northvalleylibrary.org](mailto:annikar@northvalleylibrary.org) for more information about the youth programs or to get on the email list.  
**Please note: Annika is on Maternity Leave until January 19**

