

Library News

Pint Night at Blacksmith Brewery



Friday February 1 is a fundraiser for the Library at Blacksmith Brewery. A portion of every pint purchased goes to the Library's Foundation. The Library will be represented from 5:00 pm.

Friends of the North Valley Public Library presents

2019 Chocolate and Authors

Friday March 1



Mark your Calendars! *Authors Hear a Who* is the theme of the 2019 *Chocolate & Authors* night. Tickets and raffle tickets available at the Library desk and at the door on the night. Support your Library!

Seeking Treasures for Fundraising Dinner

The NVPL Foundation is holding its annual fundraising event *A Novel Affair* on **Saturday, April 13** to raise funds to support Library programs and continued building renovations.

The Foundation is happily accepting donations of value for the Silent Auction including art work, antiques, or unique pieces. If you are interested in donating an item, please visit the Library or contact Donna Bainbridge at 406-370-4563.



Library Closure

Monday, February 18 for President's Day

Internet down: Library Up

During the CenturyLink outage in January much of the Valley was without internet but North Valley Public Library was still up and running and open to the public for use.



Regular library users as well as first time business owners were able to make use of our Wi-Fi when theirs was down. We were pleased to welcome a business owner, who had been driving around the Valley looking for a signal, and was

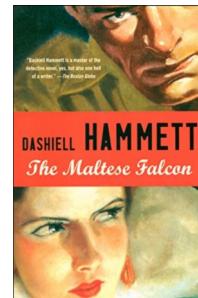
very relieved to find us.

Patron Review

David Sandford has been associated with the Library for many years, at one time working here. David reads a lot and you can tell from his reviews, he really knows his stuff!

The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett (1894-1961) is a mystery.

Originally serialized in the pulp magazine *Black Mask* in 1929, it was released in book form in 1930. Since then it has spawned several movie adaptations. Most notably the 1941 film noir directed by John Huston, starring Humphrey Bogart.



The movie was nominated for three Academy Awards, and is listed as one of the best movies of the 20th century by several critics and film groups. I feel everyone should see it at least once.

But as is often the case: THE BOOK IS BETTER!

This is one of my favorite novels, and has continued to be so through many readings over several years.

Dasheill Hammett drew on his past experience as a Pinkerton operative and is known for the realism of his writing. It's a fast paced story, that's also a fun read.

I recommend it for everyone no matter their age (as long as they read at a high school level or higher). Even if you're not into mysteries I think you'll like this one.

Both the book and movie are available at NVPL, and partner libraries also have several copies. There are also sound and eBook versions available.

The Great Montana Read

Do you have a favorite book from **The Great Montana Read**? If you have not read them all then be sure to visit the Montana Room located in the North Valley Public Library and check out the authors you missed.

The top five books were:

1. *Perma Red* by Debra Magpie Earling
2. *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean
3. *This House of Sky* by Ivan Doig
4. *Blind Your Ponies* by Stanley Gordon West
5. *Fools Crow* by James Welch

Seven volunteer judges independently identified their top 25 best-loved works of fiction, where the author or book's content had firm connections to Montana.

In all, 31 books were named. Judges' selections were compiled into the top 20 list which features books published within an 80 year time span.

Other books in the top 20 were:

- The Big Sky*, A.B. Guthrie
Winter Wheat, Mildred Walker
Winter in the Blood, James Welch
The Miseducation of Cameron Post, Emily Danforth
Legends of the Fall, Jim Harrison
The Surrounded, D'Arcy McNickle
The Ploughman, Kim Zupan
The Last Good Kiss, James Crumley
English Creek, Ivan Doig
Canada, Richard Ford
Fourth of July Creek, Smith Henderson
Hattie Big Sky, Kirby Larson
Letters from Yellowstone, Diane Smith
Last Bus to Wisdom, Ivan Doig
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water, Michael Dorris

The Great Montana Read is an exciting collaboration, encouraging conversation and celebration around the Treasure State's rich literary tradition and formed part of the nationwide search for America's best-loved novel on the Great American Read (an effort sponsored by PBS). Voting has closed for 2018's best loved book.

More information can be found at <https://www.montanapbs.org/greatmontanaread/>

Kid's Corner



Annika Recommends:



Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe

Based on the experience of real-life Auschwitz prisoner Dita Kraus, this is the incredible story of a girl who risked her life to keep the magic of books alive during the Holocaust.

Fourteen-year-old Dita is one of the many imprisoned by the Nazis at Auschwitz. Taken, along with her mother and father, from the Terezín ghetto in Prague, Dita is adjusting to the constant terror that is life in the camp. When Jewish leader Freddy Hirsch asks Dita to take charge of the eight precious volumes the prisoners have managed to sneak past the guards, she agrees. And so Dita becomes the librarian of Auschwitz.

*This book is for ages 13 & up.

Kid's Book Review: Kiley J., age 14

Max by Jennifer Li Shotz

This book showed much more emotion and explained events a lot more than the movie. My favorite characters were the main characters, Justin and Max.



Early Literacy Tip for Babies: Playing

At Home – When you're playing with your baby, have fun using different noises for toys, like trucks, baby dolls, or animals. Hearing different noises and experiencing various pitches, tones, and volumes helps your baby develop the basics of language.

On the Go – A simple game of peek-a-boo while grocery shopping can have a big impact. Playing helps babies become aware of their bodies, increases curiosity, develops a sense of humor, and creates brain connections for future learning.

February Special Event:

Valentine Craft Night – Monday, February 11, 4 pm
Create beautiful Valentine cards. Use a variety of super fun craft supplies to make your lovely greeting cards. This program is suitable for children of all ages and their families.

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.



Britt Arnesen, Folksinger
Friday, February 1 at 6 pm
Singer and songwriter Britt Arnesen is a vital member of several local folk bands and previews her new album "Dream in Blue."



Tai Chi
Fridays in February at 11 am
Continuing classes with Tai Chi Master Mike English. No equipment is necessary but comfortable clothes recommended. **Newcomers welcome.**

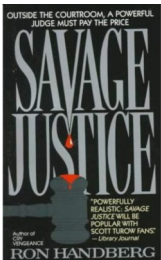


Mountain Caribou
Thursday, February 7 at 6 pm
Join professional photographer Cory DeStein as he takes us on a journey to find and photograph the rare Mountain Caribou in the interior of British Columbia, and their history in Montana.

Hygge Cozy Crafts
Thursday Feb. 21 at 5 pm

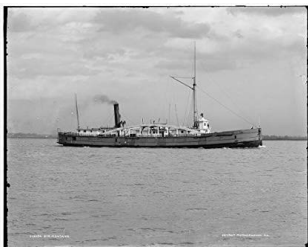


Get Cozy with Hygge (pronounced hue-guh) . Hygge is the embodiment of cozy comfort and is especially important during the cold dark winter months. The library is holding a Hygge workshop each month during winter. Stop by to relax, make cozy crafts and enjoy hot drinks.



Book Club
Tuesday, February 12 at 10:45 am
Join members of the book club to discuss this month's selection:
Savage Justice by Ron Handberg.

Steamships of the West with Ed Wolff
Saturday, February 16 at 2 pm



Local author Ed Wolff talks about his new work on the stories and personalities that plied the rivers in Montana during the age of steamships.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ March 1: 24th annual **Chocolate & Authors** Friends of the Library fundraiser
- ◆ March 16 : Facebook for Beginners
- ◆ April 13: Victorian Ladies Guild Fashion & Tea
- April 13: **A Novel Affair**, 2nd annual Foundation fundraising dinner.
- ◆ May 2: Millinery for Beginners
- ◆ March's Book club discusses *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery

*The Library enriches lives through free resources for learning, fun, and opportunity.
All library programs are free and open to the public.*

Mother Goose Sings & Swings Mondays, Feb. 4, 11, & 25 at 10:30 am (Note: No class Feb. 18)



Join us for simple stories, finger plays, songs, nursery rhymes and social interaction. The Mother Goose on the Loose program is designed to promote early literacy skills in the very young child.

For ages 0-3 and adult caregivers

Storytime & More Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 10:30 am

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

For preschool and under



After School @ the Library

Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 3 pm

Join us for study hall, free tutoring, crafts, and Legos.

For ages 5-18



STEAM Makerspace Monday Monday, Feb. 4 at 3:30 pm

Participate in fun Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) activities and challenges as a family. Join us to build, draw, and create.

Participate in self-directed activities and challenges, set out for you to choose from, and designed to get your brain working and learning without you even realizing it!



Montana Mollie's Tales for Tots*

Tuesdays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10 am

This interactive program of reading, singing, and dancing features Montana Mollie and Rocky the Marmot. 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.

Art Club

Thursdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 4 pm

Join us for fun, creative art lessons & projects! This is a great chance to get your creative juices flowing.

For ages 5-18



Science Friday

Feb. 8 at 4 pm

The library hosts a science program the second Friday of the month.

Come learn about a scientific topic and do an experiment or project. Please sign up as space is limited.

For ages 7 & up



Valentine Craft Night Monday, Feb. 11 at 4 pm

Create beautiful Valentine cards for your loved ones at the library. Use a variety of super fun craft supplies to make your lovely greeting cards.

For all ages +families

Contact **Super Reader Annika** about youth programs or to get on the email list.

annikar@northvalleylibrary.org



Please be considerate by showing up on time to all programs!