

A Sad Farewell to Bret Gardner



May 12, 2015. Bret Gardner working at the Library.

It is with terrible sadness that we say a final farewell to Bret Gardner who passed away on Sunday October 11. Bret started working at North Valley Public Library September 16, 2013 and worked here as an employee until December 12, 2017.

Bret applied for the part-time position in 2013 when he saw the Library needed IT help. He applied in spite of the fact that we paid below market value for his IT expertise. He thought of it as both community charity and helping his family who were big users of the Library. He brought this library into the 21st century. He did more than is apparent. He wired the building (twice), arranged for faster internet, upgraded our servers, created our website to my specifications, and so much more. He donated some of his own equipment. He was a renaissance man.

Over the years Bret cut back on his hours so he could work on projects that were more lucrative. When Bret was asked to return (remotely) to his IT job in

Washington DC, he could no longer work for us and tendered his resignation. However, he continued to help me and the Library out, in the capacity as a consultant, up until this tragic accident.

Bret only billed for hours working in the building or if he had to login to work on something remotely. He did not bill for the time he spent answering emails, phone calls, or text questions. It was nice having someone with such skill that I could trust completely, and who wanted the best for our library at the least expensive price.

He was devoted to his wife and kids. This is a terrible loss for his family, the library, and the community.

Thank you Bret, for all you did for the Library. It was a privilege getting to know and work with you.

-Denise E. Ard, North Valley Public Library Director



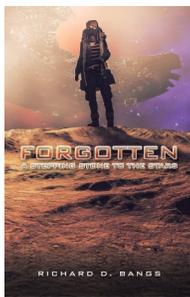
New Books: Sci-Fi with a local connection



Did you know that in 1990 Ken and Norma Bangs made a generous donation of the Rasmussen building where the library's adult collection is located? Recently, Ken and Norma Bangs's son, Richard, contacted our library about his science fiction trilogy. He offered to donate copies of his books writing, "I think my mom and dad would be pleased to have my work in your library, as would I."



We accepted with enthusiasm because Bang's books have received positive reviews in *Kirkus*, a library selection journal, as well as *Blue Ink Reviews*. The third book won second place in the Colorado Independent Publishers Association EVVY competition.

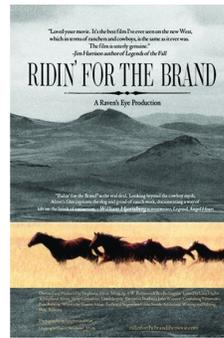


The trilogy is the story of Jarrod McKinley and his SETI team as they establish first contact and begin to work with aliens from a distant star system to explore the galaxy. Look for them on our new book shelf.

Richard Bangs is a 1973 UM graduate from the School of Journalism. He spent about 30 years working on daily and community newspapers in Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado and two years in Australia in 1975-77. He lives in Littleton, CO with his wife Susan, who is a 1971 grad of UM. He makes frequent trips to Montana and Missoula, having three brothers living in Missoula: Collin, Dennis and Bill.

His parents, Ken and Norma, lived on the family farm in northern Montana, 20 miles north of Inverness in Hill County until they retired to Stevensville. They raised seven children on the farm which was originally homesteaded by Ken Bang's mother in 1910. The farm is still in the family, being run by his youngest brother, Tom and his son Jeff. Ken and Norma moved to the farm in about 1943 just before Collin was born. They moved off the farm in the early 1980s. They lived in several communities around the West, looking for a good retirement place. They chose Stevensville because they liked the town, they had three boys in Missoula, and they liked the presence of the University.

Montana Ranching DVDs



Ridin' for the Brand

DVD 978.6 RIDIN'

Ten years in the making, "Ridin' for the Brand" by Stephanie Alton has earned its place amongst the most compelling, important, and gorgeous documentaries about ranching in Montana. As author Jim Harrison says, "It's the best film I've ever seen on the new West which in terms of

ranchers and cowboys is the same as it ever was. The film is utterly genuine." "Ridin' for the Brand" is a Montana story that journals a year in the life and times of three old-time Montana ranching families. Originally coming to the Big Timber area during the early Texas cattle drives over a century ago, these families are struggling to maintain the only life they know and love. These ranchers share how global markets, government policies, slaughterhouses and meatpacking, monopolies and urban sprawl are forever changing their livelihoods and landscapes.

Alton's film gives a glimpse into the world of ranching and livestock, and the interesting stories and way of life of the people who are so connected to us, as consumers, through their hard work, care, and hours devoted to the animals that eventually reach our plates.

"Ridin' for the Brand" is so much more than a story about ranches of the West; it is a story of the dedication and steadfastness of the people of this land and their ranches. And it is also a story of the conscious changes people are making in their food choices and agricultural practices. — Montana PBS



Sweetgrass

DVD 978.6 SWEETGRASS

An unsentimental elegy to the American West, Sweetgrass follows the last modern-day cowboys to lead their flocks of sheep up into Montana's breathtaking and often dangerous Absaroka-Beartooth mountains for summer pasture.

This astonishingly beautiful yet unsparing film reveals a world in which nature and culture, animals and humans, vulnerability and violence are all intimately meshed.

MORE LIBRARY NEWS

Library Fundraiser Continues



Business Battle for Books

Only a few weeks remain in the *Business Battle for Books* fundraiser to benefit the North Valley Public Library. Ten area

merchants are competing against each other to see which one can bring in the most money for the Stevensville library through the end of October.

After two weeks of competition, real estate company *Engel & Volkers* is leading, having raised more than \$500. The other businesses competing are: *Cutting Edge* salon, *Fireside Pizza and Sandwich*, *Valley Drug and Variety*, *Cenex*, *Radio Shack*, *Tin Can Bar and Draft Room*, *Yaskus Dental*, *Burnt Fork Market*, and *High Country Club*. Red boxes or cans are set out at each location.

The Business Battle for Books winner will be recognized publicly through various channels and also will receive a basket of sweet treats graciously donated by the *Montana Chocolate Co.* and *Morning Star Café*.

This event was organized by the **NVPL Foundation**, a nonprofit organization that raises funds through grants, donations, and events to support and enhance the operations of the library. For more information, contact Foundation President Amy Horlacher at amyhorlacher@gmail.com or call (480) 332-8737.

New circulating iPads great for accessing *Flipster* online magazines app

Thanks to the Montana State Library's mobile device lending program,



North Valley Library will soon have three iPads to circulate to patrons. Patrons over 18 that live within the Library District boundaries are allowed to check them out. If you don't have internet then consider pairing a checkout of a iPad

with a mobile hotspot.

You can use an iPads to access the digital magazines to which the library subscribes. Just click on the [Flipster app](#), enter your library card, and you can download and read these magazines:

<i>Allrecipes</i>	<i>iCreate</i>
<i>Artist's Drawing & Inspiration</i>	<i>ID: Ideas & Discoveries</i>
<i>Consumer Reports</i>	<i>New Yorker</i>
<i>Consumer Reports Buying Guide</i>	<i>OK!</i>
<i>Country Woman</i>	<i>Outside</i>
<i>Crochet!</i>	<i>Popular Woodworking</i>
<i>Do It Yourself</i>	<i>Reader's Digest</i>
<i>Entertainment Weekly</i>	<i>Real Simple</i>
<i>High Country News</i>	<i>This Old House</i>
	<i>Woodcraft Magazine</i>

Of course if you already have your own device, just download the *Flipster* app, choose North Valley Public Library as your library, enter your card information, and start enjoying.

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.

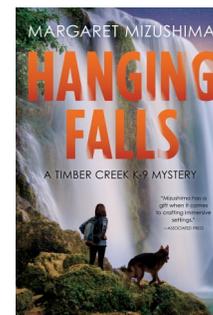
New novels to put on hold in all genres

These books are new releases or coming out later this year. Put your favorite authors on hold.

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman
Daylight by David Baldacci
Hot to Trot: An Agatha Raisin Mystery by M.C. Beaton
Dark Sky by C.J. Box
Sicilian Method by Andrea Camilleri
Sentinel: A Jack Reacher Novel by Lee Child
Scorpion's Tale by Lincoln Child
Piece of My Heart by Mary Higgins Clark
Darkest Evening by Ann Cleeves
Win by Harlan Coben
Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly
Marauder by Clive Cussler
Fortune and Glory by Janet Evanovich

Total Power by Vince Flynn
House of Correction by Nicci French
Troubled Blood by Robert Galbraith
Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner
Dreaming Death by Heather Graham
Time for Mercy by John Grisham
Dark Highway by Lisa Gray
Make Them Cry by Smith Henderson
Missing and Endangered by J.A. Jance
Blink of an Eye by Roy Johansen
Elsewhere by Dean Koontz
All the Colors of Night by Jayne Anne Krentz
Sins of the Bees by Annie Lampman
Jingle All the Way by Debbie Macomber
Most English Princess: A Novel of Queen Victoria's Daughter by Clare McHugh

Hanging Falls: A Timber Creek K-9 Mystery by Margaret Mizushima
Kingdom by Jo Nesbo
Deadly Cross by James Patterson
Coast-to-Coast Murders by James Patterson
NYPD Red 6 by James Patterson
Russian by James Patterson
Three Women Disappear by James Patterson
Faithless in Death: an Eve Dallas by J.D. Robb
Bone Code by Kathy Reichs
Awakening: The Dragon Heart Legacy by Nora Roberts
Royal by Danielle Steel



Teen USED iPad & PC drawing and giveaway

The North Valley Public Library is having a **Teen** drawing and giveaway for 5 used PCs and 1 used iPad. The PCs were our public computers until we upgraded them in December 2019. So you may have used one at the library. We are also upgrading the library's iPad this month.



If an **used** iPad or PC is something you can use or someone in your family can use, then below are the instructions for being entered in the drawing.

- You must be between the **ages of 12-18**.
- **Introduce yourself to the Teen Specialist, Emily**, when she is at the library. Dates and times are listed below.
- Come to the library wearing a **mask** over your mouth and nose.
- Parent or legal guardian must **sign a release** with full rules and conditions explained.
- **Fill out a survey** on teen programming that Emily will give you.

Information on the equipment to be given away:

- 1 iPad 3rd Generation Model A1416 | MC705/A, 2012 16GB Wi-Fi capable
- 5 PCs Dell Optiplex 980 64-bit OS with 4GB of ram and Intel i5 CPUs with Windows 10. Includes monitor and mouse.

Emily is available during the following dates and times:

10:30am—6:30pm Fridays, October 16-November 20

10:30am—3:00pm Tuesdays, October 20-November 24

10:00am—3:00pm Wednesday, November 25 (The only Wednesday and the last day.)

TEENS NOVEMBER NEWS

Help Create a Seed Library

Ages 12-18

Fridays at 4 pm

Each week, work towards creating a seed library. There will be projects for everyone; artists can help create signs and displays, organizers can help sort and repackage seeds, and so much more. Have fun while giving back to your community.



Registration is required.

Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/

Role Playing Games in person/online!

Ages 13-18

Tuesdays at 4 pm

Enter the world of *Dungeons & Dragons!* Create your own character and join the campaign. This program will be held both in-person (masks required) or online via Zoom. You choose. No experience necessary.



Registration is required.

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New Playaways

New Playaways are arriving at the library! Playaways are audio books that are ready for you to plug headphones into and go. Ready Player One by Ernest Cline is here. Check it out today!



YOUTH NOVEMBER NEWS

ONLINE: Monday: Mother Goose & Wednesday: Story Time

Mother Goose Sings and Swings for babies - 3 years of age is online every **Monday in November at 10:30**. Tune in for interactive songs and rhymes, a story, and maybe some dancing. Northvalley.librarycalendar.com/events/
Story Time Facebook Live! Wednesdays at 10:30. Stories, a quick early literacy activity, and a link to a creative craft. These live programs are geared for preschool and under.

[Zoom Art Club for Kids!](#)

What: Since we can't all get together for Art Club in person, let's do some fun art projects together on [Zoom!](#) For ages 5-11. You can watch lessons live or recorded.

When: Thursday, November 19 at 4 pm.

Where: Zoom—after you've registered, check your email for the Zoom meeting link that we'll use for each meeting.

How: [Register for this program on our website](#)—northvalleylibrary.org, under Children Events— and pick up your materials at the Library the week of.



Autumn Maker Kits

Ages 2-18

Maker Kits return! This autumn get your bi-monthly maker kit from North Valley Public Library, **October-December!** Register every other week for a different science experiment, art/craft project, or a maker activity. Pick up your kits on Mondays or Tuesdays during the Library's open hours.

Please register for each week you wish to receive a kit on the [Library's website](#). Kits will be tailored for age groups ranging from 2-18.

Register for all programs by going to our website northvalleylibrary.org. Click on CALENDAR. Registration is available at the bottom of each event description on the website.

NOVEMBER ADULT EVENTS: ZOOM & IN-PERSON WITH MASK

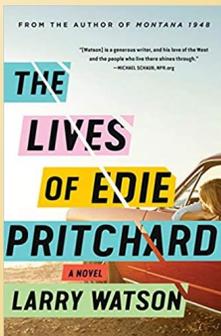
Don't miss author, Larry Watson



Award winning author **Larry Watson** introduces *The Lives of Edie Pritchard* with a *virtual* reading followed by a live Q&A session on **Thursday, November 19, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Set in Montana this story is getting great reviews. "The story of a woman loved by twin brothers was born years ago,"

shares Larry. His novel *Let Him Go* was adapted to film to be released in November starring Kevin Costner. Several other novels have now been optioned for the film industry. *Montana 1948* winner of Milkweed National Fiction Prize earned this soft spoken professor a loyal fan base.

Not to be missed! Mark your calendar for this LIVE online event.



Five Steps to a Winning Novel

We all know the rules: Write what you know; show, don't tell, etc. Great in theory, so very vague in practice. Join us in the community room on **Saturday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** with Gwen Florio. In judging contests such as the 2019 Edgar Awards, novelist **Gwen Florio** read hundreds of books, a process that revealed some very specific things that made a few novels shoot to the top of the list while other, perfectly well-written books, faded in comparison. (It also gave her tremendous empathy for agents and editors facing



the slush pile.) This workshop will focus on those key qualities, with specific examples, and advice and techniques on achieving them. Sponsored in part by Humanities Montana, please register on the Library Calendar, wear a mask and desks will be spaced apart. Gwen

Florio is an award-winning journalist and author. Her work includes the Lola Wicks mysteries and most recently, *Silent Hearts*. Florio was the **former** news editor of the *Missoulian*.

Fall Garland Craft

Garlands are necklaces for the home. Accessorize your house with a fall leaf garland. Drape across mantels, over door frames, or just tape onto a wall; they add such a festive flair for the fall season!

Easy instructions, please use your own glue, tape, and scissors. **Please register on the calendar by end of day, Saturday, November 21 to pick up the following Tuesday.**

Delivered before Thanksgiving to be a perfect project to do either before the holiday dinner or with kids and grand-kids as a craft event AFTER dinner.



The River Movie Night & Discussion

The River is a short story by the American Southern Gothic author Flannery O'Connor. It is one of the ten stories included her short story collection, *A Good Man Is Hard to Find*, published in 1955. Much of O'Connor's work focuses on concepts of pride, sin, and redemption. Join us in the Community Room on **Monday, November 30 at 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** *The River* was adapted to film by **Barbara Noble** in 1977. It runs 29 minutes and will be followed by a movie / book / author discussion with **Nancy Bevins**. Bevins lived in the South for over six years exploring the literary genius of Flannery O'Connor; visiting O'Connor's homes, including her farm in Milledgeville. Photos and geographical tidbits included.



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