



FOUNDATION NEWS

New books, new tables, and new renovations are all in the works at the library through the efforts of the **North Valley Public Library Foundation** and *Friends of the Library*.

These two entities strive to keep the Library current, endeavoring to surpass our patrons' needs.

- ◆ Over a thousand dollars in children and teen books arrived, thanks to grants from the *Pilcrow Foundation* and *Rocky Mountain Bank*.
- ◆ Love requesting books from other libraries and searching books online? This is partially funded by the *Annie Maclay Leffingwell Foundation*.
- ◆ Eight spanking-new tables will arrive soon in our Community Room thanks to a *Rapp Family Grant*.
- ◆ Renovations are in store for the new makerspace courtesy of the *Jane Heman Foundation*.
- ◆ Supplies for our ever-popular children's programs are courtesy of pint nights sponsored by *Wildwood Brewery*, *Tin Can*, and *Blacksmith Brewery*.

How do we do all that we do?

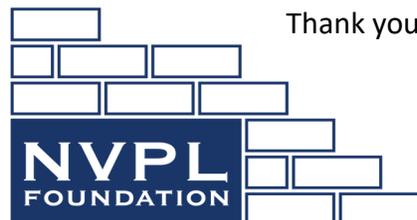
- Annual *Novel Affair* dinner and silent auction
 - Brand-new *Birdies for Books Golf Tournament*
 - *Chocolate and Authors*
 - *Book Sale*
 - and *Donations* from patrons like YOU!
- all provide funds to supplement the library's budget.

How can you help make our library the Best Little Library in the West?

- Donate directly to the NVPL Foundation by check to PO Box 789, Stevensville, MT 59870.
- Paypal donation (link available on the library website at northvalleylibrary.org/supportus).
- Shop Amazon Smile and choose *North Valley Library Foundation* as your non-profit to support. Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the library.
- Attend the *Novel Affair* dinner or *Birdies for Books Golf Tournament*, details coming.

Motivated to make our library even better?

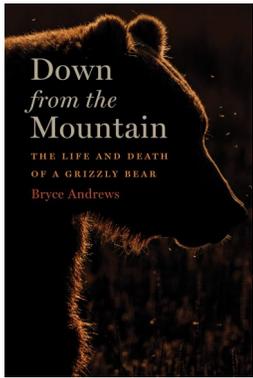
Join our Board. The NVPL Foundation is looking for new members to serve on our Board of Directors. Together we can build on this rich local community resource we have, called the Library. Please contact Amy Horlacher, NVPL Foundation President, for more information at amybhorlacher@gmail.com



Thank you to all who help make our library the best it can be!

Building a better library step by step.

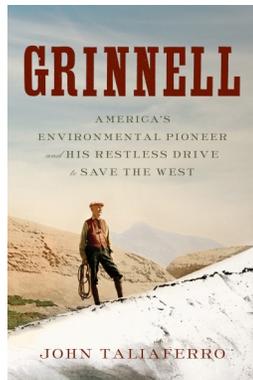
Montana Books & Authors



Down from the Mountain: The Life and Death of a Grizzly Bear
by Bryce Andrews
Nonfiction/Memoir

"Would that we had more nature writing like Bryce Andrews's fantastic second book...Part biography of the Mission Valley in Montana, informed by the Blackfeet and

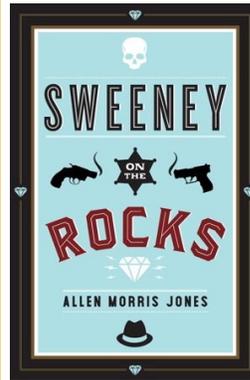
Salish histories rooted there, it tells a moving modern tale of how ranchers and big predators overlap uneasily on that land today... *Down from the Mountain* eschews easy moral scrimmaging...A subtle and beautifully unexpected book...Readers hungry for yet another torch bearer to the ways of thinking of the wild that Barry Lopez and Leslie Marmon Silko made possible should look no further." -- *Literary Hub*



Grinnell: America's Environmental Pioneer and His Restless Drive to Save the West
by John Taliaferro
Nonfiction/Memoir

A biography of the man that helped create Glacier National Park, where a trail and glacier bear his name. *Publisher Weekly*, in a starred review,

states, "An impressive, eminently readable biography of the great conservationist George Bird Grinnell.... Anyone who's ever set foot in a national park and wondered how it came to be will find an important part of the answer in this expansive look at an equally expansive life." Author Taliaferro, a former senior editor at *Newsweek*, is the author of five previous books. He lives in Texas and Montana.



Sweeney on the Rocks
by Allen Morris Jones
Crime Fiction

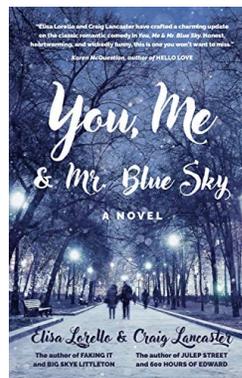
Todd Sweeney's small-town Montana life is upended when he comes home to find a corpse in his recliner and his past as a wiseguy catching up with him.

This Montana author's first foray into crime fiction has garnered rave reviews:

"Think *Goodfellas* with a screenplay by Donald E. Westlake, set in the landscape of *A River Runs through It*--a unique and tasty treat for crime-fiction fans."--*Booklist* (starred review)

"Jones has written a smashing crime novel, adding to his perfectly pitched comic voice with nicely drawn characters and a strong sense of place."--*Kirkus Reviews*

This book can be thought of as a more profane version of Craig Johnson's *Longmire* series, with Elmore Leonard and James Lee Burke thrown in for spice.



You, Me and Mr. Blue Sky by Craig Lancaster and Elisa Lorello
Romantic Comedy Fiction

Jo-Jo Middlebury is done with love. Linus Travers wants one more shot at it. Mr. Blue Sky, their 1970s-loving guardian angel, offers perspective on both when he's not diving into reruns of *Happy Days* and

Barney Miller.

"Honest, heartwarming, and wickedly funny..." writes Karen McQuestion, author of *Hello, Love*.

Co-authors and marriage partners, Lancaster and Lorello live in Billings, Montana.

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.

ADULT EVENTS

“Intellectual” Wreath Making
Monday, December 9 at 6 pm

Think ripping a book apart is sacrilege, you’re not going to want to read any farther.... But if you think repurposing old books is creative, this post is for you. Make a wreath out of an old book, bring your own, or we have more than a few leftovers. Join new Adult Services Specialist, Nancy Bevins, in an inaugural, “Rip that Book” apart night.



Registration required.

This program is appropriate for adults.

Celtic Christmas with Lewis and Clark
Thursday, December 5 at 6 pm

The *Montana ShamRockers* have toured northwest highways and byways for many years with their lively Celtic Christmas Concert. Now, spend the holidays “on the road” with the Corps of Discovery. Hear beloved traditional



songs and their often surprising backstories. The lads bring history alive, turning their signature warmth and wit on the folklore, legends, and lies of a fascinating chapter in our infant nation’s saga.

Each member of this acoustic vocally driven quartet has enjoyed a distinguished solo career. Together, *The Montana ShamRockers*, Montana’s unofficial goodwill ambassadors, simply offer the thrill of Celtic music, the joy of laughter and the power of love for your holiday pleasure.

This program is appropriate for 13 and up.

Trumpeter Elliott Oppenheim & Friends
Ring in the
Holiday Season
First Friday,
December 6 at 6 pm



Enjoy Oppenheim accompanied by Rob Thomas and Linda

Uzzell, playing, "Something old, something blue, something borrowed, and something Blue... as in Rhapsody." This concert includes classics from Mozart to Gershwin.

Holiday Cookie Exchange
Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 pm



Get inspired to bake and eat more cookies by participating in the Library’s cookie exchange. **Register for the event in person or by phone.**

Bring in your favorite recipe with instructions, 2-3 dozen cookies, and a container to take home cookies others bring to the event. Milk, coffee, and hot chocolate provided for participants during this event.

This event is appropriate for teens & adults without food allergies.

YOUTH EVENTS



Mother Goose Sings & Swings

Mon., Dec. 2, 9, & 16 at 10:30 am

Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and social

interaction. The *Mother Goose on the Loose* program promotes early literacy skills in the very young child.

Appropriate for ages 0-3 and their adult caregivers



Science Friday

Dec. 13 at 4 pm

The library hosts a science program one day per month. Come learn about a scientific topic and do an experiment or project. Please sign up early, as space is limited.

Appropriate for ages 5 & up



Christmas Ceramic Painting

Fri., Dec. 20 at 4 pm

Join us to paint holiday ceramics! Enjoy some hot chocolate and make new

friends. Supplies are limited so please sign up.

Appropriate for ages 5 & up



Montana Mollie's Tales for Tots*

*Sponsored by the NVPL Foundation & Rapp Foundation.

Tue., Dec. 3, 10, & 17 at 10 am

Sing and dance with 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.

Appropriate for children ages 3-5



Story Time & More

Wed., Dec. 4, 11, & 18 at 10:30 am

Join us for amazing stories, a craft, and a snack. **Appropriate for preschool and under**



Art Club

Thu., Dec. 5, 12, & 19 at 4 pm

Fun, creative art lessons & projects. A great chance to get your creative juices flowing.

Weekly registration required.

Appropriate for ages 5-18



Contact Annika at

annikar@northvalleylibrary.org for more information about the youth programs or to get on the email list.



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

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