



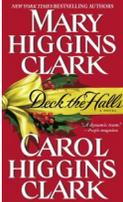
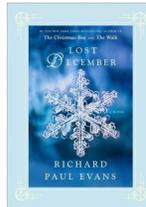
## Christmas Reads

Need a book to get you in the Christmas spirit? The following books can be found at the library.



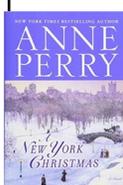
**Winter Stroll** by **Erin Hilderbrand**. Christmas in Nantucket with the Quinn family at the Winter Street Inn. With jealousy, passion, and eggnog consumption at an all-time high, it is going to take a whole lot more than a Christmas miracle to get the Quinns--and the inn--through the holidays intact.

**Richard Paul Evans** has a way of writing that touches the heart and **Lost December** is no exception. A tale of redemption with echoes of the prodigal son.



Fans will greatly enjoy the pairing of two favorite detectives and two favorite authors in **Mary Higgins Clark** and her daughter **Carol Higgins Clark** who collaborate to create an entertaining story of a holiday kidnapping. **Deck the Halls** is a lovely, lightweight Christmas read.

A trilogy of gingerbread and murder, authors **Joanne Fluke**, **Laura Levine** and **Leslie Meier** collaborate to write **Gingerbread Cookie Murder**. Three short, easy stories with accompanying recipes are a yuletide whodunit treat.



**A New York Christmas** is an irresistible tale of love, betrayal, greed, murder, and selfless devotion set in Victorian New York by **Anne Perry**. The novel is both deeply moving and suspenseful, and delivers on the Christmas spirit too!

## Literary Pumpkin Contest

Thank you for the great response to the painted pumpkin contest. The amount of entrants doubled from last year, and over 60 people cast votes. Every pumpkin received votes, so well done everyone!



### Sign up for emails for latest news.

If you like to receive emails about adult events that are happening at the library, please inform the front desk to be included in the library email list.

**Food for Fines until December 8.** Conditions apply.

## Library Closures

**Monday December 24 & Tuesday December 25**  
**Monday December 31 Early close at 1 pm**  
**Monday, January 1 for New Year's day**



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Buying Christmas gifts on Amazon? Why not use smile.amazon.com? You shop. Amazon gives.

Chose the North Valley Library Foundation as your charity and you will be assisting the library every time you purchase.

### Thinking of making a year—end contribution?

Donations further the services and resources of the library, and you may direct your donation to Building, Collection or Programming.

One hundred percent of your donation to the Foundation is tax-deductible.

North Valley Public Library Foundation accepts all donations of cash, gifts, endowments and bequests on behalf of the Library.



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### Science Book of the Month

*Buzz: The Nature and Necessity of Bees* by Thor Hanson.

"Lively and entertaining, Hanson's work introduces the world of bees--all bees, not just honeybees...Of interest to farmers, gardeners, ecologists, and anyone concerned about bees and their impact on our food supply."-- *Library Journal*

"A loving, infectiously enthusiastic natural history."-- *Christian Science Monitor*

"Popular science at its intelligent best."-- *Economist*

"Delightful...Bringing to mind Bill Bryson's complicated, but engaging ability to intertwine nature, science, art, history and culture, Hanson weaves a similar spell about the world's 20,000 species of bees."-- *Winnipeg Free Press*

Through his engaging first-person narrative, biologist Hanson tells the full story of bees: They evolved from carnivorous wasps during the time of dinosaurs, opting for the protein-rich pollen of flowers with which they coevolved. - *Scientific American*



## Kid's Corner



### Annika Recommends:

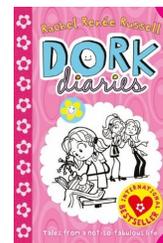
*I Need a New Butt!* by Dawn McMillan

A young boy suddenly notices a big problem — his butt has a huge crack! So he sets off to find a new one. Will he choose an armor-plated butt? A rocket butt? A robot butt? Find out in this quirky tale, which features hilarious rhymes and charming illustrations. This is a very silly story that will cause you to giggle from beginning to end! Children and parents will love this book.

*I need a NEW BUTT!*



### Guest Reviewer: Jayden M., age 9



*Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life* by Rachel Renee Russell

I like this book because I thought it was really funny and silly. I like the sketches, they are detailed and funny. It was very relatable.

### December Special Events:

Tree-mendous Ornament Making for Kids, Monday, December 17, 4 pm - Come create your own Christmas tree ornaments with a variety of fun crafting materials including wood, foam, beads, and much more! Join us for hot chocolate, Christmas music, and get in the holiday spirit! Suitable for ages 4 & up.



### Early Literacy Tip for Babies: Reading

**At Home** – Set aside time during your day to read with your baby. Point to pictures and talk about what you are seeing and reading. This will help your child learn how books work, understand that pictures represent real things and encourage a love of books and reading.

**On the Go** – Forget to put a book in the diaper bag? No problem! Read whatever you see during your day to your child (street signs, grocery store labels, or even posters at the doctor's office) to improve your child's vocabulary when they start talking.

### 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.



**Audubon  
Christmas Bird  
Count Workshop**

**Thursday, Dec. 6  
at 5:30 pm**

Was that a Red-tailed  
or Rough-legged  
hawk? A Hairy or a  
Downy Woodpecker?  
Learn bird identification  
at Bitterroot Audubon's

Tune-up Workshop to prepare for the Christmas  
Bird Count.

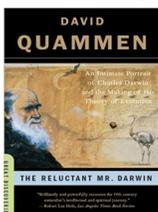
No previous birding experience is necessary to  
enjoy this class.

Each year the Audubon Society calls on members  
of the public to watch and report bird sightings over  
a few weeks beginning in December. You can  
participate for as long or a little as you like,  
travelling far afield, or sitting in your living room.  
This year the bird count is Friday, December 14,  
2018 through Saturday, January 5, 2019. Even if  
you don't want to participate in the bird count, you  
can find out what bird is eating your suet.

Please register by phoning the library.

**Book Club**

**Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 10:45 am**



Join members of the book club to  
discuss this month's selection:  
*The Reluctant Mr. Darwin: An Intimate  
Portrait of Charles Darwin and the  
Making of His Theory of Evolution*  
by David Quammen

**Tai Chi**

**Fridays in December at 11-12:30 pm**



Continuing classes with Tai Chi Master  
Mike English. No equipment is necessary  
but comfortable clothes recommended.  
**Newcomers welcome.**

**Montana A Cappella Society Sing  
Carols**

**Friday, Dec. 7 at 6 pm**



Enjoy the Montana A Cappella Society as they  
spread Christmas cheer in the North Community  
Room performing Christmas carols from around  
the world in full Victorian costumes.

A Cappella is a style of music combining multiple  
voices into rich harmonies, without the use of  
any other instruments. Dressed in delightful  
period costumes and performing favorite  
Christmas carols, this event evokes real feelings  
of a warm, bright, and traditional  
Christmas. Bring your family and join us for this  
amazing Christmastime treat.

**Hygge Cozy Crafts**

**Saturday, Dec. 22 at 12-2 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 will be holding a Hygge  
workshop each month during winter. Stop by to  
relax, make Holiday paper crafts and enjoy hot  
drinks.

**Upcoming Events:**

January 5: Beekeeping for Beginners  
March 1: 24th Annual Chocolate & Authors

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

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**Please note: No programs Christmas week,  
December 24– 29**



**Mother Goose Sings & Swings**  
**Mondays, Dec. 3, 10, 17**  
**at 10:30 am**  
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 their adult caregivers.**



**Montana Mollie's Tales for Tots\***  
**Tuesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18**  
**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.

**Tree-mendous Ornament Making for Kids**

**Monday, Dec. 17 at 4 pm**

Come create your own Christmas tree

ornaments with a variety of fun crafting materials including wood, foam, beads, and much more! Join us for hot chocolate, Christmas music, and get in the holiday spirit!



**Storytime & More Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19**

**at 10:30 am**  
Join us for amazing stories, a craft, and a snack.

**For preschool and under**



**After School @ the Library**

**Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19**  
**at 3 pm**

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

**For ages 5-18**



**Art Club**

**Thursdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20**  
**at 4 pm**

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

**Weekly registration is required.**

**For ages 5-18**



**Science Friday**

**Dec. 14**  
**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**



Contact **Super Reader Annika** about youth programs or to get



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

## Year Round Youth Programs FY Report 2018

*During the school year the library focuses on preschool and, after school programs and hosts special events.*

### Story Time & More

Story Time is a time to teach early literacy skills to 5 and under, through stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and crafts. Invited community members come to speak to the kids about safety, careers, and relevant topics. Special guests entertain the kids with music and dance.



**S is for Spiders. The kids made spider headbands.**

**20** kids, on average, participate in each Story Time & More hour



**X is for X-rays.**

**Fun playing with a homemade light table.**

“When we started looking to move from west of Missoula...last year, one of the important things I was looking for was access to a library (smaller than Missoula) that offered children's programs. We looked at the Stevensville library website and I knew that this was the

library for us! We were amazed at the variety of kid's programs offered every day of the week. We homeschool so we seek out activities in the community to compliment the learning we do at home. We started attending some of the library's children's programs shortly after we moved to the Bitterroot last winter. The library has been a wonderful place for us to meet other families in the community and a place where my daughter has made several new friends. We can't say enough wonderful things about the Stevensville library and the children's programs!” – **Annie B., parent**

### Science Friday

The Library offers this science-based program once a month, exploring a wide range of scientific topics in a hands-on way. Children and teens participate in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities and learn through doing and making during Science Fridays. Experiments with dry ice and learning about the respiratory system before making snot and inflating lungs are just two examples of the fun learning.

**20** kid & teen scientists participate, on average

“It is very important for libraries to offer youth programs! The library offers diverse learning opportunities for children of all ages that helps to increase literacy and creativity for kids of all ages. I've been so impressed by the quality of youth programs at the library that I've told other families we've met in the Bitterroot and they've also started attending the youth programs there.” – **Nicole G., parent**



**Conducting science experiments with dry ice.**

## Special Events



Animal Wonders teaches kids about exotic animals.



The Salamanders a musical group from Missoula, come down to sing, dance and be silly with the kids of Stevensville.

**Youth Services arrange at least one special kids' program each month.**



Wild Skies Raptor Center educate about birds of prey and how to protect them.

### After School at the Library on Wednesdays

Stevensville Schools schedule early-out every Wednesday of the school year, releasing students at 2:30. After School at the Library provides a safe space for students to enjoy a quiet place to do homework, engage in fun activities, and make new friends. The library offers free, one-on-one tutoring for children that need a reading boost. This program is great for children and teens who need somewhere to go after school on Wednesdays and need assistance with homework.

**8-10** students on average attend, **25%** are homeschool students

“One of the greatest parts of After School at the Library is students’ access to a safe, free place to come on Wednesdays after school. Homeschool and public school students come to work on homework, spend time playing and crafting, and practice reading skills with our reading specialist. We collaborate with Lone Rock School’s after school program. They bring their kids on field trips to the Library’s After School program. I’ve seen many friendships form and reading skills vastly improve through this program.” – **Annika, Youth Services and certified teacher**

### Mother Goose Sings & Swings

“Early literacy” is the buzzword for getting a child ready to read. This program is based on the *Mother Goose on the Loose* program which is designed to promote early literacy in the very young child. At each session, toddlers participate in songs, finger plays, bounces, nursery rhymes, and felt board stories.

**50%** increase in attendance since June 2018

“My son asks to go to the library every day. ‘We go lala (library) sing read!’ He enjoys hearing stories and listening to songs and participating. Still doesn’t sit still but it has improved. He loves books and he likes singing at home. Interaction with other kids is great too. We also love doing the crafts. Sometimes libraries are the only place to meet other kids and people. It’s a great place to learn something new and gain experiences. Also teaches youth to be responsible and respectful. We really enjoy going to the library and are thankful we can participate in these free programs.” – **Nikki B., parent**

### ART Group

My daughters thoroughly enjoy and look forward to the weekly art program offered at the Library...I am so impressed by the variety of art media used, the wide range of techniques presented, the knowledge about different artists that are explored, and how truly fun it is even for teens (who can be sometimes difficult to impress)!...Overall, we find the art program very impressive, fun, and interesting. We are lucky to be able to participate in such a nice program that encourages amazing creativity. – **Jenny J., parent**

## Libraries Rock! Summer Reading Program Report, June-August 2018

*According to studies, children who participate in their library's Summer Reading Program (SRP) scored higher on standardized tests, scored higher on assessment tests at the beginning of the school year, and by the end of 3rd grade had better reading scores.*

### Science Squad

Science experts from all over the Valley and Missoula came to share an abundance of scientific information. The kids discovered and explored many science topics including geology, ecosystems, and engineering. Kids also engaged in numerous STEAM activities. Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math all wrapped into one.

- An apiarist showed the kids the importance of bees and beekeeping.
- Kids learned cardboard construction using kid-friendly

tools including saws, screws, screwdrivers, rulers and hinges.

5 hours of scientific discovery.

80 children & teens participated.

"My kids think it's cool and fun! They learn to use deduction, curiosity and do experiments." – **Fabie G., parent**



Working with "smart" blocks called Cubelets

"I like Science Club because it is 'sciency' and fun. We should do it more often!" – **Nolan G., age 13**



Engineering weight-bearing structures with gumdrops & toothpicks

### Art Club

Always a favorite at the Library, children created masterpieces all summer. Projects included printmaking, food art, and works inspired by famous artists. This program occurs year-round.

12 hours spent artistically expressing.

177 children & teens participated.

"My boys do not receive enough exposure to both science and art in the current public school system. This is an easy way for them to get experience and knowledge they would not otherwise have had access to. Since attending, both my boys have shown much more interest in art and expressing themselves through art. My



Printmaking

youngest has gained valuable fine motor skills that he desperately needed to improve. Another benefit is that it gives my one child who is rather shy the opportunity to meet other kids his age, and giving him a place that he feels 'safe' to meet new friends. It helps both of them be more successful in the classroom for a variety of reasons." – **Julia W., parent**

"I like that you actually teach the kids techniques." – **Bree S., parent**

"Doing art is just fun. My kids learn new techniques, use their creativity and imagination, and learn to love art. They meet other kids, learn new concepts, express themselves, and have fun." – **Fabie G., parent**

## Writers' Club

Keeping kids writing during the summer is crucial to retaining those all-important writing skills. This summer the Writers' Club engaged in various writing styles ranging from creative stories to opinion pieces.

**12** hours of instructed writing time from a certified teacher.

**35** children & teens participated.

"Without these programs my family and many, if not most others, would not be able to afford to sign our kids up for programs like these. Other programs that would compare to these programs currently offered are extremely costly, especially for families with more than one child. I also like the fact that my boys now want to go to the library and have begun checking out books. Before these programs, they had never been to a public library before. I believe programs like these get people into the library and remind parents what a wonderful resource a public library is. The more people that know about these programs and enjoy hanging out at the library the more potential there is for funding. It is crucial to keep programs like these." –

**Jennifer L., parent**

## Theater Workshop

With the help of University of Montana theater graduate Hillary Bard, the kids wrote and directed their own plays, practiced their play fighting skills and enjoyed bringing life to classic fairy tales.

**7** hours spent learning acting & drama skills.

**103** children & teens participated.



Acting out self-written scripts

## Rubber Duck Reading Club

Through this program parents read interactively with young children, ages 0-4. These activities and challenges are designed to help very young readers grow into independent readers.

**24** children participated in early literacy activities and challenges this summer.

## Book Club

The Book Club read amazing books and participated in stimulating discussions this summer! Books read: *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio, *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate, and *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl.

**11** children & teens read book club books this summer.

## Mommy & Me Yoga and Kids' Yoga

A new program at North Valley Public Library this summer, Kids and moms had a blast stretching and relaxing on the hot summer days!

**10** hours of stretching & breathing techniques from a certified yoga instructor.

**51** children & teens and **51** adults participated.

## Summer Special Events

•Insectarium •Teller Wildlife Refuge - Water Fowl •Rocky Mountain Lab - Vaccines Talk •Montana Natural History Museum - Bird Calls & Songs •Salamanders •Paleontologist Kallie Moore from U of M •spectrUM Discovery Area •Jessie the Apiarist •Sock Rockerz •Fish, Wildlife, & Parks - Aquatic Insects & Fish

**197** children & teens and **108** adults participated.

## Summer Reading Challenge

*This summer 76 children and teens challenged themselves to read at least 500 minutes. Many surpassed this goal and earned fun prizes.*

*Twenty-two books were given away, over 65,000 total minutes were read, and just under 100 book reviews were written.*

*"I like picking out prizes and it will be very exciting if I can be in the library newsletter with my book reviews."*

*–Ada B., age 7*

## Adult Programming Report — FY 2017-2018

*“Many adult users will not venture towards the unknown without a guide.”*

### Adult Learning & Interacting

Libraries are many things to their communities. They offer practical information for people to improve their quality of life, and help increase options in a complex society. Satisfying and spirit-nourishing programs are offered; programs that encourage patrons to interact, to be creative, to think and to do.

Below are some of the programs that the North Valley Public Library held over the past fiscal year.

### Health

Health is a complex issue. Programs covered a broad cross-section of concerns

- ◆ Meditation
- ◆ Dieting Tips & Tricks
- ◆ Tai Chi
- ◆ Walking Stevensville
- ◆ ACA Choice
- ◆ Winter Driving in Montana
- ◆ Radon

26 hours being healthy

276 healthier adults



Local Mike English,  
Tai Chi Master

### Computers

14 hours of computer classes provided.

Classes included topics such as iPhones, Excel, Word, email, printing and general computer use. Additionally group classes on topics such as:

- ◆ Internet Security for Beginners
- ◆ Craigslist for Beginners
- ◆ Facebook
- ◆ Library catalog use

The Library offers individual one-on-one computer skills training to walk-ins for those that need quick help.

451 adults received walk-in technology help FY 18 (A conservative estimate.)

### Environment

A complex and broad issue, the Library holds classes on many different aspects of the environment.

- ◆ Composting Basics
- ◆ Wild Wilderness
- ◆ Trap Release
- ◆ Weed Management
- ◆ Fire & Forest Management
- ◆ Inter-seeding Pastures with Legumes
- ◆ Protect your home from Wildfires
- ◆ Mushroom Foraging & Propagation

9 hours of Environmental presentations

119 adults getting earthy

### Expert Presenters

The Library is fortunate to have many experts, from the Bitterroot and the broader State as presenters. The majority of our expert presenters give freely of their time at no cost to the Library. Others are provided with assisted funding through *Humanities Montana*.

Examples include:

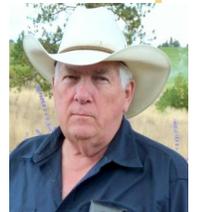
Nationally recognized ecologist **George Wuerthner**, author, photographer, guide, researcher and activist



George Wuerthner

**Dr. Jack Cohen**, world renown Wildfire expert and Research Physical Scientist

**Richard Ellis**, Fulbright scholar, Professor, Author, Researcher & Reviewer and patron of NVPL



Richard Ellis

**Larry Evans** of the Western Montana Mycological Association

Master Gardener, **Stone Mason**. Runs Ankh Farm teaching garden, certified square-foot gardening instructor and Montana Master Gardener

**Chuck Stranahan**, local fishing hero, and fly fishing expert

**Dr. Joan Bird**, author, researcher. Ph.D. in zoology.



Joan Bird

## Creating and Doing

Being involved in creative and active programs is not only good for physical health, it also provides mental stimulation, and nourishment for the spirit.

A sample of the Library's varied programs are:

- ◆ Adult Open Art
- ◆ Introduction to Fermentation
- ◆ Walking in Stevensville
- ◆ Square Foot Gardening
- ◆ Fly Fishing for Beginners
- ◆ Organization for Life
- ◆ Songwriting
- ◆ Dog Training
- ◆ Survival Training

**36** hours spent being creative

**293** people participated.

## Discussion and Interaction—Book Club, History and More

Programs that allow adults to interact and discuss as they learn, help to illuminate the experiences, beliefs and values that unite human beings. They stimulate adults to make connections —between ancestors and each other, between one culture and another, between the community and the individual.

The Library's Book Club is a perfect example of this type of program. Other examples include talks on Genealogy, UFO's, *Tea and Tranquility* and historical talks, such as *History of Fort Own*, *Wyoming Cattle Barons* and *Bitterroot Ghost Towns*.

In the past, the Library also held a program of TED



Some of the Library's Book Club members

talks, and the *Hour of Babel* series, a forum for ideas and discussions on contemporary subjects.

**238** adults discussed & interacted at **18** Library activities

*Chocolate & Authors* is an annual favorite fundraiser. The 23rd annual event included over 26 local authors. The authors event is an opportunity to visit with local authors and purchase books signed by them while eating delicious chocolate and other goodies. Attendees are between **80-189**, depending on the year.

## Reading and Writing

Author talks and a class on how to publish a novel are some of the ways that the Library is integrated into adult presentations. Outreach to the Living Centre, includes a reader visiting the assisted living center. The program is funded by the NVPL Library Foundation.

**50** hours of literary interest

**533** adults being literary

## Programs for All-Ages

The Library hosts a variety of programs designed to encourage interaction between adults and children. Family programs are discussed in the children's programming report and statistics, but in addition to family programs, the library hosts a musical program each month, as well as trivia quiz nights.

**459** people of all ages attended our **14** all-age programs.

## First Fridays

**327** people attended the Library's music themed First Friday evenings. Performers included classical piano players, banjo duo's, Octoberfest

accordion players, guitar, A cappella singers and string bands playing rock, Strauss, country, folk, Christmas and many other genres of music.



Charla Bauman & Lawrence Hammond

# 2018

## The year in review



Friends of the North Valley Library held the 23rd Annual Chocolate and Authors fundraiser in March. The Friends are looking for new members. Contact Diana Griffin at 406-531-0785 or jdgriffin5@gmail.com for more information.



Local, professional artist Ken Daly generously donated his time and talent, painting two murals, brightening the Library and the Main Street.



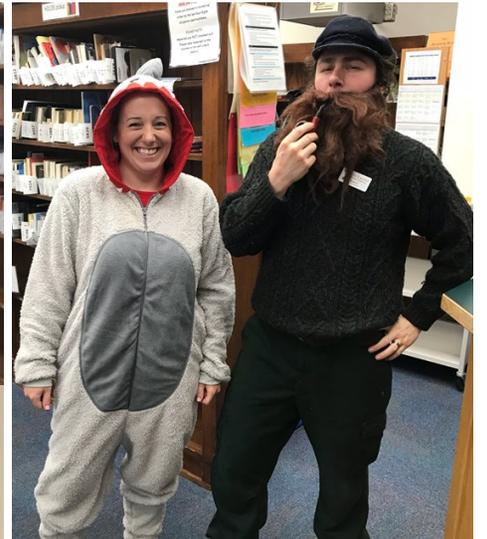
The Library bid farewell to Captain Hooked on Books in May. Montana Mollie took over the fun, and performs on Tuesdays for kids ages 3-5. Kammy is the newest library staff member to join the front desk.



The library won an Honorable mention for our "May the Books be with You" scarecrow in October.

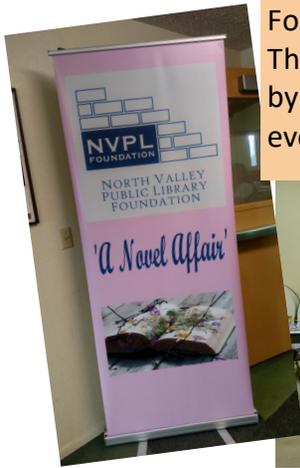


Children and parents helped out with the Library's Creamery Picnic parade float in August, using the decorations made by Friends of the Library.



Library staff "get in the grove" and support special community days and celebrations.

A *Novel Affair* was the theme for the NVPL Foundation's fundraising dinner held in April. There was also a silent auction and entertainment by LeGrand Harvey and Rod Brod to round out the evening.



## Thank you, Friends of the Library!



A big "thank you" to all the friends of the library; the Board, the Foundation members and the Friends of the library, as well as our valuable volunteers. We would not be such a great library without you all.



Chyrle Wohlman, Stevensville High Librarian, held a "Harry Potter" teen event in July.

In October the Library held listening sessions. The purpose was to hear from various organizations their vision for the community. The Library is reviewing themes, and how the Library can help. A strategic plan with specific goals is forthcoming.



Lauren McMullen from the Montana State Library facilitated the listening sessions in October. Library Chair Victoria Howell welcomes the participants. 49 community members representing a variety of organizations



A display and activities at the MSU International Festival in April.

Captain Hooked on Books won the prestigious Montana Center for the Book Prize, for excellence in literacy programming.

