



Round Valley Reader



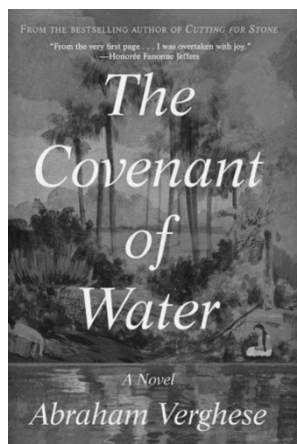
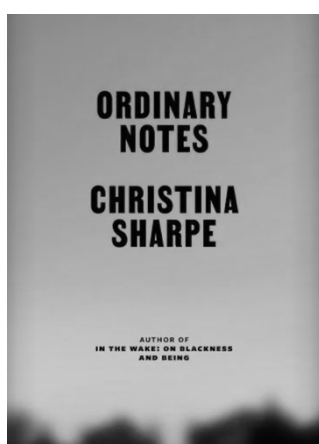
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ROUND VALLEY READER SUMMER READING ROUND UP



written and collated by Michelle Peñaloza // Even as summer can be a very busy working season in Covelo, it's also an opportune time to dive into some captivating reads. A bookworm myself, I've always loved the concept of "summer reading." A quote from a NY Times article on the subject, "A Brief History of Summer Writing," really encapsulates what I love so much about it: "So what is it that makes something a summer book? 'Summer, like every other time, is a good time for good books and an especially good time for long ones in which neither the author nor the reader feels hurried,' Joseph Wood Krutch wrote in 1950. 'It is a good time, and an especially good time, for reading what one wants to read for no reason except that one does want to read it.' Whether you're lounging by the river or escaping the heat

indoors, check out these recommendations from fellow Round Valley readers (ha! See what I did there?) and yours truly to hopefully find a book that you might also want to read for no other reason except that you want to read it.

I love monsters and family drama. **Thistlefoot** by GennaRose Nethercott is a fun blend of folklore and family saga, following the Yaga siblings (yes, as in, Baba Yaga!) who inherit an unusual house on chicken legs from their mysterious ancestors. As they embark on a cross-country journey, they confront dark forces from the past while discovering the power of their heritage and make some interesting frenemies along the way. I enjoyed the injection of the supernatural into the everyday told in a matter-of-fact, cheeky tone and the plot kept me reading chapter after chapter. Nethercott's vivid storytelling and detailed engagement with folklore make this novel a must-read for anyone who enjoys a modern twist on classic fairy tales.

In **Ordinary Notes**, Christina Sharpe presents a profound exploration of memory, history, and the mundane moments that shape our lives. I loved this book; I loved the way it moved and built upon itself, accumulating, and creating new layers of nuance and meaning as I read it. Sharpe, a renowned academic and cultural critic, blends memoir, critical theory, prose poetry, philosophy, art criticism, and images in this collection of "notes" – 248 pages of them—some of which are no longer than a sentence. These notes are a variety—passages from favorite novels, family photos, verse, reproductions of paintings, newspaper clippings, and letters—of things that address Black life. Sometimes these notes built sequentially, other times they operate via association and language, but there is always an expert sense of control. The affect is remarkable and inspired me to consider all that is available for the making and shaping of one's art. Sharpe's work invites readers to reflect on their own lives and the unseen threads that connect us all. This book is great read for those who appreciate thought-provoking nonfiction that challenges and inspires.

The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese is an epic novel set in South India that spans several generations of a family bound by love, loss, and an inherited "mysterious condition" that causes some members to drown. Verghese's masterful storytelling immerses readers in the rich tapestry of Indian culture and history through the lens of this sweeping epic—an ideal novel for readers who enjoy multi-generational narratives and the exploration of complex human emotions. Verghese's deployment of description and dialogue immerses readers into the lives of each character he introduces. It's a *big* book (724 pages!) that I listened to (via the Libby app on my phone, which is a great way to continue reading even when you have stuff to do!). I highly recommend it as an audiobook; the author himself reads the work, which I thought added another layer of nuance and meaning.

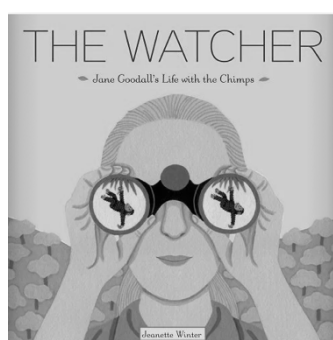
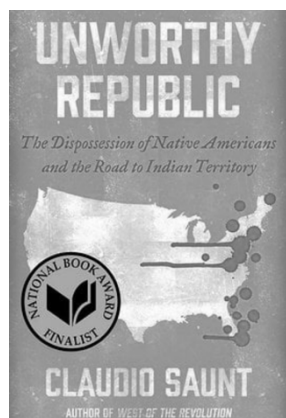
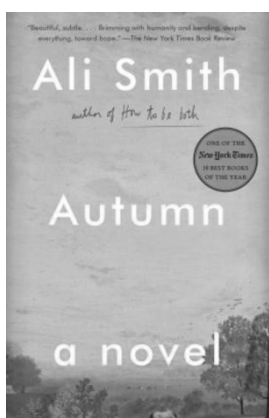
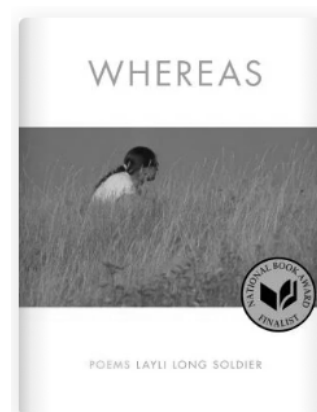
Finally, a few poetry collections I'd like to recommend: **The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton** (1965-2010), **Oceanic** by Aimee Nezhukumatathil, **Whereas** by Layli Long Soldier, **Kingdom Animalia** by Aracelis Girmay, **American Sonnets For My Past and Future Assassin** by Terrance Hayes, and **Look** by Solmaz Sharif—there's not enough space here for me to wax poetic about each collection; just trust me—they are all really, really good! ☺

I also asked local bookworms and hardworking folks at our own Round Valley Public Library—Kaitlin Harness, Sandra (Dee) Mullen, and Josh Bennett—for their summer recs!

Autumn by Ali Smith is a reflection on post-Brexit UK through the eyes of a fictional woman facing an early onset midlife crisis. This first installment in Smith's *Seasonal Quartet* is a combination of experimental prose and an intimate personal story. It captures the chaos of times of political change and the humanity we find in our own lives and relationships that gets us through. The book feels like if pop art was a novel, with Smith using words in exciting, new ways to create a narrative that engages and inspires. –Kaitlin Harness

I would like to recommend a series of biographies for juveniles. They are well written and accompanied by great illustrations. **The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin**, **The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps**, **Sharice's Big Voice: A Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman**, and **Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno Played the Piano for President Lincoln**. I find them very inspiring. – Dee Mullen

My summer read is a bit on the heavy side. **Unworthy Republic: The Dispossession of Native Americans and the Road to Indian Territory** by Claudio Saunt. This 2020 finalist for the Nation Book Award is about the forced removal of Native Americans from their homelands in the 19th century. I listened to the audiobook on the Libby app. We have the paperback at the Round Valley Branch. – Josh Bennett



Whether you're looking for magical adventures, insightful essays, experimental fiction, powerful poetry, epic sagas, compelling biographies, or critical history—our own Round Valley Public Library has you covered and can provide access to all of these (and so many other!) great reads, for free! We really have such a wonderful library. Happy reading, Covelo!



MMIP AWARENESS GATHERING

We want to always honor and remember our MMIP and their families

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Mark Pooley
Director
Investigative Support (AI/AN) UNTHSC
Center for Human Identification



AL Pooley
Founder & President
of NAFFA

Who Should Attend

- Community Members
- Law Makers
- Social Workers
- Law Enforcement
- DV Advocates
- Tribal Leaders

Topics to Be Discussed

- Steps to take if a loved one goes missing
- The History of MMIP
- Why We Wear Red
- Supporting Families of MMIP
- DV Advocate Panel
- Tribal Leaders Panel
- Community Organizing In Response To MMIP

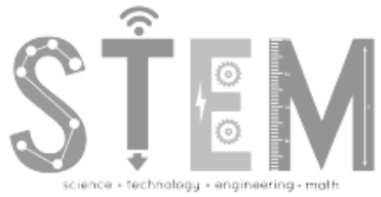
Save The Date
10:00am - 4:00PM
August 1, 2024
Ukiah Valley Conference Center
200 South School St
Ukiah Ca, 95482

VENDORS WELCOME
Lunch Provided
For More Info Contact:
Diana Billy-Elliott, MSW, ASW
(707) 234-0086

[REGISTER NOW](#)

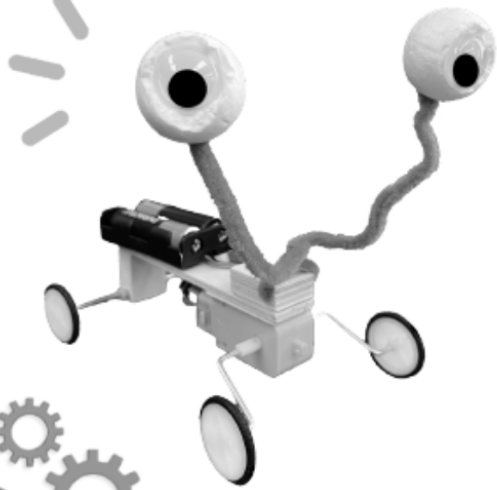


The Department of Justice has been invited



STEM
science • technology • engineering • math

BUILD-A-ROBOT!




REPTILE ROBOT!

THURSDAY, JULY 25
3-4PM

Sign up at the Round Valley Branch Library.
Recommended for ages 8+

Adult supervision required for children under 12.



ROUND VALLEY INDIAN HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ELECTION

SATURDAY, July 27, 2024, 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
HEALTH CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
Three (3) Four YEAR SEAT
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
July 17-26, 2024, DUE BY 4:00 P.M.

CANDIDATES

- Azbill, Marian
- Britton, Clarence
- Britton, Randall
- Bryant, Esther
- Hoaglin, Eric
- Panther, Arnola
- Want, Miranda


ELIGIBILITY FOR CANDIDACY & VOTING

Per sections 2.02. of the RVIHC By-Laws: any person who is a tribally enrolled member of the Round Valley Indian Tribes, at least eighteen (18) years of age who resides in the Round Valley Community and whose name appears on the current voting roster of the Round Valley Indian Tribes.




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ROUND VALLEY INDIAN HEALTH CENTER, INC.

Fatherhood & Motherhood is Sacred

Summer 2024– Thursday Evenings @ 6–8 PM!



EVERYONE is Welcome to attend! YOUTH and ADULTS , especially Elders!!!
Location: The Round Valley Family Resource Center
Food Provided!

41st Annual Round Valley Blackberry Festival

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August 17-18, 2024

Saturday
10am - 6pm

Sunday
10am - 5pm

Sunday: Car Show

• Music • Arts & Crafts • Wine Tasting • Food • Kids' Activities • Blackberry Delicacies

Sponsored by the
Friends of the Round Valley Public Library
www.roundvalleyblackberryfestival.com

WANT TO SHARE SOMETHING WITH OUR COMMUNITY?

Send your community announcements, story ideas, events, future imaginings, local asks, & advertisements to coveloarts@gmail.com

Immerse in a day of

RADICAL SELF-LOVE

Saturday August 10th, 2024

\$45

Space Limited
RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW
PRICE INCREASE JULY 18TH
(PS We have A/C)

Please join us for an inspiring and expansive day of -
Fundamentals of Meditation, Pranayama, Somatic Movement, Vibrational Sound Healing, Intro to Ayurveda, Cacao Ceremony, and Community Connection.

We will explore various modalities, resources and rituals while using Love as the compass to guide us towards our most Radical, Radiant and Aligned Self.

GAIA SPIRIT
23751 Hopper Ln
Covelo, CA
10:30 AM - 6 PM
GF vegan lunch provided
Optional evening potluck w/ Taco Bar, Music & Merriment after!

Full Day Workshop
A SKILLSHARE COLLABORATION WITH JACQUIE COOPER, RACHEL STRONGLOVE, & MONELLE RILEY

RSVP and for more details contact Monelle @ 707. 354.0176
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