From the Desk of the Director, Lee Hallberg

We are happy that many of you have been taking advantage of our curbside service to receive library materials. At this time, we are limiting each patron to 5 items at a time.

Also, please be aware that we are only operating with limited staff in separate rooms in the building, and that disinfecting procedures result in service moving a bit more slowly.

In-person programming has been put on hold for a while, but we are still reaching out to connect with our community through social media and online events.

Check our website and our Facebook page for items that may be of interest.

**Author, Mark Stevens** will do a Zoom book talk on June 25th at 7 pm.

**Kathy Graf** is offering knitting and crocheting classes online.

**NEXT MONTH:** Victor Loun will do an author talk. Stay tuned for more information.

**LIFE IS AN ADVENTURE:** is going to present Robin Brodsky sometime later in the summer. She is a rock climber, backcountry skier and mountaineer from Durango, Colorado.

In the meantime: READ!
We will do our best to fulfill your requests as quickly as possible, but please be patient. Per public health orders, we strongly encourage all patrons to utilize masks when picking up and dropping off library material.

Here is how it works: If possible, visit the online catalog on the library website www.mancoslibrary.org, click the "Catalog" link at the top of the page to find titles you would like to check out PRIOR to calling the library. Please have additional requests in mind in case the titles you have chosen are unavailable.

DO NOT PLACE HOLDS THROUGH OUR ONLINE CATALOG. Since the courier system is not in service at this time, we can only offer items that are available in our library. If you do not have internet access and are unable to view the catalog and select items, you may call the staff and give them details about what you would like, and we can select options for you. Please be prepared to describe favorite genres, authors and subjects, including some titles that you have already read. We will do our best to find something that suits your interest!

Call the library at (970)533-7600 anytime between 10am and 5pm on Monday through Friday to reserve your materials. If you get voicemail, please leave a message and a staff member will call you back. All calls will be answered in the order they are received. Staff will give you an option of an available time slot (1/2 hour window) to come and pick up your material. It is important that you honor this time in order to give staff a chance to pull your material and to make sure that everyone is not showing up at the same time. If you are unable to make it at the designated time, please call the library and we will assign you another time slot.

Staff will pull your material, disinfect it, and place it on a book cart outside with your name on it for you to collect at your designated time. If any of the material is unavailable, they will call you back to see if you have any alternative selections. We highly recommend that you disinfect the materials again when you get home – discard the plastic bag, wash your hands, wipe down hard surfaces of the material with a disinfectant wipe, and wash your hands again.

You can return the material at your convenience utilizing our outdoor book drop.

We will also be allowing patron use of the library laptops to check email and take care of other needs. Use will be limited to one hour per person, and patrons are encouraged to remain in their vehicle or wear masks and use proper social distancing on our front porch. Please call the library to arrange your reservation of a laptop at (970)533-7600.

Governor Polis’ amended “Safer at Home” order for June directs that libraries continue offering curbside or walk-up services only until July 1. In the meantime, we will be working on protocols to accommodate the next stage of our re-opening plan.

We have a dedicated staff who loves to serve, and it has been hard for us to not be there for you. We appreciate all the support and understanding that we have received from the community and we hope for your continued support as we work to getting back to some semblance of normal.
Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk

Greetings All,

I hope this finds you all well. We are living in very different times and learning new ways of connecting.

Obviously, in-person programming is on hold temporarily, although we are making every effort to continue to reach out and connect with our community. We had a great webinar with the League of Women Voters on the Electoral College. It was very informative. I must add a big thanks to the League and its members for the constant and very important work they do! THANK YOU.

Some program participants and people scheduled to present programs, have declined not to participate via electronic means. However, others have stepped right up, embraced the technology as a way of staying connected and we are moving forward!

We are successfully using Zoom for events and our own Mark Stevens will do an author talk on June 25th at 7 pm. We will post key information for attendance soon. Please, do not be intimidated by this electronic medium. Our book clubs are using it and our Director has recommended it as a way to continue programming. It is really quite simple once you give it a try. Let’s all stretch a little!

The son of two librarians, Mark Stevens was raised in Lincoln, Massachusetts, and has worked as a reporter, television news producer, and in public relations. Antler Dust was a Denver Post best-seller in 2007 and 2009. Buried by the Roan, Trapline, and Lake of Fire were all finalists for the Colorado Book Award (2012, 2015 and 2016 respectively). Trapline won. Trapline also won the Colorado Authors League award for best genre fiction. In September of 2016, Stevens was named Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers’ Writer of the Year. Stevens hosts a regular podcast for Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers and is president of the Rocky Mountain chapter for Mystery Writers of America. Stevens also writes book reviews; follow them at the blog link.

Kathy Graf is starting a Zoom meeting for knitting and crocheting, beginning Thursday, June 4th, at noon. It will be a get-together for doing our knitting and crocheting, visiting, and if anyone has questions about either, she will try to get them answered.
For those interested just email Kathy at kgraf@mancoslibrary.org, and she will send the Zoom link to them.

Young Adult Programs – From the Desk of Jenni Kitchen, YA Coordinator

Step Out of your Comfort Zone... some more ☺

I like to think of June as the month to be outdoors. It is National Great Outdoors Month and National Camping Month. June is also a month for foodies, as National Month for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Candy, Country Cooking, Iced Tea, Papaya, Soul Food, and Turkey Lovers’ Month. I love the outdoors and food and sharing both these with friends and family. This June though, we cannot gather for huge potlucks and camping trips. Even a small gathering entails some extra rules and regulations.

So, I would like to invite everyone to enjoy fresh fruits and veggies (farmers market is opening in Mancos this month) in your yard or in the accessible forest with your family. Heck, give that kid a sucker or some gummies (Zuma has some good candies). Make some comfort foods with your significant other or kids or both. Show your kids how sun tea is made the old fashion way. Do a bug search and find in the yard while that tea darkens. Keep on finding ways to explore nature and food, any way you can, even if it’s not what you would “normally” do.

I would also like to ask that everyone send “positive vibes” to others around the globe as we spend time on social media. The world is changing, and it is our place to help it change for the better. June is also National LGBTQIA+ and PTSD
Awareness Month. Learn more before you judge someone’s outward appearance (In January I wrote about judging by covers). Send a bouquet of flowers or balloons to someone, anyone. Maybe it has to be a virtual gift but send a hug along with it. Please, spread the love, as we avoid spreading the virus and work our way through these tumultuous times. <3

**Children's Programs – From Julie Hartline, Children's Librarian**

It’s that time of year again and registration for the Summer Reading Program is open!! Although the program will look a bit different this time around, we are hoping to engage many of our youngest patrons in meeting our collective community reading goal of 550 books!!

To register, email jhartline@mancoslibrary.org with your name, your child’s name and the grade they will be entering next year. Once you’ve registered there are two ways to obtain the necessary materials.

1. Visit our website www.mancoslibrary.org to access and print the welcome letter, reading log, and goal setting sheet through the link ‘For Kids.’
2. Call the library to request a Summer Reading Program Packet and schedule a time to pick it up curbside.

It’s that simple!! With our curbside pickup, you can request up to five items at a time to help summer reading come alive. Keep your eyes open for new children’s and young adult books and audio collections throughout the summer. Hoping you and your family are healthy and safe and enjoying the unfolding of the summer months!!

**News from Bernadette Tuthill, Circulation Manager**

I am very excited that we now have curbside delivery! See the details in the Director’s comments above.

The drop box has been open for a while for book returns. While the library was closed, all books had been renewed until 5/30/20. They are now due, so please drop them off as soon as possible.

You can also access your account and renew books at the library website, mancoslibrary.org.

If You have any questions or concerns about returning books, feel free to contact me at btuthill@mancoslibrary.org, or leave a phone message at the library.

Happy Reading!
From the Desk of Shari Dunn:
Shari continues to write grants and grant reports. She also monitors the Art Wall and will have new artists to share as soon as the library can be opened up again. Something else to look forward to!

Tech News from Jody Payne
Jody is able to assist you in a limited capacity if you have burning issues while we are all isolated. His email is tech@mancoslibrary.org.

A word from Ryan Matthews
Ryan is still doing trivia night and Healthy Gaming online! Let the games continue.

Other Library Services for You
Upcoming Montezuma County Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) Free Legal Clinic:
Tuesday June 9th, 2020 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Please contact the Mancos Library at (970) 394-0273 to be added to the sign-up sheet.

Despite the COVID-19 closures of libraries across Colorado, the Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) clinics will still be held as scheduled. We're able to do this and keep clinic patrons safe because our volunteer attorneys already work remotely. As a work-around, instead of clinic patrons coming in-person to your local public library (which is closed), the volunteer attorney will call each clinic patron's telephone directly, during the clinic hours, using the phone number provided. Although VPC clinic patrons will see a slight shift in how our free legal support is delivered, they should experience no significant disruption in service.

There couldn't be a more important time to get this kind of free legal support to your community than right now. If you have questions about unpaid rent, employment issues, end-of-life documents, custody/parenting time issues, or any other Colorado civil issue, please contact your Mancos Library at (970) 394-0273 to be added to the sign-up sheet. Space is limited.

Mancos Seed Lending Library: This spring our seeds were distributed at the Share House. I hope that they are sprouting and will provide not only physical sustenance but joy and beauty for the gardeners of our community. I know my garden continues to offer all that and more!
I am working to make sure that the Seed Library remains available and vital at the Library. These challenging times will end, and we will once again be able to meet face to face, perhaps with masks, and discuss seeds! I have missed that this spring!

While you are gardening this season, remember to save a few seeds for our lending library. We ask that they be non-GMO, no pesticides, and heritage whenever possible, but not required. It is my plan, as much as one can plan right now, to continue to have a harvest festival where we will share stories, music and return seeds. More on that later. In the meantime, please keep the seed library in mind and when you harvest, save a few seeds for the lending library.

Thanks! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at mkirk@mancoslibrary.org.

A Word from The Friends of The Library

We’ve been informed by the Jersey Jim Foundation that the Fire Tower will not open this year. The Foundation had donated a night to the Friends, as they have in many recent years, but due to cleaning requirements in this pandemic, they will not be able to house overnight guests. We are very grateful to the Foundation for their support and hope next year will be better for us all.

There will be no Jersey Jim auction this year and with Mancos Days cancelled, there are no book sales in our near future.

During this pandemic, the Friends board of directors has begun meeting outside the library at 1 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Friends is a volunteer organization that supports and promotes the Mancos Public Library. Membership forms can be found on our website.