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.

Kathy Graf is offering knitting and crocheting classes online, Thursdays at noon.

Teen Movie Night: August 21, 8 pm.

Other programs are in the process of being planned. Stay tuned.

In the Meantime: READ! There is still magic in books.

From the Desk of the Director, Lee Hallberg

Lately, the most common question I’ve been getting is if we are going to be opening the building to the public soon. Unfortunately, since we are seeing a rapid increase in the number of cases of COVID in Montezuma County, among other reasons, the Board of Trustees and I have decided that it is safer for the staff and the community if we remain closed. This decision does not come lightly and will be re-evaluated on a monthly basis.
We will continue to offer curbside service and try to find reasonable accommodations to meet the community’s needs, including:

• Curbside delivery of books, movies and magazines can be requested by calling the library at (970)533-7600 Monday through Friday 10am - 5pm. We encourage you to visit the library catalog at https://mancos.catalog.aspentcat.info and 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 have already been checked out. 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, however, we have requested that courier service resume for our library and I hope to receive notification soon that it has been re-activated. Currently only about 1/3 of the libraries in our system have requested a restart to lending and borrowing, so selection will still be small.

• If you would like to browse our selection of new and recently acquired books, these are currently displayed in the front windows of the library.

• Printing can be requested through our curbside service. Items to print can be emailed to info@mancoslibrary.org and will be forwarded to staff on duty to print. Please specify the number of copies of each page you would like printed and leave a contact phone number so staff can call you when your printouts are ready.

• If you have items that you would like to have copied, faxed or scanned, please deposit these items in an envelope in our book drop with specific instructions and a contact phone number. Please be aware that all paper items are being quarantined for 48 hours to ensure they are virus free before they will be processed, so it may take 2-3 days to meet your request.

• If you need to use a computer, we have laptops available to check out for an hour at a time that may be used in our outdoor space. Please call the library to make an appointment to check out a laptop. Use proper social distancing and wear masks on our patio when not able to appropriately social distance. We have also recently been approved for a CARES Act Grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services and will be purchasing additional laptops and WiFi hotspots for patrons to check out and use in their home. Students will be given priority access to these, and we hope to have these available when school starts.

• We will be working with the school district to ensure that students have access to materials and services that they need to succeed. Our online EBSCO database is an excellent resource for research, and can be found on our website at www.mancoslibrary.org. We will continue to evaluate our digital tools and provide resources as necessary, if you have a suggestion of a resource that we should add then please contact the library at (970) 533-7600.

• Library staff are continuing to find creative ways to provide programming virtually. Visit our Facebook page and our website for information about author talks, summer reading program, knitting club, and other online resources.

If you have any other need that is not addressed here, please contact us and we will do our best to find a way to help you. We hope that you are staying safe, healthy, and sane during these challenging times!
Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk

Adult programming is challenging during the times of a pandemic. I think I said that last month, too! We have attempted through Zoom meetings to continue to serve the community, but we are currently exploring a different way to maintain contact. I am working with our IT person, Jody, to accomplish this. I am hoping it will be easier for you to access programs as they come up and be more convenient. Stay tuned.

Robin Brodsky is still on the short list to come and talk about her adventures in the wild. I am connecting with some herbalists in the area in order to put together a program that will educate and assist us all in boosting our immune system as fall approaches. This seems more critical now than ever. There are several other programs in the making, focusing on some important current issues and looking at the strengths of our community, how we work through differences and support each other. Again, stay tuned. Thanks for being patient as we all grow and explore new ways of doing things and being in the world today.

If there are areas you would like to see addressed, or if you have any ideas for programs, please let me know! Thanks.

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

Let’s Step Outside for a Film!

I must say that it has been quite the process to come to an event possibility and a bit overwhelming not being able to meet with the young adults in Mancos for the past 5 months. (Wow, it has been that long!) So, I will be facilitating an outdoor movie in August at the Library for our Mancos Teens. There will be limited space (only 8 teens may attend this event) and, of course, regulations on attending:

1. We will be collecting the name and phone number for any teen attending. This is to help with potential exposure notification. If anyone does not provide this information, they cannot attend.
2. We will have an entrance and an exit for through traffic in the front of the library under the veranda. Everyone must enter and sign in at one end and leave at the opposite end. We will post signs and arrange a walkway with arrows for clarity.
3. Everyone must wear a mask or face covering.
4. Everyone must observe at least 6 feet social distancing before, during, and after the movie. Everyone should refrain from mixing and mingling with those not residing in their household as much as possible. The seating will provide for distancing and signs will be posted.

5. We will provide hand sanitizer at the entrance to be used before finding a seat.

6. I would like to encourage anyone that is not feeling well or having symptoms of Covid-19 to stay home. Anyone who has had contact with a person suspected or confirmed to have Covid-19 should stay home and self-quarantine.

Okay, now that is out of the way, let me tell you what we will be showing.

**Hunt for the Wilderpeople** is comedic drama written and directed by Taika Waititi, who based the screen play on the book *Wild Pork and Watercress* by Barry Crump. I have never read the book but have read the movie differs a bit, of course. *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* about Ricky, a defiant city kid, and his cranky foster uncle. As they find themselves on the run from the law in the wild New Zealand bush they are forced to put aside their differences and work together.

I am hoping to see some of the Mancos Teens on **Friday, August 21st at 8pm** for laughs together.

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

The end of July marks the conclusion of the 2020 Summer Reading Program.

Congratulations to all of our young patrons who met their very ambitious reading goals and thank you to all of the parents for your support! Because we are not able to gather for our celebratory ice cream social this year, each participant will be receiving a gift certificate to Moose and More so they can celebrate with their families.

As we transition into the upcoming school year (whether it be to the classroom, online learning, homeschooling, etc.) it is a good time to pause with our children to reflect on how their lives have changed over the past four months. Checking in with our kiddos during this time is critical. Allowing them a platform to express questions, concerns, hopes, struggles, and curiosity about the current state of the world and how it directly affects them is paramount.

If you’re looking for some structure to do so, History Colorado’s project, History in the Making: COVID-19 Memory Project, may be a great place to start. This project invites Coloradans (children and adults) to contribute their current pandemic experiences to a capsule of collective memories. This project is a wonderful opportunity for children to understand that they are an important part of history in the making and to creatively share their direct experience. If you are an educator or a homeschooling parent, the website provides a lesson plan built around the following questions: How has the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak changed your life? How have your relationships changed - with family, friends, and teachers? Has your school reduced hours or been forced to close? What steps has your family taken to prevent the virus’s spread? What are you doing to fill your time?

More information about the project can be accessed at: [https://www.historycolorado.org/covid-19](https://www.historycolorado.org/covid-19) Educators may guide students through one of three pathways to participation in this project using the Teacher Lesson Guide provided by History Colorado.

The past five months have been a challenge for many and our kiddos are no exception. With the closing of schools and summertime hangouts like public pools and libraries, we have asked a lot of our children’s ability to respond and adapt. As this next school year approaches and children begin to transition, it is important to support the emotional wellbeing of our youngsters.
From the desk of Bernadette Tuthill, Circulation Manager

We have new books weekly. You can view some of the titles on the shelf by the middle window in the front of the library so you can at least check out some titles, one might speak to you.

Curbside delivery is going well. There are still many people who don't know about it, so help spread the word. Don't hesitate to call the library 970-533-7600 or email btuthill@mancoslibrary.org if you need help or have any questions.

Be safe, stay well!

From the Desk of Kathy Graf:

There are some new books! Check the catalog online and in the front window to view some new titles.

From the Desk of Shari Dunn:

Good News! The Library has been awarded a CARES grant for the purchase of laptops and hotspots. This will help people who need access to computers and the internet to conduct their business. Director, Lee Hallberg, is in the process of ordering the equipment. He will post notices when they are available for check out. Patrons will be able to check them out for one week.

On a personal note, I will be leaving the library at the end of the month, as I will be returning to my native Oklahoma. I wish to express my thanks to Lee for the opportunity to use my skills and experience in fundraising and event planning. Managing the art wall was a gift. During my time at Mancos Public Library I met interesting and talented people, and I shall retain those memories.

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

With no official start date yet, I am pleased to announce that in addition to “LEGO League” and “Healthy Gamer” I will be adding “Outdoor Adventures” to the programs I will be leading for kids 8-14 year old this year. “Shielding” Materials have been ordered for the circulation desk and will be ready for when we are allowed to open back up to the public. We have options for Trivia Night at the Mancos Brewing Co., Starting on the Patio and on “Zoom” every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8pm. Attendees have the choice to use Laminated score sheets (Easier Disinfecting) or you may submit answers using a Google Form (“QR” code available on the patio).

Upcoming Montezuma County Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) Free Legal Clinic:

Tuesday August 11, 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 than now to get this kind of free legal support to your community. 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 growing season, please remember the seed library as things come to maturity. If you have a plant or two you can let go to seed, collect a few for us. We want to keep our non-GMO, pesticide free seeds circulating! We will collect in the fall. If you need advice for saving and drying seeds just send me an email and we can help: mkirk@mancoslibrary.org. Happy gardening.

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**A Word from The Friends of The Library**

The Friends of the Library is adding a virtual component to our board meetings. Starting Monday, August 3, we will be offering virtual participation through the library’s Zoom account. We will still meet outside the library at 1 p.m. on the first Monday of each month until the library can open their doors to small groups again. I have high hopes that will be way before the snows fly.
Any board members, members at large, or guests who do not wish to meet face-to-face (albeit distanced and masked), can join the meetings via Zoom. Contact me, Anne Benson, at southwestanne@yahoo.com at least a few hours before the meeting and I’ll send you the link.

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