

Mancos Public Library

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“A library is like an island in the middle of a vast sea of ignorance, particularly if the library is very tall and the surrounding area has been flooded.”

– Lemony Snicket, Horseradish



From the Desk of the Director, Lee Hallberg

I am happy to announce that the library has received a CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act grant of \$10,000. The Library is using this money to purchase 10 laptops and 10 hotspots for the use of people who need computer and internet access but presently have neither. This will fill a need for students taking online school at home and patrons needing access to the internet to apply for

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

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

Kathy Graf is offering knitting and crocheting classes online, Thursdays at 12:30

Teen Movie Night and Comic Book give away September 25th, 4-7 movie to follow.

Other programs are in the process of being planned. Stay tuned. **Kate Husted** will be joining us for a mini workshop on immune boosting herbal practices. **Robin Brodsky** will present via Zoom and our YouTube channel Life is an adventure. Check the website for notice when it goes live.

In October special program on the Popular Vote.

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



jobs, apply for social services and unemployment, and complete retirement application forms, and other tasks requiring paperwork completion in order to operate in today's world.

Less concrete benefits, but still important ones, include life enhancement: through the use of email and social media, patrons can communicate with family and friends, access news and other programs, and expand their lives through entertainment, music, streaming movies through the Library's subscription to Kanopy, reading e-books and audio books through the Library, and widening the horizons of children through online programming and learning.

Those who have a library card would be able to simply check them out for a period of one week. Mancos area residents who do not have a library card would be required to get one before checking out a computer and hotspot (please contact the library at (970)533-7600 to request a card). When they are available, the computers and hotspots will be prioritized for students enrolled in the Mancos School District. The library is working closely with the school to identify those in need and ensure they have immediate access. If you would like to be added to a wait list for a computer and/or hotspot, please email me at lhallberg@mancoslibrary.org. Stay safe and be well!

This funding is provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Colorado State Library to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. They advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant making, research, and policy development. Their vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit www.ims.gov and follow them on Facebook and Twitter.

Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk

Please check out the website regularly for any updates or announcements. You will find valuable information there about upcoming programs as well as other important announcements. It is mancoslibrary.org.



Robin Brodsky is a rock climber, backcountry skier and mountaineer and a cyclist from Durango, Colorado. She has traveled with her bike extensively, including an eight-month tour through South America. She writes a blog called Free Wheeling Fem. Robin will present a Zoom program "Life is an

Adventure” early in October. It will be available at the MPL website and on our YouTube page. Be sure and check for the release. This will be one interesting hour, I assure you!

Just a HEADS UP...We are partnering with the League of Women Voters, and Cortez and Dolores Libraries, next month for one last session on the popular vote. One vote, One person. Karen Sheek, the new League President and Senator Michael Foote (District 17) will facilitate the discussion. This takes place on October 22nd, via Zoom. It is open to all but registration is required. Please call the Cortez Library to register, at 970-565-8117.

The principle of “one person, one vote” has long been the gold standard for a democracy. Every vote counts—the candidate receiving the most votes is sworn into office. This is true at all levels of government except...when it comes to choosing the President and Vice-President. Join us to learn how the *National Popular Vote* retains the Electoral College and follows instructions for its application, as specified in the U.S. Constitution, while ensuring that every vote cast will count. Every vote will carry the same weight as every other vote.

ALSO A QUESTION: Is anyone interested in Death Café via Zoom? I asked this question early on and there was really no interest. Just wondering if any of you might be interested now? You can let me know via email at mkirk@mancoslibrary.org. THANKS!

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

Listen to many a collection of authors and librarians read Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxZCOhgJcjU&list=PL1Ww4ULB9V0vEYZjdyhcK2WR2vNrM5C2L>

Challenged Books and a Belated Free Comic Books Day

It's been a long summer but here we are already in September. As many of you may know, Banned Books Week happens at the end of the month (September 27th and October 3rd). If you know me well enough, you know that I thoroughly enjoy promoting challenged books, as I believe in Intellectual Freedom and all peoples' Right to Read. I also have a great love of comic books; many have been challenged throughout the history of the comic. This month I celebrate Banned Books and Free Comic Books Day.

I revel in banned and challenged books. I may not have read them all (there are hundreds out there) and I may not have liked all that I have read. My way of looking at banned and challenged material is that there are things I would never encounter in real life but in a book I can go anywhere. I can visit the Great Depression, see the way people lived in the pioneer days, or be put in a situation that is scary and dangerous. There is trouble and truth to be found in disagreeable books. I want to know what I have not seen and what I probably do not want to go through myself. I can see from another's perspective. As his birthday is August 22, 1920 listen as a collection of authors and librarians read Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KxZCOhgJcjU&list=PL1Ww4ULB9V0vEYZjdyhcK2WR2vNrM5C2L>

Comic books are high on my list of books that promote reading. I often read a book and picture it in my head and comics make the pictures much more clear. I love super heroes like Spiderman and Captain America, but also delve into some of the graphic novels that focus on day to day issues of the average human. Comic books have come under fire many times throughout history and even have a Comic Book Legal Defense Fund. Find out more about the history of challenged comics at <http://cblddf.org/>.

The first Saturday of May is Free Comic Book Day and this year it was postponed. At comic book stores they handed out free comic books throughout the summer and called it Free Comic Book Summer. The libraries that were to participate this year got postponed until mid-September so here we are and I will be handing out free comic books Friday September 25th in front of the library from 4-7, after which I will be showing a documentary on the history of comic books for the young adults of Mancos.

Children's Programs, From the desk of Julie Hartline

While summer winds down and we turn toward autumn and a time of hibernating and hunkering down, the children's collection at the library continues to grow with new books, series, and audio series. If you've walked by the library lately, you may have noticed that our front windows are full of new books (children's, adult's, and young adults). We have also been posting new arrivals on our Facebook page including the *Magic Tree House*, *Francis*, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, *Fancy Nancy* and *Frog and Toad* audio series.

We are very excited to have recently acquired the *Little People Big Dreams* series as well. In the words of author Isabel Sanchez:

Little People, BIG DREAMS is a series of children's books that celebrate the life of amazing people like Frida Kahlo, Amelia Earhart, Mother Teresa and Marie Curie. They were never intended to be a series just for (and about) girls, however seven years ago this seemed a pretty important place to start!

I guess that's one of the reasons the series has been so successful, because it's remained relevant all these years. Although I like to think the success of the series really boils down to one main factor: children love to read true stories about other children — like them — achieving great things. It gives them the strength and the courage to believe in themselves.

Sanchez has continued on with the series to include inspiring men in the word including Jean-Michel Basquiat, Muhammad Ali, David Bowie, Mahatma Gandhi, and Stephen Hawking. This series is now available for curbside pickup!!

Circulation Manager, From the desk of Bernadette Tuthill

We are here for you! Even though the library is closed, we are still offering the same services as when we were open.

Browsing is limited but there are books on display in the front windows. Browse the online catalog or call and we will help you find what you are looking for.

There is internet outside the library and you can check out a laptop if you need a computer.

We can help with copies and faxes. If you have to drop something off, you will need to plan a few days ahead so the materials can be quarantined like all of the books and materials that come into the library. If the material can be emailed, we can do a quick turn around.

Whatever you need, we will do our best to serve you!

Cataloging, From the Desk of Kathy Graf

New books keep showing up. Kathy is hard at work getting them cataloged and Julia is preparing them for circulation. More about Julia next month. Check the catalog on line and in the front window to view some new titles.

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 at the helm of the LEGO League again this year. He is also offering the "Healthy Gamer" sessions again. Outdoor Adventures will be happening with Ryan leading 8-14 year old kids. Trivia Night continues to be a big hit at the Mancos Brewing CO. Kathy at the Brewery is very careful about distancing and masking with seating on the patio making it safe, but also on ZOOM every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8. If you need any other information don't hesitate to reach out to our Game Master, Ryan at rmatthews@mancoslibrary.org.

Other Mancos Library News:

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

The second Tuesday of each month, 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.

The Seed Lending Library

Fall is upon us and it is harvest time. Time to bring in all the fruits of our labor and thank Mother Earth for her bounty. Please don't forget to save a few seeds for the lending library. We want to grow this organic, pesticide and GMO, and heritage seed collection so the entire community can benefit from it. THANKS!



A Word from The Friends of The Library

The Friends of the Library September board meeting will be held Monday the 14th to avoid conflict with Labor Day festivities. We continue to meet outside the library at 1 p.m., typically on the first Monday of each month and will do so until the library can open their doors to small groups again or the weather makes us go entirely virtual. We offer virtual attendance to board members, members at large, or guests who do not wish to meet face-to-face (albeit distanced and masked). Those folks can join the meetings via Zoom. Contact 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.

