

Mancos Public Library

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Libraries: The medicine chest of the soul. —

Library at Thebes, inscription over the door



From the Desk of the Director, Lee Hallberg

Fall is in the air! As the leaves start to change and we are blessed with the bounty of harvest season, our thoughts turn to months ahead and cooler temperatures. Your chores during this time may include gathering firewood, lighting pilot lights, or insulating windows. Here at the Mancos Public Library, we are thinking of ways to make our outdoor spaces more comfortable during the pandemic while we have limited access to the building so patrons can continue to utilize our WiFi and computers from outside.

The Board and I will continue to consider opening the building to the public in the coming months. However, as long as we

In-person programming is still on hold for a while but we continue to connect community through social media and online events.

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

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

October 22nd

A special program on the Popular Vote.

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



continue to see rises in positive cases in Montezuma County (one of our benchmarks for re-opening to the public), the building will remain closed and will continue with offering curbside service.

In order to accommodate those working outside, we will be adding insulated blankets along the front of our building to help enclose the front porch area. Picnic tables will be placed (socially distant) in the space to create adequate spaces for work, and we will be installing infrared heaters to help warm the space. Infrared heaters work by directing infrared light that heats the objects around them, making them more efficient, safer and faster than typical outdoor heaters.

We appreciate the continued support and understanding of the Mancos community and visitors as we navigate these unprecedented times. We will continue to work to serve you as best we can while ensuring that staff and patrons remain safe and healthy! As always, if you have any requests, comments or suggestions, then please don't hesitate to call the library at (970)533-7600 or email me directly at lhallberg@mancoslibrary.org.

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.

Herbalist Kate Hustead will be joining us for a Zoom evening on how to prepare for winter and boost our immune systems. Stay tuned and check the website for availability.

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!

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.

With quite a few responses to the Death Café query last month, overwhelmingly the answer was no. Folks seem to feel that it is too personal a gathering to relegate to the internet. When things resume in a more normal fashion and we are able to meet in person, we will pick up again. Thanks for your responses.

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

October is TeenTober

Hello all, Jenni here again with exciting news for the teens of Mancos!



The past few years I have run a Zombie Apocalypse Makers Event for the teens of Mancos. This usually occurs in March, but this year the whole month of October has been dedicated to teens by YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association). With Covid-19, of course, the program will be altered but I will try to cover as much as I can from the original program. I have always had a group of 12 for this program and it has always run for two days but now I will do two separate programs, one day each, with only six students for each event.

The day options: Friday October 16th or Saturday October 17th

The time for both days: 2pm to 6pm

What we will be doing: Talking about zombies in media, going over emergency planning, making para-cord bracelets and water filters, and talking about how to connect to news in times of an emergency.

Signing up for the program: Teens can sign up by calling the library (533-7600) and giving their name and phone number to be written on one of the two days. If a teen is already connected with me on Facebook they could message me and get a spot on the list. I will also accept email signups via jkitchen@mancoslibrary.org.

Happy Spook Season!!!

Children's Programs, from the desk of Julie Hartline

As autumn arrives and we begin to snuggle into cooler weather and hibernation, the Mancos Children's Library is excited to provide some new offerings to the kiddos of our community.

- **Online Storytime:** On October 8th we will be launching Online Storytime! Each Thursday, a new storytime will be released through the library's YouTube channel. The link will be accessible for patrons through our Facebook page as well as the library's website. These prerecorded storytimes will be available to watch at patrons' convenience.
- **Take-Home Storytime Kits:** In order to make Online Storytime more fun and interactive, we are offering free take-home storytime kits. Each kit contains musical shakers, play scarves, bubbles, and more. Please call the library to schedule a time to pick up your kit!
- **Outdoor Adventures:** OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IS BACK!! Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to join Ryan Matthews each Friday from 1 to 3pm for socially-distanced fun, games, and outdoor skill building. The program will begin Friday, October 2nd and will conclude in May. Preregistration is required as space is limited. Please call the library for questions or to register your child.
- **CD Player Rentals:** Ever want to take advantage of our great audio book collection for kids but don't have a CD player handy? We've got you covered! Now available for loan are our new audio kits which include a Discman and portable speakers.
- **Audio Book Kits:** We are very excited about our new children's audio book collections that are now available to the public. Our new collections include *Frog and Toad*, *Francis*, *Fancy Nancy*, *Magic Treehouse*, and *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. Each audio set comes with books and a corresponding CD.
- **New Children's Books:** If you haven't heard yet, our children's collection is brimming with new books! Many of these books are displayed in the front window of the library and we encourage you to come take a look.

Circulation Manager, From the desk of Bernadette Tuthill

Great news! Two new services have been added.

-**Courier service** has resumed. This means we can borrow from other Aspencat libraries so many more titles are available. You can place a hold through the online catalog, and we will call to arrange a pick-up time when your order comes in.

-**Saturday hours** have started. We now have curbside hours on Saturdays from 10:00 to 2:00. Weekday hours are still Monday through Friday from 10:00-5:00. Call and let us help you find your next great read. **Happy October!**

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.

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 The Gamemaster Ryan Matthews

Halloween Special Event! Saturday October 31st join me at Fenceline Cidery for a game of "Werewolf".

An interactive social deduction game for up to 50 players! Family Friendly! Costumes encouraged! I will guide two groups, 5pm to 7pm and again at 7pm to 9pm. Social distancing and masks observed.

Green Table, Food Truck will be available from 5-8pm.

Trivia Night – Every Wednesday night from 6:30pm to 8pm at Mancos Brewing Co. Patio. Free to Attend in person or join us online! Email matthews@mancoslibrary.org for Link info. Please arrive early to order food, drink and find seating. Be prepared for tough competition! Social distancing and masks are observed.

Outdoor Adventures – Starts up again on Friday, October 2nd from 1pm to 3pm. Children ages 8 to 12 are invited to join each Friday afternoon through May 14th. Map reading, Sledding, Animal Tracking and more! Limited space available, call today 970-533-7600 or email matthews@mancoslibrary.org to reserve for your child/children. Social distancing implemented masks required during opening and closing circles.

LEGO Robotics – EV3 robotic sets will be loaned out with distance learning sessions available. Additional video tutorials will be made available through the Library's new YouTube Channel. Email matthews@mancoslibrary.org for Link info.

Other Mancos Library News:

Upcoming Montezuma County Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) Free Legal Clinic: October 13, 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.

A Word from The Friends of The Library

No Friends of the Library board meeting in October. Our November meeting will probably be virtual via Zoom and we're still discussing whether or not we want to meet on Election Day Eve figuring we may be too distracted to function. The other option is the second Monday of the month, which is the 9th. We'll send e-mails around when we decide. We're excited about the extra hours for the library's curbside service and the prospect of having heaters on the patio for those of us who need to meet outside or use the library's WIFI this winter. If you want to join our November meeting, contact Anne Benson at southwestanne@yahoo.com.

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

