

# Mancos Public Library

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"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve and contribute to improving our quality of life."

**Sidney Sheldon**

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## From the Desk of the Director, Lee Hallberg

The COVID-19 pandemic has thrown everyone for a loop and we have all had to learn how to adapt to the new environment that 2020 has brought. Libraries are no different. Faced with the challenge of continuing to provide resources to patrons and ensuring our community members get access to what they need, the Mancos Public Library and librarians have employed a vast array of creative ideas including curbsides services, increased promotion and funding

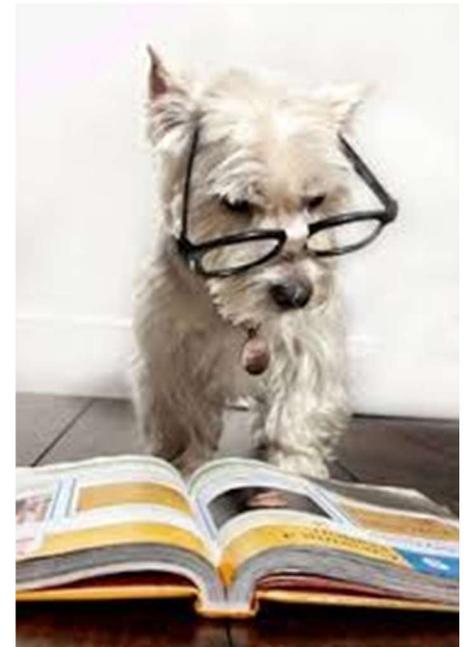
In-person programming is still on hold for a while, but we continue to reach out to the community through social media and online events.

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

**Kate Husted**. Interview on Webpage

**Robin Brodsky** Interview and slide show on Webpage

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



of online resources, virtual programming, creative use of outdoor spaces, and other innovative projects that allow us to serve the community outside of the building.

While there is no clear ending to COVID or a defined path of how these next few months will go, we are committed and prepared to take on any challenge and adapt to ensure our community is still being cared for. Libraries are not just centers for reading and entertainment. We also establish standards for community-building. We will continue to come up with original, fun, and safe ways for the Mancos community to continue using and enjoying the resources and programming that we have to offer.

I encourage you to reach out to us if there are any needs that you feel we might be able to meet. Although COVID-19 has been an unpredictable experience for everyone, we are working hard to maintain a stable and supporting environment for those who need them.

### **Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk**

These are strange and challenging times. We are learning new ways of working, being in community and helping each other. I see so much kindness and love in our community. It always uplifts me. One of the sweetest things I have done in recent days is interview both Kate Hustead and Robin Brodsky. They both embody the spirit of caring and during these strange days. I urge you to take a moment, at your leisure, make a cup of something nourishing, sit back, and spend a few minutes to enjoy the gifts that they are offering. The interviews should be up on the Library website by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Since we have geared up to connect much more through technology, even if you are a technophobe, check out our website and our Facebook page if you are inclined, for some additional fun stuff. We are also working on some other offerings for the coming months.

I found this quote from a dear friend, Sharon, very meaningful. Sharing it with you today:

“Such an opportunity full of possibilities... Walk the November Beauty Way this precious entire moment out of time with loving kindness, peace and thankfulness...break the cycle of arrogance and materialism and forgetfulness of the Truth...just take a breath”



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

### November is Here along with some Chill

November is for gaming. For the past five years the Mancos library has held a games day during International Games Week. I have invited the community to come and play games of every kind, card and die to pencil and paper to video and computer games. This year will be a little bit different of course.

Ryan Matthews and I have scheduled November, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>, to demonstrate some of our favorite games and play some open games with the community. We will have Pandemic on hand, as we have every year, and a few other games that are easy to clean between playing. We will ask that everyone try to respect social distancing, hand sanitizing, and mask wearing. If you cannot come down to watch for a while, we will have some take-home ideas to hand out. During these pandemic times, we can still have some fun.

As for the rest of November:

November 9<sup>th</sup> is World Freedom Day. The 10<sup>th</sup> Sesame Street Day (take a trip back in time with a young person at <https://www.sesamestreet.org/>). Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> enjoy a sundae and try making some origami. On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> celebrate World Kindness Day; remember we all are having hard times. Make a Bundt Cake, some bread, or enjoy an espresso or a parfait or some French toast this month. Or do it all, you can find more ideas to celebrate every day at <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/2020/11/>.

Remember to please take care of yourself as you take care of each other. May we all stay healthy this flu season.



International Games Week is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games. International Games Week is November 8-14, 2020!

This year Mancos Public Library will host its 5th IGW on Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 7pm and Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 6pm.

Join Ryan Matthews and Jenni Kitchen for game demos and some open play.

Friday November 13<sup>th</sup>

“Malifaux” 2-4pm (Jenni)

Open casual play 4-7pm (Jenni)

“Infinity” Demonstration 5-7pm (Ryan)

Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>

“Malifaux” Demonstrations Noon-2pm (Ryan)

Open casual play 2-6pm (Jenni & Ryan)

## Children's Programs, From the desk of Julie Hartline

Autumn is officially upon us! As we begin to orient to shorter days and more time indoors, we are here to help keep your child's curiosity brimming and the stories and songs coming!!

- **Online Storytime:** MPL's Online Storytime is now up and running!! Links to our Online Storytime YouTube page can be found through our website as well as our Facebook page. A new Online Storytime is posted each Thursday.
- **Take-Home Storytime Kits:** Kits are still available and we'd love to share one with each of your kiddos!! Every kit contains musical shakers, play scarves, bubbles, and more. Please call the library to schedule a time to pick up your kit!
- **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

Hard to believe that another month has gone by so quickly. I hope everyone is doing well and taking advantage of curbside pickup!

We still have new books coming out every week. To see what is new, go to [www.mancoslibrary.org](http://www.mancoslibrary.org) and click on catalog. Click on NEW BOOKS. If you see something you like, click the picture of the book and it will tell you if it is on the shelf. Put a hold on it and we will call you to arrange a pick-up time, or you can call us at 970-533-7600 to order the book and schedule a pick up time. If the book is not at our library, put a hold on it or call and we will get it from another library.

## 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.

Kathy is sharing some of the recent additions with us here:

Puppies and kittens | [board book] / by Dawn

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Ok boomer, let's talk : | how my generation got left behind by Jill Filipovic Audio Book

This Side of Heaven by Karen Kingsbury Adult Fiction

Crow Call by Lois Lowry Easy Fiction

Narwhal on a sunny night / by Mary Pope

Osborne Juvenile Series

To tell you the truth by

Macmillan, Gilly, Mystery

Bloom #1 by

Oppel, Kenneth, YA Series

The are all ready for check out! Give us a call if one caught your eye.

## 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](mailto:tech@mancoslibrary.org).

## A word from The Gamemaster Ryan Matthews

Ryan and Jenni are working together on programs for youth this month. See Jenni's post for further information, or email Ryan at [Matthews@mancoslibrary.org](mailto:Matthews@mancoslibrary.org).

## Other Mancos Library News:

**Upcoming Montezuma County Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) Free Legal Clinic: November 9,**

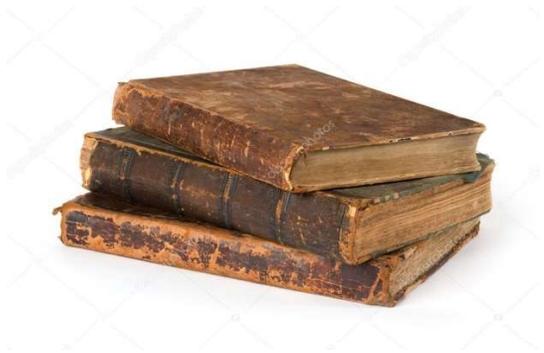
**The second Tuesday of each month, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**- 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.

## Some Staff Picks



**From Julie:** As for a great book I've read recently, hands down I have to say *The Girl and the Tiger* by Paul Rosolie. I could not put this book down and burned through it in a day. His writing is gorgeous and piercing. The story is beautiful and absolutely heart wrenching (I burst into tears several times, setting the book in my lap and just letting my heart spill open). If you're looking to be cracked open, this book does the job

**From Midge:** I really loved Glennon Doyle's new book, *Untamed*. She spoke to my heart and soul. It was an insightful read that was both very tender and forceful. It was a liberating read in many ways for me and I loved the smaller chapters, different topics, and how she actually drew it all together.

**From Bernadette:** I just read a Sandra Brown mystery "Thick as Thieves" which I enjoyed. In this tantalizing thriller, a woman uncovers lifelong secrets as she searches for the truth behind her father's involvement in a heist gone wrong, with a little romance to boot!

## A Word from The Friends of The Library

We're going virtual for the winter (at least until the library opens again). This month's meeting was postponed from the first Monday to Nov. 9. We'll be meeting at 1 p.m. *via* Zoom and preparing for the annual year-end letter that goes out with the library's year-end letter. Look for the letter in your USPS mailbox around Thanksgiving. If you want to join our November Zoom meeting, contact Anne Benson at [southwestanne@yahoo.com](mailto:southwestanne@yahoo.com). She'll send you the link.

There will be no meeting of the Friends board in December.

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

