

Mancos Public Library

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The library is inhabited by spirits that come out of the pages at night. —Isabel Allende



From the Desk of the Director, Lee Hallberg

In the shadow of Dibé Ntsaa
frozen white with ice and snow,
a new year blossoms in our little town,
a season to learn and grow.

Smoke from chimneys, flames burning within,
past life providing heat
while we reflect on time gone by,
of occasions both bitter and sweet.

Don't tarry long on these past lives
for each day the sun shines longer,

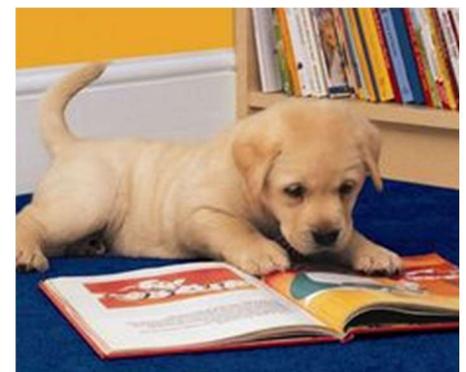
In-person programming is on hold but we are still reaching out to connect community through social media and online events.

Check out our website and Facebook page for items that may be of interest. Our website offers new tabs at the top for programs where you can access our Youtube channel that contains archived items such as storytime and interviews.

Big thanks to our IT guru, Jody for creating this possibility.

Our own Lille Diane has created a new space that will tickle your creativity and inspire. Check it out.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSJ0tCJBjDK_D-ev5o9VRLQ

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



extract the marrow from lessons learned,
stretch, transform, emerge stronger.

Read a book, hug those you cherish,
place petty differences aside.
Expand your mind, learn new skills,
fathom that we are all human inside.

Humanity's desire is for a better world,
for health, love and deeper connection.
Each life's role lies within,
through thriving and introspection.

Happy New Year!

Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk

It is a strange time. We will get through this, though, with more clarity and understanding than before. Life will begin again in another year, 2021.

Now, 2020 has been super challenging in more ways that I care to enumerate! I am visioning 2021, the New Year, as a clean slate. A time to begin anew, with kindness, joy and peace. Yes, peace. Something I have been longing for, along with hugs, for a very long time.

I find myself asking, was 2020 only one year? Really? It was! But it is coming to an end with the chance to seize unlimited opportunities and create a new year that we want to live in and grow in. Yes, we will still be living with masks. However, there is so much more, so many more opportunities and experiences to have. Attitude. Our attitude will make all the difference.

I am working on visioning what I want my new year to be. I am working on my attitude, and growing gratitude, gentleness, and joy. I know that my new year will include more time finding joy and beauty in each day, discovering more ways to give back and be of service, more time outside, more time being creative and expressing it in many ways. It will include more time with those I love, in one way or another, and letting them know how dear they are to me.

2020, while extremely challenging, has taught me so many valuable lessons. I judge less. I am more patient. I feel time in a very different way. I savor beauty more. I have learned without a doubt, what is important and what isn't. I know it is the small things that are really the big things. I have cultivated kindness. I have learned that I need much less to not only survive, but to thrive. I feel a deeper connection to Mother Earth and her rhythms, bold and subtle. I love more. I imagine and dream more. I feel more. I am learning to love myself more.

Those are the things that I am pondering now while looking forward to the new year with a different attitude than I have had before. After all, I have never lived through a year like this one before!

I mourn for the losses that many have endured; the pain; the suffering; the ugliness and unkindness. Yet, I know that we can leave some of that behind as we move forward. I hold those suffering still in love and light. I do not minimize the heartache and pain suffered this year and the dedication and diligence of first responders and all caregivers.

I believe that we can create a better world, a better year, one person at a time. Let's all strive mightily toward that end and be the light. Let's shine. We can do this!

Sending big love to all of you. Happy New Year!

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

To a New Year

As I sit here on my little mini vacation away from my grandchildren while they are visiting with their mother, I have to say 2020 was quite the year. Some of it was difficult to get through and other parts were extremely enjoyable. The year ended on a very good note and I feel this Christmas was a little more heartfelt than the years before.

I now have a journal to wreck, some local gift certificates to spend and my own aromatherapy ball. I am sitting binge-watching Doctor Who today with a friend and I'm taking a staycation for the next few weeks, as I enjoy extra time with my two girls and organize my home life a little more.

As the young adult services manager at the library, I am looking at working on more youth resources to add to the library teen page @ <https://teens.mancoslibrary.org>. I would appreciate any suggestions if you think of something to add. My contact at the library is jkitchen@mancoslibrary.org. I hope for all of you the new year is bright.

Children's Programs, From the desk of Julie Hartline

Happy New Year from the Mancos Children's Library!! Although we are all still tucked away at home as the pandemic continues to sweep through our communities, I can sense a collective rising hope that this year we will be met with a time when we can be together again. I anticipate that we will emerge from this experience with a newfound gratitude and appreciation for each other and for the Mancos community.

Circulation Manager, From the desk of Bernadette Tuthill

Welcome 2021! I hope we were all able to find some joy in 2020 and I wish everyone health, happiness and peace in the New Year!

We belong to AspenCat a large database shared by over 100 Colorado member libraries. On average, member libraries hold 15,000 items in their collection, however patrons have easy access to more than 1.4 million items and an ever-growing collection through AspenCat.

Still, what if you can't find a book you are looking for? Fill out an ILL form and staff will search Swift (another database we belong to) to try to find your book or materials.

Good News! In 2021 Swift will be migrating to Prospector. Prospector is a union catalog of over fifty academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. Prospector gives library patrons and staff access to more than 30 million books, journals, DVDs, CDs, videos and other materials held in the Prospector member libraries. When we are fully migrated, you will be to search prospector, find and request materials thru your Mancos Library account. More information to come as we look forward to access to even more materials.

Cataloging, From the Desk of Kathy Graf

We have a few new audiobooks, and a few new DVDs.

AUDIOBOOKS

Crescent Dawn, and The Mayan Secrets, both by Clive Cussler

Prior Bad Acts by Tami Hoag

Trial by Fire by J.A. Jance

DVDs

The Big Bounce

Miss Congeniality

Fringe, season 2 and 4

Hart to Hart season 2

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.

Also, he has also added tabs at the top of the web page for "children" and "adult" where he has set up archived programs that you can access by simply clicking on them!

A word from The Gamemaster Ryan Matthews

With in-person programs on hold, things are kind of quiet. If you have questions you can contact Ryan at Matthews@mancoslibrary.org.

Other Mancos Library News:

Upcoming Montezuma County Free Legal Clinic:

Tuesday January 12, 2021 from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- Please contact the Mancos Library at (970) 394-0273 to be added to the sign-up sheet.

- **NEW EXTENDED HOURS FOR 2021!**

Despite the COVID-19 closures of libraries across Colorado, the Virtual *Pro Se* Clinic (VPC) clinics will still be held as scheduled. As a COVID work-around, instead of clinic patrons coming in-person to your local public library (*which has limited access*), the volunteer attorney will call each clinic patron's telephone directly, during the clinic hours, using the phone number provided. Whether you're near Dove Creek, Cortez or Mancos, the volunteer attorney will call you at the phone number provided, for a free one-on-one discussion of your civil legal issue, during regular clinic hours.

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 winter descends and with it much needed snow, I have been reading my way through stacks of wonderful books. I know that I always appreciate a good book recommendation, so I'd love to pass on a few for your winter reading pleasure. Enjoy!

Fiction:

The Girl and the Tiger by Paul Rosolie

The Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker

All Souls Trilogy by Deborah Harkness

Nonfiction:

The Wild Edge of Sorrow by Francis Weller

The Smell of Rain on Dust: Grief and Praise Martin Prechtel

Widening Circles by Joanna Macy

The House of Belonging: Poems David Whyte

We Want to Do More than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom by Bettina L. Love

Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi

Mother of God by Paul Rosolie

Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong by James W. Loewen

From Midge:

This Time Next Year We Will Be Laughing, by Jacqueline Winspear

Winspear is the acclaimed author of the Maisie Dobbs Series, which I enjoyed thoroughly. This book is her memoir. I found it interesting to learn more about the Dobbs series author. She is candid in her revelations and gives us glimpses of her family's resilience and strength as well as their humanness. She tells of the times that her parents lived with gypsies and talks about the risks of her father's work. It is an open and unrestrained view into her life in post war England.

Wintering by Katherine May

This book offers insights and inspiration for us during those fallow times when we may feel cut off from the world. May is another British author who advises that misery is not an option and despite adversity, Happiness is the greatest skill we will ever learn. She embraces the cold and dark in part by exploring the soothing powers of the natural world and the way other creatures and cultures deal with winter.

A Word from The Friends of The Library



The Friends of the Library board will meet formally (*via* Zoom) on January 4.

All interested are invited to attend. If you would like to join our meeting, contact Anne Benson at southwestanne@yahoo.com. She'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 mancosfriends.org.