

Mancos Public Library

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"Nothing is pleasanter than exploring a library."
Walter Savage Landor



From the Desk of the Director, Lee Hallberg

One of my favorite things about the summer season is the diversity of traffic that we get coming through the library. During the months of June through September we are blessed to meet folks from all corners of the world; seasonal park employees, travelers hoping to take advantage of the free wifi and computers, and families of locals who are touring the area (yes, the library is a stop of interest!) I particularly get excited when a visitor is someone who has stopped in to do research on the area - whether it be for family history, information about the history of a piece of property, or a professor from BYU researching local Mormon History - it allows me to dig into my most treasured section of the library, the local history collection!

The library's local history collection is divided into 2 parts. The first part is the Colorado Plateau section, which contains information about the entire region. This section is rich with information about such topics as the history of the Rio Grande Southern railroad, the local native tribes that inhabited the region, the geography of the Colorado Plateau, and the towns and historical figures of note. In the Colorado Plateau section, one might find historical accounts of confrontations such as the "Beaver Creek Massacre" outside of Dolores, which is considered the last major violent incident between white settlers and the native people of Colorado.

What's going on:

Dark Sky Event, September 14th ... see poster under other library news!

Notebook workshop
CHANGE OF DATE: on Sept. 11th at 1:30.

Trivia night is back and it is LIVE!

Knitting/Crocheting in Boyle Part at 5:30 on Tuesdays with Kathy.

New: Thursday Drop In/Hang Out at the library for teens from 4-5:30.

Death Café resumes on the third Thursday of each month, outside!

In the meantime, Read!



The second part of the library's local history section is the Darrel Ellis Local History Collection, which houses materials specific to the 81328-zip code. Accompanying the Darrell Ellis collection is our (almost) complete selection of the Mancos Times since the late 1800's. In the Darrel Ellis Collection you will find a smattering of Mancos High School Yearbooks (we are always looking for more), information on Mancos cemeteries and graveyards, and of course Fern Ellis' iconic history of Mancos; "Come Back to my Valley". You can also read some of Darrel's own publications about Mancos history, including his riveting account of a murder at a local mine called "Death at Golconda".

The local history section isn't just of interest to visitors though! My favorite collection in the library could become yours too - stop in and check out some books on all the exciting (and some not so exciting) events that have happened in our special little corner of the world. And in doing so, make your librarian's day!

Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk

I am feeling fall in the air! That means children are back to school, the wood pile is getting high, and we are harvesting from our gardens.

We are delighted this month to have a Zoom visit with our beloved artist, musician, Marilyn Kroeker. It will be available on the Website sometime during the first week of September. Her artwork will also be on the Art Wall during September for all to enjoy.

Death Café has resumed, outdoors, on the third Thursday (September 16th) of every month. Join us for great discussions and good company. All are welcome.

In September we are talking with Shannon, a practitioner of Neuro Muscular Reprogramming. She is working her magic at the Beehive. You may not be familiar with the term **Neuromuscular Re-education** (NMR) Improves Your Balance and Coordination. NMR works to training our body to use our joint sensors more effectively again. ... The brain uses this sense to determine muscle contraction strength, joint movements, etc. to ensure smooth and accurate motion. Shannon will tell us more. This is a Zoom event and will be available after the 16th of September at our website.

The Oral History Collection Project continues, and we are collaborating with Blake Hughes, the town Historian, and Dr. Woods, a professor from BYU. Stories are finding us. If you have stories you want to share from the Mancos Valley, please reach out and let us know!

We joke in Mancos about September being one of the only months we lock our cars, in fear of a zucchini drop! Some of my neighbors can attest to that and I am sure they now lock their cars. Since we seem to have a plethora of the veggie this month, I have included a couple of fun recopies! I do hope you will enjoy.

PREP TIME15 minutes
COOK TIME23 minutes
TOTAL TIME38 minutes
SERVINGS18 brownies
AUTHOR-Holly Nilsson

These easy zucchini brownies come out rich and chocolatey and stay moist for days (although they don't last that long in my house). They're topped with a quick and easy homemade 1-minute frosting for a perfect dessert!

Zucchini Brownies!

Ingredients

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 ½ cups grated zucchini *undrained (about one large)*

1 Minute Frosting

- ⅓ cup milk
- ⅓ cup butter
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 1 cup chocolate chips

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

I Like Banned Books

Banned Books Week is September 26th to October 2nd this year. Join the Mancos Library in celebrating your right to read by coming in and checking a banned or challenged book. I will have a display put up at the end of the YA Space, as usual.

If you know me, you know I am an advocate for Intellectual Freedom and the Right to Read, for everyone. Therefore, the Teen Café this month (Thursday September 2nd, from 4-6pm) I will be sharing a Powerpoint presentation on these subjects while teens visit me after school for snack and socializing. We will also talk about their right to privacy at the library.

All other Thursdays of the month, I will be in the meeting room from 4 to 5:30 for teens to come in and chill, get a snack, hang out for a little bit, and get any assistance they might need with homework and research. I just want to make myself available and present for anyone may need anything after school and before the weekend kicks in.

We started up Teen Game Night again and it is back on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 9. I facilitated the first game night since February 2020 in August and had but 5 young men join me. They ate all the pizza and most of the chips and cookies and drank all the soda. They also made as much as 25 boys. It was a good time.

As I am opening the doors for teen programs, I am asking that everybody take precautions when they do come to the library to hang out in the meeting room for my programs. Social distancing, washing hands or using hand sanitizer, and wearing masks has helped many not get sick in this past year and half. I have hand sanitizer and wipes to wipe down stuff, so that way we can hopefully avoid anybody getting sick. I do encourage masks and I wear a mask even though I am immunized. I do this because I know that COVID can still infiltrate my body and have me pass it along so the little things can help. I want to keep my family, as well as your family safe.

Now I leave you with the top 10 banned and challenged books of 2020 from the ALA...

George by Alex Gino

Reasons: Challenged, banned, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content, conflicting with a religious viewpoint, and not reflecting “the values of our community”

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds

Reasons: Banned and challenged because of author’s public statements, and because of claims that the book contains “selective storytelling incidents” and does not encompass racism against all people

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Reasons: Banned and challenged for profanity, drug use, and alcoholism, and because it was thought to promote anti-police views, contain divisive topics, and be “too much of a sensitive matter right now”

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Reasons: Banned, challenged, and restricted because it was thought to contain a political viewpoint and it was claimed to be biased against male students, and for the novel’s inclusion of rape and profanity

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Reasons: Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and allegations of sexual misconduct by the author

Something Happened in Our Town: A Child’s Story About Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin

Reasons: Challenged for “divisive language” and because it was thought to promote anti-police views

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Reasons: Banned and challenged for racial slurs and their negative effect on students, featuring a “white savior” character, and its perception of the Black experience

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

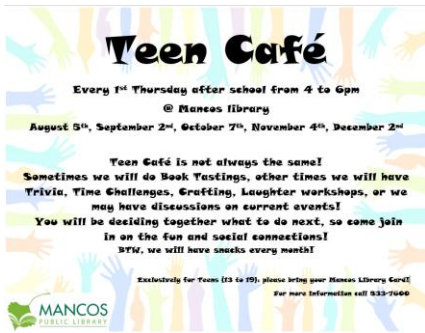
Reasons: Banned and challenged for racial slurs and racist stereotypes, and their negative effect on students

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Reasons: Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and depicts child sexual abuse

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Reasons: Challenged for profanity, and it was thought to promote an anti-police message



Children’s Programs, From the desk of Erin Bohm

School is in and the evenings are cooling down - the Mancos Public Library children’s room and our outdoor classroom continue to be great places to wind down after school, relax by the river, play with puppets and read together!

New Play Area

Installation continues in our new play area on the north side of the building! This development will expand our outdoor classroom to include learning spaces especially designed for our youngest patrons as well as improve our river access. [Brett LeCompte](#), owner of Swallow’s Nest Natural Building, has created an impossibly cute entryway and a shade structure that is delightful to sit under and inspiring to look at. The installation is guided by the beautiful landscape design plans generously provided by Monika Nevergold of Dandelion Design. Construction will carry on in September, with creations being installed in the center of the space. More delights to come!

Story Time!

On Sept. 13th we will return to our “blankets and pillows nest” (also known as the outdoor classroom!) and resume in-person Story Time.

Join us for songs, poems and stories based on a different theme each week. Here are the details!

- **An outdoor event:** Gather in the outdoor classroom on our blankets and pillows. If the weather prevents us from being outside, we will move into the children’s room.
- **A mask friendly event:** To maintain the safety of our patrons and staff, the Mancos Public Library requires the wearing of face masks for all patrons, 2 years old and over, while attending indoor or outdoor group library programs. Patrons unable or unwilling to wear a mask will be asked to make reasonable accommodations to maintain at least 6 feet of separation between themselves and the rest of the group.
- **A distancing friendly event:** CDC directives will be reflected in our seating arrangements - a cozy pillow spot will be provided for each child and their caregiver to model and assist with social distancing.
- **A weekly event:** Children aged 0 - 5 years old; Mondays 10:30 - 11 am
- **An online event, too:** Story Time Online will also resume! Please continue to access these videos by selecting the “For Kids” tab on the MPL website, scrolling down to the Online Storytime icon.

Lego Lab!

On Sept. 10th we will resume the Lego Lab meetup! During the first two weeks of August, we offered our Lego program in the outdoor classroom and had an excellent time supporting our participants in adding complexity to their “builds” each week. It has also been exciting to witness successful peer leadership happening, where one alumni member provides a newer member with instruction on using the EV3 Lego Software Lego to program the “Lego Brain”.

Join us for a free forum of creative engineering.
Here are the details!

- **An outdoor event:** Gather in the outdoor classroom to practice engineering moving lego elements. If the weather prevents us from being outside, we will move into the children's room.
- **A mask friendly event:** To maintain the safety of our patrons and staff, the Mancos Public Library requires the wearing of face masks for all patrons, 2 years old and over, while attending indoor or outdoor group library programs. Patrons unable or unwilling to wear a mask will be asked to make reasonable accommodations to maintain at least 6 feet of separation between themselves and the rest of the group.
- **A distancing friendly event:** CDC directives will be reflected in our seating arrangements - participants can establish their very own building area with the shared lego supplies located in a central location.
- **A weekly event:** Children aged 7 - 12 years old; Fridays 1 - 3 pm

Circulation Manager, From the desk of Bernadette Tuthill

 Fall back  in love with reading!

September is National Literacy month and Read a new book month.

National Literacy Month is a time to encourage the young people in your life to go to the library, pick up a good book, and explore new worlds.

During National Literacy Month, take the time to encourage all of the people in your life, young and old, to go to the library, pick up a good book and challenge themselves to improve their literacy.

September is also **Read a New Book Month**.

When you open the pages of a new book, you can easily get swept up into a world of unique and interesting characters and stories or compelling new information.

History of Read A New Book Month:

Books have stood as a testament to the spreading of knowledge, the sharing of tales, and the expansion of the mind by recording and passing these ideas down through a written medium. For centuries, they have been vital for humans to be able to expand their minds beyond physical space and time.

By writing down and replicating thoughts, ideas, and imaginations, authors have developed the ability to share and expand their own thoughts by putting them on paper for others to read.

The first written word seems to have appeared in 3400 BC, and the first story was *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, a tale of the eponymous ruler of the Sumerian city-state of Uruk who ruled between 2700-2500 BC, told in a mythological style.

While this first tale was written on clay tablets long before the more convenient medium of paper was invented, it none-the-less qualified as a book. Of course, the definition of what constitutes a book has certainly changed over the years, covering everything from bark pages held together in a variety of

styles, rolled pages of papyrus, and modernized books more like those that people are familiar with today.

Read A New Book Month encourages everyone, adults and children alike, to take in as many books as they can in their lives, learning new things, living creative lives and opening their minds to new forms of philosophy and possibilities.

- Try reading a type of book you don't normally read. If you usually choose detective fiction, try a biography. If you love travel books, read a fantasy or some science fiction.
- Challenge yourself by reading a book on a topic you may not know much about sample a cookbook, peruse a gardening text, or tackle a "how-to" book on playing a sport or using a new type of technology or social media.
- Buy a new book for a child or get one from your local library. A toddler you know might enjoy a board book with bright, easy-to-turn pages. Is there a classic story you loved that you'd like to share with a certain child? Or let your child choose a book from one of the many popular series being written for children today.

Make use of the cooler, shorter days of fall to read a new book!

Cataloging, From the Desk of Kathy Graf

Some new items in the system at the library:

EASY FICTION

The talented Clementine, by Sara Pennypacker
Clementine and the family meeting /
by Sara Pennypacker
Completely Clementine, by Sara Pennypacker

YOUNG ADULT NONFICTION

Let's make dumplings! a comic book
cookbook, by Hugh Amano

You don't have to be everything
:poems for girls becoming themselves

Apple : skin to the core : a memoir in
words and pictures, by Eric L.
Gansworth

ADULT MYSTERIES

The guest list:a novel, by Lucy Foley

Troubled blood (#5), a Cormoran
Strike novel, by Robert Galbraith

Kingdom of the blind, by Louise
Penny

Technology News

We are excited to welcome Kira Taylor as the new Technology Manager for the Mancos Public Library team! Kira's background in IT and teaching makes her the ideal candidate for this position. Please be patient over the next couple of weeks while she is brought up to speed on library operations, at which point she should be ready to start scheduling appointments to assist patrons. Welcome Kira!!

A word from The Gamemaster and Facilities Manager, Ryan Matthews

Trivia Night at Mancos Brewing Co. every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30pm. Teams of 6 can participate in person or online using Zoom and Google docs. Below is a link to the "Homepage" where you can find clickable links to all the info you need to participate. This is a free event hosted by The Mancos Public Library and Mancos Brewing Co.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MifXOLMMuJr9vQIGTRuQQOx-bs9diNTJgtwI7czH1tY/edit?usp=sharing>

Other Mancos Library News:

Upcoming Montezuma County Free Legal Clinic:

September 14th (The Second Tuesday of every month) 2021 from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- Please contact the Mancos Library at (970) 533-7600 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.

Death Café

Death Café has returned, and the first meeting was filled with wonderful discussion. Thanks to all who came and made such rich and thought-provoking conversations. Next meeting is on September 16th, and we will continue to meet on the third Thursday (September 16th) of each month at 5:30. We will meet outside the Library again, either on the veranda or somewhere in that vicinity. Join us for tea, cake and a conversation about embracing the sacred in everyday life, including the art of being and dying. Connect with other gentle souls on this Earthly journey and share thoughts and ideas. Death Cafe normalizes a difficult, not morbid topic. It will be wonderful to see you again! **Please bring your own chair for outdoor seating.** We will have tea and cake!

Mesa Verde National Park is teaming up with the Mancos Public Library to host an astronomy evening here in town! This past spring Mesa Verde was certified by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) as the 100th international dark sky park. To celebrate, rangers are taking their astronomy programs on the road! Join us, Tuesday, September 14th, at the Mancos Public Library to enjoy the night and learn about the importance of dark skies. The event will begin at 7:30 PM with information tables and a craft activity for kids

followed by multiple astronomy talks at 8:00 PM and a stargazing activity at 9:00 PM. This event will be held entirely outdoors in the library parking lot, so be sure to bring a folding chair to sit on, extra warm layers, and a flashlight or headlamp. We suggest parking along the road near the library as space in the parking lot will be limited. For more information about this event, please visit our website at mancoslibrary.org.



Join us! This is an exciting event that takes place outdoors and the whole family can enjoy it.

From the Seed Lending Library

It certainly has been a strange growing season! As we continue or begin to harvest, please keep in mind letting one plant go to seed for the Library. We want to keep the Seed Lending Library alive and vital with non-GMO, no pesticide, Heritage or Organic Seed. You can bring seed, labeled in an envelope to the library, or contact Midge. If you need help with drying or saving seed, please contact Midge, mkirk@mancoslibrary.org. Thank you!

Lost and Found: Coats, masks, water bottles, glasses, books, and more. Please check the lost and found at the front of the library for a treasure you may have left behind.

A Word from The Friends of The Library

We'll hold our annual election of officers at our September meeting. Current officers are **Anne Benson** – President

Carolyn (Koko) Smith – 1 st VP

Amy Welden – 2 nd VP

Laurie Webster –Treasurer

Tulli Kerstetter – Secretary

The slate of officers to be presented on September 13th, include all the above except 2 nd VP, which will be filled by **Cathy Seibert**.

The meeting is, once again, outside at 4 pm. We hope to stay outside as long as the weather holds.

Along with elections, we'll be discussing our role in the Library's Cowboy Half Marathon, which is scheduled for October 16. Friends typically hosts a runners' food and non-alcoholic drink booth and I suspect we'll be looking for volunteers to help staff the booth (a little closer to the date).

Hats are on order and should be available sometime in September.

E-mail Anne at southwestanne@yahoo.com if you have questions.

Friends is a volunteer organization that supports and promotes the Mancos Public Library. To become a member, go to mancosfriends.org and download the membership form. If you are already a member and it's been a while since you received an e-mail from us, please send Anne a note at southwestanne@yahoo.com. Some of the e-mail addresses in our database are just wrong.

