

What's happening at your library:

Mancos Public Library

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“... a mind needs books as a sword needs a whetstone, if it is to keep its edge.” — George R.R. Martin



Knitting with Kathy, Tuesdays at 5:30 by the fireplace.

Death Café: Every third Thursday at 5:30.

Many **Teen activities**, see Jenni's calendar.

Trivia is back, live!

Come **make a little notebook** with Kathy and Julia on Saturday, November 6th from 9-1. Registration is required.

Check the website for a wonderful author talk, reading and discussion by **Wat Wilder and TJ Holmes**.

Art Wall features the work of **Bobbi Jones** for November.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING to One and ALL!

From the Desk of the Director, Lee Hallberg

After 10 years with the Mancos Public Library, it is with mixed emotions that I announce my resignation effective November 12. It's a very bittersweet move – I'm so sad to leave my Mancos Library family of 10 years, however, I'm looking forward to taking a step back to focus on wellbeing and prepare for whatever adventures are next. My dedication to the library will continue as we transition to new leadership, and I will work part-time to assist the search committee in finding a suitable replacement. I want to thank the Library Board (both past and present) for their tenacity in the protection of our library in challenging times, and their vision for growing our library to respond to the needs of an evolving public. I feel so fortunate to have been able to work side by side with so many dedicated and selfless people over the years, giving time, energy, and expertise as volunteers to provide me with much needed guidance and support. The Mancos Public Library has been fortunate in receiving outstanding consistent annual

support from its community, and I am happy to thank every organization and individual in Mancos for always standing by us. As the old adage goes, "it takes a village" and I couldn't have asked for a more supportive community. From partnerships with a multitude of community organizations, financial and in-kind support of local businesses, and the multitude of individuals who gave precious time and opened wallets for the library, you have all been instrumental in our success. I want to thank the Friends of the Mancos Library for their unceasing advocacy and support. Whether it be helping supplement funding for our extraneous needs, working tirelessly at fundraising events, or assisting on library hiring committees, I was always confident that I could count on our Friends! Within the library, it has been an honor to work with a tireless and devoted staff (both past and present) whose selfless generosity of time and talent on a daily basis is awe inspiring and humbling. Their commitment to the library and devotion to public service has never wavered, despite the lingering uncertainty of our finances. I will leave the library with great confidence in the staff, knowing that they are each singularly capable of overcoming any hurdles that will come up, and even more so together. They continue to remind me every day, by their own example, that our single purpose is to serve you, the public. So, my final thanks is to you, the public, for offering me year in and year out so many opportunities to be of service, to help you find whatever you were seeking, to guide your searches for reading or information, to be your neighbor, and your friend. Thank you for staying with us through all the years of tight budgets and limited materials, and never breaking faith with our mission and purpose. Thank you for your incredible vote of confidence in passing our mill levy increase and allowing us to continue the process of building our library for you and generations to come. Thank you for allowing me the satisfaction of knowing that I can leave the library better off than I found it, and the surety of knowing I am leaving it in your good hands. I will still visit the library often (it is, by all accounts, the best library in the region!), and I look forward to seeing you in my new role as a patron.

Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk

We enjoyed an evening with Kat Wilder, author of *Desert Chrome*, and wild horse advocate TJ Holmes last month. This was our first live adult program since the pandemic hit. It was also recorded, and you can view it at the website. It was a remarkable evening.

The Art Wall features the work of Bobbi Jones this month.

We are hoping to announce a date soon for the book talk and reading by Dr. Andrew Gulliford of the *Woolly West: Colorado's Hidden History of Sheepscapes*. Stay tuned.

After the holidays we have some exciting Business in Your Backyard and Life is an Adventure Programs planned. I am also brainstorming for some new ideas of fun things to offer. Several suggestions include journaling workshop, vision boards, general adult craft day, essential oil workshop, reiki workshop, and an adult retreat for a day featuring art, craft, music and movement. Does anything appeal to you? Do you have other ideas we could work on? Please reach out and let me know. Thanks!

I want to wish you all a very wonderful Thanksgiving. I am so very grateful that you are all in my life – you and the library family...oh, and the books! Funny how, as you notice the things that you are thankful for, they seem to multiply.

“I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” —*Gilbert K. Chesterton*



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

International Games Week + Family Game and Puzzle Week= A Month of Fun

Way back in 2014, I ran the first International Game Day at the Library. It was a big hit and I still love bringing games to the community! Since then the day has become a whole week (November 7th through the 13th). Last year, due to the pandemic, my friend Jimi and I played a game on the veranda during the belated Mancos



International Games Week is November 7th through the 13th! This is a World Celebration of Games in Libraries and we want to see you come in and play!!! The Mancos library will have games galore throughout the month of November!!!

GAMING FOR TEENS	COMMUNITY GAMING
<p>Teen Café Thursday November 4th from 4:15 to 6:00pm A one-shot Dungeons and Dragons game! The "legendary fantasy role-playing game." https://dnd.wizards.com/</p>	<p>Friday November 12th from 10:00am to 5:00pm Pencil and Paper Games for the Family! Community Puzzle to Complete! Library Scavenger Hunt! 😊 get a sticker for playing!</p>
<p>Teen Lounge Thursday November 11th from 4:15 to 5:15pm Battles of Fluxx (Oz Fluxx, Regular Show Fluxx, Fairy Tale Fluxx, Zombie Fluxx, and Original Fluxx). Come play the card game of ever-changing rules!</p>	<p>Saturday November 13th from 10am to 12:00pm Mahfaux Demos "Seek your fortune, test your luck, and stake your claim in this fast-paced and brutal tabletop miniature skirmish game." https://www.wvrd-games.net/ All demos are 15 min max no reservation needed. Prizes, snacks and drinks provided.</p>
<p>Teen Lounge Thursday November 18th from 4:15 to 5:15 Funny or Die! The game based on the comedy website, push the limits of funny by creating the funniest caption and photo pair!</p>	<p>from 12:30 to 2:30pm Infinity Demos "Infinity is a tabletop wargame in which sci-fi themed miniatures are used to simulate futuristic skirmishes." https://cornuxpaki.com/ All demos are 15 min max no reservation needed. Prizes, snacks and drinks provided.</p>
<p>Teen Game Night Friday November 19th from 6:00 to 9:00pm The 3rd Friday of the month we play games galore, so come get your game on!</p>	<p>from 4:00 to 8:00pm Star Wars RPG one shot All materials provided. 6 players max. Please RSVP by signing up at the library or emailing Ryan at rmatthews@mancoslibrary.org Please arrive 10-15min before reservation. Bring your own food and drinks.</p>
<p>All teen events include food and drinks!</p>	<p>Don't forget to bring your family and friends along for the fun!!!</p>

All during the month of November there will be a variety of games available at the Teen Display and around the library, so grab a game and a friend or family member and get some gaming going in the library!



Melt. The game played was Malifaux, a tabletop war game set in a horror and Victorian/Western world (<https://www.wyrd-games.net/malifaux>). We played while others golfed and we were told that some people were interested in learning more about this game. This year will still not be the International Games Weeks of the past, but we hope to entice youth and adults to come in and play a game at the library! I, Jenni, will be using the Teen Café and Teen Lounges every Thursday (except on Thanksgiving) to introduce teens to some different games after school. A Dungeons and Dragons one-shot role playing game is scheduled for Teen Café November 4th. We will be playing Fluxx and Funny or Die (based on the comedy website <https://funnyordie.io/>). There will be also be a variety of card and board games available for teens on all Thursdays in the meeting room. So, you don't have to come in to play what is planned; bring a friend and get your own game in.

Friday November 12th there will be games to play around the library and patrons can receive a free sticker for finishing the Library Scavenger Hunt. Then, on Saturday November 13th, Ryan will be running demonstrations of Malifaux and Infinity, another tabletop game (<https://corvusbelli.com/>). In the evening, he will host a one-shot Star Wars role playing game. Teen Gaming Night happens on November 19th (back at the third Friday of the month). I invite all teens and anyone 12 years of age whose birthday is before the end of this year to come get their game on!

All through November, the YA display will be the harbor of many games. You can just come in, grab a game, go to a table, and play! We only ask that you take care of our games and return them properly to the display. I am also making some print and go games (aka pencil and paper games) for the whole family to enjoy, as the week of Thanksgiving is also Family Game and Puzzle Week!

Here is a game to try out while you wait to come back to the library...

Word Ladders

First your group decides on a beginning and ending word... such as Fan to Pit

One person starts the game by stating the beginning word... Fan

The next person changes one letter... man

Then the next does the same pan

And so on and so forth to the final word ... pat ... sat mat hat ... hot ... lot ... pot

... pit

Have fun playing this month!!!

Children's Programs, From the desk of Erin Bohm

We opened our new outdoor children's play and explore space on Saturday, Oct. 30th!

It is now available at all times to the public, so come and walk the labyrinth, weave some fabric or natural materials into the loom, rest on the benches and enjoy the beautiful sounds of the Mancos River running with snow melt.

Friday Programs

MPL offers a full morning and an early afternoon block of science, literacy and craft programs every Friday. Weather permitting, this programming will happen in our Outdoor Classroom; otherwise, we will move into the community room.

Here's the schedule:

Powerhouse Science 9:30 - 10:30 am

Science experiments & hands-on demonstrations with Powerhouse educators.

Reading Buddies 10:30 - 11:30 am

Listen to stories, read aloud, make art, explore nature!

Building & Creating 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Arts, crafts, engineering, and other creative projects.

To Register:

- Please email Erin at eboh@manacoslibrary.org each **Wednesday by noon** to register your child for Friday programs. Indicate which program(s) they will attend.

Important Details:

- Programs will be held outdoors whenever possible; students should dress appropriately.
- Lunch is provided courtesy of Mancos Food Share
- 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. Masks will be provided by the library if students do not have one.

Story Time

Join us in our "blankets and pillows nest" (also known as the outdoor classroom!) 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!

Join us for a free forum of creative engineering using the library's Lego League materials to invent, collaborate and build!

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

November is a month to celebrate the last of the fall colors, all saint/souls day, Election Day, the end of daylight savings, Veteran's day, pumpkins, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and the start of the holiday season.

At the library, there are some special book holidays to celebrate in November.

November 1st is **National Author's Day**, a day to celebrate authors and the books they have written.

You don't have to be "Published" to be considered an author. If you have created an original article, poem, story, or other written work, *you are* an author.

How can you support your favorite author?

- Purchase their books for yourself and/or buy one for the library. (Ask about our first read program.)

- Read their books and suggest them to others.

- Write a review on their author page where the book is sold

- Write a review and put it on our staff and Patron display at the library.

- Follow them on their social media pages

Book Lovers day is celebrated on November 6th the first Saturday of the month. Just grab an interesting book, find a quiet, cozy place, and crack open the cover. Enjoy the relaxing benefits of being a book lover!

National Young Readers Week is observed, November 15th- 19th. 2021. It has been observed starting Monday of the second full week in November since 1989.

Young Readers Day is celebrated on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. It is a special day to recognize the joys and benefits of reading. Reading opens a lifetime of knowledge, information, success, and happiness. Grade schools around the country take advantage of this day, to promote the importance of reading. Use today to help and encourage our youth (young and not so young) to learn to read which opens a lifetime of knowledge, information, success, and happiness.

Let's celebrate November! See you at the library!

Cataloging, From the Desk of Kathy Graf

Kathy is offering another Notebook making class. For more information call the library at 533-7600. The class is on Saturday, November 6th, from 9-1. Registrations is required.

Adult Non-Fiction

Paying for college: | everything you need to maximize financial aid and afford college by Chany, Kalman A

Mixed-media dollhouses : | techniques and ideas for doll-size assemblages by Oliveau, Tally

Older & Wiser Workout: For Older Active Adults [DVD]

Young Adult

Sticky fingers : | DIY duct tape projects : easy to pick up, hard to put down by Sophie Maletsky

The dark Matter of Mona Starr by Laura Lee Gulledge

One soul [GN] by Fawkes, Ray

Juvenile

Bright Christmas: | an angel remembers by Andrew Clements

Sheets [GN] by Brenna Thummler

Tiny explorers into the Wild by Miro Tartan

From the Desk of Kira Taylor, Technology News

Hello all! I've really enjoyed my technology appointments with many different patrons over the past month. Thank you for coming in and working with me! Every time I'm asked a question, I learn something new as well. Here's a few updates from the tech world at the library:

1) There have been a few organizational updates made to the website. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback for me about that, please let me know. I am continuously working to ensure that the website is clear and easy for everyone to use.

2) I am continuing to offer one-on-one sessions on the following dates and times, or by special appointment via email (tech@mancoslibrary.org):

Tuesday from 10 AM to 3:00 PM

Wednesday from 10 AM to 1 PM and

Thursday from 10 AM to 3 PM

3) I am working on some community classes for this upcoming year as well, but would really love community input on what would be most beneficial for everyone. Here are a few possible topics:

How to use the Cloud

Microsoft Office (this would be a series that would cover the more popular programs like Excel, Word, and Powerpoint)

Google apps (this would be a series that would cover the more popular programs, like Gmail, Google Calendar, and Google Drive)

Free online training programs for job seekers

How to make a simple website for free

PLEASE vote on these, or another topic of your choice at <https://mancoslibrary.org/technology-poll/> so I know what to prioritize.

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:

November 9th - 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. We meet the third Thursday of each month, (November 18th), at 5:30. We will meet outside if weather permits. You may want to bring a sweater or jacket along with a chair. If the weather does not allow us to meet outside, we will meet in the Meeting room, socially distanced and please plan on wearing a mask. 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.

From the Seed Lending Library

We are hibernating for the winter. Please check back with us in the Spring when we will be ready share seeds and plant again. Have a safe and healthy winter.

A Word from The Friends of The Library

We're switching our meeting time to Tuesday afternoon at least through the end of the year. And since the weather is becoming unpredictable, we're moving inside to the conference room.

So... our next meeting is in the library, Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 4 pm. Please join us in discussing the take-aways from our latest Cowboy Half Marathon.

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

As always, Friends logo hats can be purchased at the library for \$20.

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.

See you at the library!