

Mancos Public Library

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"There is no friend as loyal as a book." Ernest Hemingway



The Director News

Interviews are being conducted during the first week of January. We hope to have exciting news by the end of the month. We are all pulling together to make this transition as smooth as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Bernadette or Midge in the interim. They are temporarily helping to bridge the gap.

Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk

PLEASE NOTE: Our address is no longer a PO BOX. It is 211 W. First St.

What's happening at your library:

Exciting new **Spanish/English Conversation Club** Jan. 22 at 10 am.

Please note the **new mailing address**. The library no longer has a PO Box.

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 live!

Author talk with Maddy Butcher about her newest book live around January 15th at the website.

Art Wall this month a quilt from **Sarah Hatch**.





The interview with Maddy Butcher, Author, has been rescheduled for January 10th, via Zoom. Recording will be available on or before the 15th.

Join us beginning on the 22nd of January for "Conversación y café (o té)/ Conversation and Coffee (or tea)" with Jessica. **Spanish/English Conversation Club** will meet at the library, following safety guidelines, masks and social distancing, twice a month for 90 minutes, the second and fourth Saturdays, from 10-11:30 am. It will begin with a structure, and when people feel comfortable will evolve into a fun place to hang out and a chat group. If there are any cultural topics people want to cover, that is a possibility as well. Come sharpen your Spanish or English language skills and get to know your fellow community members in a safe, inclusive space. All levels of language ability are welcome! We will have coffee, tea, and light snacks.

Jessica Beloise is a Spanish teacher in Montezuma County. She's worked in education for the last nine years, and is excited to share her love of language with you. She has lived in Mexico and Costa Rica, and has degrees in Linguistics, Spanish, and Speech Language and Hearing Sciences. If you have questions, or to register, please contact Midge at mkirk@mancoslibrary.org. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the front desk. There is no charge for this program, and it is open to all.

The Art Wall for January hosts a quilt by Sarah Hatch.

Happy New Year! The New Year has been celebrated for at least four millennia, and dates back to Babylonia, when the first new moon following the vernal equinox heralded in the new year. Romulus, who founded Rome, created a calendar of 10 months (304 days) that began at the vernal equinox. Julius Cesar set January 1st as the first day of the year. This may have been in part, to honor the month's namesake, Janus, the Roman god of beginnings. He has two faces which allow him to look back into the past and forward into the future.

Let's not look back, except maybe to acknowledge lessons learned. Let's look forward. As we begin with a clean slate, let's create a year that holds good health, peace, love, kindness, gratitude, new things, and growth!

Mancos Public Library is your library, I would like to know what adult programs, art, and authors you would like to have here during this new year. Please reach out to me with any thought, suggestions, or ideas! I am always open.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year, filled with many blessings.

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

A New Year, a Time to Begin Something New

So, last year was another weird one. Life in the time of a pandemic. Still wearing masks. Getting COVID tests and/or receiving the booster shot. Taking time off work and school because the kid has allergies but we must ensure that is all they have. Trying our best to keep everyone safe while we still visit and socialize. Closing shop for a few days until all employees are tested. Cleaning hands and surfaces continually. It has kept life interesting and kept us on our toes. Book challenges and books being removed from libraries in our Nation. Mental health and suicide have become a part of life that we can no longer ignore. Housing and jobs issues are rampant across America. The new normal isn't quite comfortable but it allows us to continue our work and we have been able to gather more often.

It is okay if we allow ourselves to still see the great things going on around us. People are masking up and receiving the vaccine to help protect their neighbors and loved ones. The school has managed to remain open, making our students happier because online school is not easy (I know from experience and do not recommend it to everyone). I have read of students standing up against the book challenges in their schools and communities. And some of these students have won. I have seen people come together to help those with mental health concerns. The food pantry is still running strong and helping our community thrive. Every kid gets school lunch now and, if you have kids, help is easier to get these days. And there now are library books in the Language Arts/English classrooms at the school. Life is happening all around us.

Good things happen, even in the midst of a pandemic. I am happy to see our patrons coming into the library for materials. I am running Teen Game Nights again and although my numbers have been low (max of 6 teens at an event) we have all had fun. I will continue to facilitate programs for teens and am even upping my game. I will run Teen Game Night on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month, while throwing in a Teen Café (because food is the best) on the between week. I hope to be able to run a poetry night in April, a tabletop gaming event in June, and a week of gaming in November. Maybe we will be able to run some extra programs for Mancos Melt and Mancos Days this year. I am always full of hope and wonder. I hope you all will join us at the library in 2022 to enjoy all we have to offer.

For now, let me leave you with some resources...

Are you or someone you know suffering with mental health concerns?

<https://imattercolorado.org/> can help connect you with care.

If you are experiencing a crisis right now you can call Colorado Crisis Services at 1-844-493-8255 and talk to someone immediately.

If you need assistance of any kind, <https://www.swhealth.org/resources/> has an amazing list of local resources; everything from food stamps to housing to home care for those with disabilities is listed here.

Have a fantastic year!

Children's Programs, From the desk of Erin Bohm

A fresh start is ours for the taking! Welcome to 2022! I am grateful for and looking forward to so many things this year, but I am especially excited to resume Winter Storytime (Jan. 10th) where I can share the many new books in the children's collection; I am also really looking forward to resuming our Friday Youth Programs (beginning Jan. 14th) because (great funding news!) I have received a grant from the Onward Foundation to fund another semester of Powerhouse Science Education (every Friday at 9:30 - 10:30 am.)! I am also grateful for the excellent instruction and supervision that my team of youth educators provide each Friday: Emma Karsten from the Powerhouse Science Center, Jorie McCann from Montezuma Youth Alliance and Ryan Matthews of the Mancos Public Library.

Having been the Youth Services Manager and Children's Librarian for just over six months now, it is a pleasure to continue learning about and experiencing the seasonal flow of the life of a public library - both the inner workings of youth services management as well as the lives of our youngest patrons & their families. Our little rural library is like our community's living room and I enjoy providing the resources, spaces, and experiences that are a touchstone during our busy days - flopping down on the couch in the children's room, pausing on a riverside bench in the Outdoor Classroom, walking a snowy labyrinth in the children's playspace - these places and moments help to reconnect us with the luxury of indulging in simple joys.

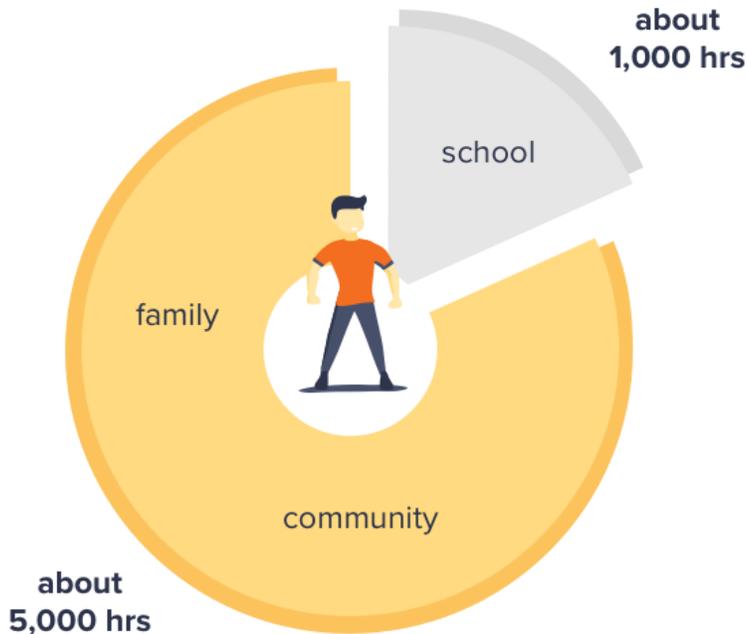
This year, I hope you will take advantage of everything the library has to offer to the young people in your life. There is so much to be gained in the space of a few minutes while you read a storybook! Just like Dr. Seuss says: "You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book!"

An Interesting Fact About Children's Waking Hours

Did You Know....?

Each year consists of about 6,000 waking hours. Children, on average, spend about 1,000 of these waking hours in school.

Thankfully, there are many resources available beyond the classroom at your local library to help children stay active and find a path to potential!



Youth Programming

Our youth programs continue to provide excellent opportunities to engage with literacy:

- fun storytime experiences in our new outdoor children's play and explore space (Mondays 10:30 -11 am)
- Science explorations with the Powerhouse Science Center's educator, Emma (Fridays 9:30 -10:30)
- Reading aloud, listening to peers tell stories & eating free lunch with Jorie (Fridays 10:30 - 12:30)
- Building crafty creations with Erin (Fridays 12:30 - 2).
- Building Lego creations with Ryan (Fridays 1 - 3 pm).

Children's Collection

Throughout the fall, I have focused on building up the children's collection in the following areas:

- Easy Non-Fiction
- Indigenous and Native authors
- Social-emotional learning
- Global traditions (emphasizing seasonal themes)

Going forward, I plan to turn my attention towards creating a newly expanded parenting section that will feature recently published and acclaimed parenting books. It will also serve as space to consolidate the library's many homeschooling resources and books on youth education. This section will be located in the northwest corner of the children's room, where the parenting books are currently located (past the video shelves.) If you have suggestions or requests for books/resources you would like to see included in this section, please feel free to contact me at: ebohm@mancoslibrary.org

Circulation Manager, From the desk of Bernadette Tuthill

A New Year's Resolution is a promise to do something differently in the upcoming year or a resolve to continue good practices, change an undesired trait or behavior, accomplish a personal goal, or otherwise improve your life at the start of a new year. This tradition is followed by millions of people every year. And it's a great way to start the year with a positive mind and clear goals!

Here are a few New Year's resolution ideas.

- Gain inner peace
- Travel
- Learn yoga
- Lose weight
- Learn to cook or improve your diet
- Exercise\Improve your health
- Learn to play a musical instrument like the guitar
- Get organized
- Learn a new skill or hobby
- Save money
- Pursue a new career

The Library has information and help for any goal you choose! So make coming to the library the first resolution on your list!

New Year's Resolutions all are about: trying new things you haven't done before and have fun while doing so! Don't feel disappointed or pressured if you don't accomplish your goals by the end of the year. Remember to just have a great time, learn from every experience and let the Library resources help you!

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, peace-filled New Year!

Cataloging, From the Desk of Kathy Graf

We are continuing to have our Knitting/Crochet class on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays, here at the library. Remember, you can join us if you can knit/crochet up a storm, or don't even know how to start, and any ability in between!

We have some new books in the system:

Easy Non-fiction

I Choose to Try Again by Elizabeth Estrada
I Choose to Speak up by Elizabeth Estrada
I Choose Empathy by Elizabeth Estrada
along with several other books in the series

Adult Nonfiction

The Secret Language of Flowers by Shane Connolly
Canyon Country Explorations & River Country by Gene M. Stevenson
Gun Digest 2022

Adult Audiobooks

Eight Perfect Hours by Lia Lous
Tippy Toe Murder by Leslie Meier
Where I Left Her by Amber Garza

Adult Fiction

The Big Book of Victorian Mysteries
Her new Story by Laura Bradford
Full Dark House by Christopher Fowler

From the Desk of Kira Taylor, Technology News

As 2021 winds down, here's a few technology maintenance reminders to start the New Year with devices that are secure and working as well as they can:

- 1) **Back everything up!** This can mean in the Cloud, through services like Microsoft OneDrive, iCloud, or Google Drive, or on a flash drive or external hard drive. Make sure the precious photos and contacts on your phone are regularly backed up somewhere, and that your home computer or tablet is also regularly backed up.
- 2) **Make sure you have antivirus/antimalware software** on your laptops and desktops that is up to date and running.
- 3) **Update your devices and programs!** This is especially important right now, as a vulnerability has been found in a piece of software code (called Log4j, which you might have read about in the news) that is used by many companies. The companies have been working around the clock to update their software to ensure it does not impact you, but their work only *works* if you choose to install the updates they create. Do not minimize those pesky reminders – update everything on all your devices. One caveat to this is Windows 11 – if you have a computer with Windows on it, make sure you update to the latest version of Windows 10, if that is what you have running, but you don't

need to update to Windows 11 to ensure your device is secure – do it only if you are feeling a bit adventurous, as it is new and likely to have some flaws that will get addressed in future updates. If you do switch to 11, you will have 10 days to revert back to Windows 10 if you so choose.

If you are unsure how to do any of the above, schedule a tech appointment with me by going on our website, calling, or coming in to the library.

A Word from the Gamemaster and Facilities Manager, Ryan Matthews

Trivia Night continues 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/1MlfXOLMMuJr9vQIGTRuQOOx-bs9diNtJgtwI7czH1tY/edit?usp=sharing>

LEGO LAB is happening. For information contact Ryan at rmatthews@mancoslibrary.org.

Other Mancos Library News:

Upcoming Montezuma County Free Legal Clinic: The second Tuesday of each month- January 10th - Please contact the Mancos Library at (970) 533-7600 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. 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 meets the third Thursday of each month, (January 20th), at 5:30. We meet in the Meeting room, socially distanced and please plan on wearing a mask. Join us for 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. We will have tea and cake!

A Word from The Friends of The Library

The Friends Board will meet again in January in the library conference room. We're sticking with the Tuesday afternoon meeting time so join us if you can on Tuesday, January 4 at 4 p.m.

We'll be starting our discussion of the Valentine's Day Bake Sale and Membership Drive among other things.

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.

Happy Holidays and see you at the library!

