HAPPY HOLIDAYS! ALL OF THEM!

"Libraries always remind me that there are good things in this world."  Lauren Ward

From the Desk of the Director, Jared Boudreaux

Happy Holidays and good tidings to everyone!

The Library is always a safe place to be, and the holiday season is no different. No matter what holidays you celebrate, the library is here to celebrate with you! Our only closures this month are

Saturday, December 24, and Monday, December 26.

Don’t forget, ’tis the season for giving! If you or someone you know is currently having a difficult time, make sure to reach out. We have resources and local organizations that can help. Also, don’t forget that our great library relies on all of you just as much as our

What is happening at your Library:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEGO TEAM! See Ryan’s post

Friends of the library Hospice of Montezuma County, Overview of support offered in our area December 1, 7pm

The Annual Wreath Making workshop is back! December 3, from 1-3 with Mary Vozar

Crochet and Knitting on Monday evenings by the fireplace with Kathy
Trivia is live on Wednesday nights!

Death Café December 15th at 5:30

Many Teen Activities see Jenni’s column for details

Children’s programming, please see Erin’s post.
library patrons rely on us. The library operates completely on the tax levy and donations. Any size donation can go a long way towards helping the library to continue to offer services, programs, and events for our community.

Finally, with 2022 soon to be behind all of us, I wanted to take a moment to thank, once again, everyone in this community for welcoming me with open arms. My move to Mancos earlier this year has been a pleasant one, and that’s in large part due to all of you. I look forward to continuing my time as Director and providing the best library I can to this community. Thanks for the great year, here’s to the next one being even better!

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

Happy December, Happy Holidays, and Happy Winter to one and all. There is not a lot going on this month at the library in terms of programs, but we are spreading holiday cheer, and still have lots of books and videos too! We also have Giving Tree Applications.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the Adult Program Survey. We appreciate it and are making plans for wonderful programs in the next year.

The Wellness Series will reschedule both Spiritual Wellness with Jim Mischke, and Environmental Wellness with Scott and Margaret early in the new year.

The Oral History Project is moving along slowly. If you have stories of the early years in the Mancos Valley, or know someone who does, we want to hear them. Contact Midge at mkirk@mancoslibrary.org.
Young Adult Programs – From the Desk of Jenni Kitchen, YA Coordinator

Jenni says December is the Month of Giving and National Volunteer Month

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was drawn up by “representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all the regions of the world” and adopted by the United Nations on December 10th, 1948. Here we are entering December seventy-four years later and we still are working on guaranteeing basic human rights for all.

According to the Declaration, all humans deserve rights based on the “foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world.” We do not have peace in the World and winter will be harsh for those trying to survive in war zones. Not all peoples are free, and justice is not something all people get either. The Declaration is clear. We all deserve “freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want” for this is what we all strive for in this world. Oppression and tyranny are present and very much in the news, as many nations try to do what they can to help those in need. If we deserve equal rights and we are “determined to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom” what can we do to make this happen for all?

I invite you to read the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, just follow this link:...


Take the time this month and drop your change in a volunteer Santa’s bucket for a cause. Give to your favorite charity. Give some time to your favorite nonprofit. Drop some gifts for children in need at your local store. Take care of your neighbor that needs a little help with snow removal or grocery pick up. Stop and notice the joy in the World but do not turn your eyes from the tragedy that is also around us. We are all on this planet together and we do need each other now more than ever.

May all your holidays be bright, and may your children appreciate all that hard work you do all year round.

December Teen Events

Teen Game Night_ Friday, December 2nd, from 6-9pm

Teen Café (Lasagna Dinner and a Movie) _ Saturday, December 10th, 6-8pm

Teen Game Night_ Friday, December 16th, from 6-9pm

Teen New Year Celebration (food, fun, friends) _ Sunday, January 1st, 2023 from 1 to 5pm
Welcome to December - the best time of year to read, Read, READ! With short days, long nights, and many days off from school, engaging with stories in the dark days of winter is one of humanity’s oldest traditions. Our collection includes books that can also help children learn about the many ways that people gather, feast, and celebrate in the month of December and why our days are so short on this side of the Earth during the months of December, January, and February.

Congratulations to our Lego League!!

Last month, the MPL Lego League team competed in the regional Lego League competition in Durango and won the 1st place trophy for Innovation Project and 2nd Place Overall! This earns them the privilege of advancing to the State Championships December 10th in Denver! We wish them good luck and Lego-tastic good times!

The Pinion Project: Christmas for Kids:

Could your family or a family you know use some help with gifts for Christmas? If so, have you heard of the Pinion Project’s Christmas for Kids? Each year, during the Christmas season, Montezuma County families who need assistance are matched with the Montezuma County community members, agencies, or
organizations who wish to “adopt” a family & help support them in having a joyous Christmas holiday. Simply come to the library, fill out an application & hand it in, right here at the front desk! Applications are due by Dec.9th.

Circulation Manager - From the desk of Bernadette Tuthill

“How did it get so late so soon?
It’s night before it's afternoon.
December is here before its June.
My goodness how the time has flown.
How did it get so late so soon?” — Dr. Seuss

December is a busy time for most of us as we plan for holidays and enjoy winter activities outdoors. For some the shorter days and longer nights mean more time to cuddle up in a cozy corner or favorite chair and read!

Have you ever finished a good book and don’t know where to turn next? Your library card can help!

Whenever you check out a book, go to your online account (mancoslibrary.org/catalog/sign in/checked out titles.) Then rate the book. Once you have some titles rated, click on “recommended for you” on the left and your library account will give you suggested titles that you might like.

Happy holidays to all!
Cataloging - From the Desk of Kathy Graf

We plan to have our Knitting/Crochet Group on all the Monday evenings, 6-7pm, except for December 26th, through the end of the year. Come join us in front of the fireplace at the Mancos Public Library.

Some of our new items are:

**DVDs**
Creed II
Shakespeare in Love
The Thin Man

**Adult Nonfiction**
The snow angel / Beck, Glenn.
Janis: | Her Life and Music / George-Warren, Holly,
The Best, Worst, and Most Unusual: | noteworthy achievements, events, feats and blunders of every conceivable kind / Felton, Bruce

**Adult Mysteries**
A Christmas Deliverance: | a novel / Perry, Anne,
The Outlaws [#6]: | Presidential agent novel / Griffin, W. E. B.
Going Rogue: | rise and shine twenty-nine / Evanovich, Janet,

**Young Adult**
The Land | Taylor, Mildred D.
Celtic Myths, Celtic legends | Stewart, R. J.,
Broken Pencil. (Mancos) | [periodical] MAGAZINE

**Juvenile**
Whose Tracks are These?: | a clue book of familiar forest animals / Nail, Jim.
The first Thanksgiving: | separating fact from fiction / Mavrikis, Peter,
What a Wonderful Word / Edwards, Nicola,

**Easy**
The Duckling Gets a Cookie!? / Willems, Mo.
Spotty, Stripy, Swirly: | what are patterns? / Brocket, Jane.
If Picasso Painted a Snowman / Newbold, Amy,
Technology: From the Desk of Kira Taylor

If you need to make an appointment for tech support, please visit the website. You can sign up there.

A few words from the Dungeons of Ryan Matthews, Facilities Manager and Gamemaster

Trivia Night at Mancos Brewing Co. is every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30pm. Teams of up to 6 can participate in person. This is a free event hosted by The Mancos Public Library and Mancos Brewing Co. Online participation has been suspended.

LEGO Lab.

December 10th our LEGO Robotics team, Mancos Mindstorm travels to The University of Colorado in Denver to participate in the state championship! November 19th the team participated in the LEGO regional qualifier at Escalante Middle School and was awarded a 2nd place Overall an invitation to the State championship and a 1st place trophy for their innovation project. The Trophy and invitation will be available to view at the Mancos Public Library for the month of December.
Trivia Night every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 pm at Mancos Brewing Co. Teams of up to 6 players compete for a prize provided by Mancos Brewing Co. Please check in at least 15 minutes prior to the event for seating and food orders!

Don't FORGET, the 3D printer! For complete and understandable instructions please visit the website https://mancoslibrary.org/

Other Mancos Library News:

Upcoming Montezuma County Free Legal Clinic:
(The Second Tuesday of every month) December 13th
- Please contact the Director at Mancos Library at (970) 533-7600 x 301, to be added to the sign-up sheet.

Virtual Pro Se Clinic (VPC) clinics are still offered. What began as a COVID work-around, continues. Rather than 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 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.

Death Café
We meet on the third Thursday of each month, December 15th at 5:30.

A Word from The Friends of The Library

Happy Holidays

Come down to the Holiday Book Sale on December 2 and 3 at the library. The sale starts at noon on Friday and runs through 3 pm on Saturday. Our Book Maven,
Miriam, has sorted and selected the best books to display for holiday gift-giving (and/or for adding to your personal stash). $1 per pound. See you there.

We held our officer election at the November meeting. The board remains as it was with Anne Benson – President; Cathy Seibert – 1st Vice President; Ann Coker – 2nd Vice President; Laurie Webster – Treasurer; and Tulli Kerstetter – Secretary.

The next meeting of the board is Tuesday, December 6 in the library conference room.

All are welcome at the meetings. Contact Anne at southwestanne@yahoo.com for more information.

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.

See you at the library!