

# Mancos Public Library

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“Please, no matter how we advance technologically, please don’t abandon the book. There is nothing in our material world more beautiful than the book.” — Patti Smith



## From the Desk of the Director, Jared Boudreaux

Happy New Year Mancos!

I hope you’ve made your resolutions for the new year because we here at the library sure have. We resolve to do the best we can to assist our community in every way possible! I may also have made a separate resolution to get thicker socks after the weather we’ve been having recently.

I must pass on some bittersweet news that our longtime employee and beloved cataloger, Kathy Graf, has retired from the library. She was a tremendous asset to the library for twenty years, and I hope you will all join me in sending her well wishes. From monthly interactive displays to choreography for the Mancos Days parade, Kathy did it all, and she will be missed.

Don’t worry though, we still have a lot of amazing things planned for this year. But rather than spoil all the surprises, I’d like to start things off by informing you of some of the big projects we have on our horizon. The beautiful Mancos Library was built around 13 years ago, and while it is still a beautiful building, we want the inner workings to be

## What is happening at your Library:

**Trivia** is live on Wednesday nights

**Death Café** at 5:30, third Thursday of each month

**The Art Wall** this month the watercolors of Cindy Coleman

January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30 video conference (in your home) **The Fake News Market** co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters. Please see flyer in Adult Programs

**Knitting with Kathy** on Mondays at 6pm by the fireplace. Day and time may change in the future – check website

Many **Teen Activities** see Jenni’s column for details

**Children’s programming**, please see Erin’s post.

just as beautiful. On the agenda for this year are computer upgrades, new internet equipment, and a completely new HVAC system. Unfortunately, that also means that we'll potentially have some interruptions to our services. However, even the largest of projects won't stop us from serving our patrons to the best of our ability. Regardless of what's going on, I will do my best to ensure you can always borrow a book, surf the web, or just have a relaxing afternoon at the library.

The many changes we're working on wouldn't be possible without the love and support of all of you. Thank you for making the Mancos Public Library what it is today. Here's hoping 2023 is our best year yet!

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

Welcome 2023 and Happy New Year everyone!

We are hoping to offer you some wonderful programs this year. Thank you to all who took the survey. As result, I have some better insights into what you are looking for in programming and will make every effort to ensure you get what you want. It is kind of exciting!

A quick breakdown of what you have told me:

- Most everyone responded they wanted in-person programs
- Most everyone responded positively to some type of community service project. We will try and address this soon. Anyone interested in helping spearhead it, please contact me.
- Thursday and Saturday were the days overwhelmingly chosen as the best times with a runner-up of Sunday
- Most responded they were happy with on-site programming, but a few responded they were ok with either.
- A wide majority chose 5-8 pm as the best time.
  
- Most chosen topics:
  1. Gardening and Seed Saving
  2. Arts/Crafts workshops
  3. Musical performances
  4. Yoga
  5. Creative writing

Other topics that were also chosen, Art talks/discussions, Meditation, Films with discussion, Potlucks, Computer/digital photography, and DIY Bike repair.

Please note that our tech person, Kira, has addressed the computer piece in her column this month.

We are working on a film and discussion series with PBS. This was chosen by a few of you, we hope it will be a huge success. Stay tuned as that unfolds.

There were a couple of suggestions that a gathering of older women 70+ is desired. We like this idea and if you are interested, please reach out to me and we can formulate a plan of action!

There were many kind and supportive comments that tell us that we are on the right track most of the time. Thank you for those!

As always, your feedback is extremely valuable as this is YOUR library! Thank you again to the 25+ folks who took the time to offer their thoughts and comments. We appreciate you.

The **League of Women Voters** continuously brings us new and updated information, and the Library enjoys collaborating with them. This month please note the following.



You may not know that we have a couple of ukuleles. They were a donation from Herb Folsom. They can be checked out and we are working on setting up a workshop with Denise Leslie, who always makes things fun!

**Kathy Graf**, it has been a joy working with you for most of those 20 years. You are one of the sweetest, kindest people I have ever met. Best wishes to you and I do look forward to continuing to see you around the library.

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

The Library Welcomes You to Enter Portals of Imagination and Knowledge this Year!

The New Year has begun and we at the Mancos Library are prepared to keep our patrons (that's you!) entertained and enriched with events, materials, and a welcoming environment. If you or someone you know doesn't have a Mancos Library card, get one this month! A library card is a free key to multiple universes of possibilities!

I am busy getting everything together for a year of awesome Teen Programming. I am starting 2023 with a special New Year's Day Teen Celebration because our teens deserve to be celebrated and to celebrate. Sunday, January 1st from 1 to 4 pm, friends, fun, food, games, and more fun (only for teens)!

The first week of the year is a busy one for me. I am bringing Sadie Rose in for a couple of conversations. Spark the Conversation about Sexting, for Caring Adults, will be on Tuesday, January 3rd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM for adults. For parents, guardians, and community members a discussion on sexting and safe media usage with the teens in their lives. Spark the Conversation about Sexting, for teens, will follow the next day, Wednesday, January 4th from 4:15 to 5:15 PM for teens. I truly hope to see many adults and teens these days have a serious conversation and learn together.

I will still be running Teen Game Night every 1st and 3rd Friday from 6 to 9 pm all year round! We play video and tabletop games, eat snacks and socialize. It is a great time every time!

I am looking forward to more Teen Cafés, where we eat a meal and do something chosen by teens once a month. This happens one Saturday a month, from 6 to 8 p, in between Teen Game nights. Teen Café for January will be on the 14th. We will be eating Ramen Bowls (you can check Let's Make Ramen! YA GN 641.815 AMA to find out why) and watching a Ramen Shop on Kanopy.

I don't know if you've heard about Everyone has a Story. Midge and I are inviting writers of all ages to come together and share the love and craft of storytelling. This community writing project invites all beings to gather in a safe, fun, and free place twice a month to write and share if you wish, those stories! Start the New Year with Writing! Every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Mancos Public Library Meeting Room starting January 12th.

Dungeons & Dragons is still happening every chance the party can schedule time together.

I have spoken with the teens about starting a Comic Book Club and so look for more info as the year progresses.

Happy New Year to All of You Wonderful People!



## Children's Librarian – from the desk of Erin Bohm

Welcome to 2023 and all the opportunities that await us!

This year I hope to look further into how the children's library can increasingly support our community's caregivers, acting as a hub of information, resources, and meet-ups. Two new items on our Events Calendar will help this come into focus: **Community Conversations**, and **The After-Nap Club**.

### **Community Conversations: Childcare**

This month we will begin offering Community Conversations, in collaboration with the Dolores and Cortez libraries. The topic for our first Community Conversation is Childcare. **On Wednesday, January 18th at 11:15, directly following Storytime**, we hope to gather with folks that would like to contribute to our understanding of, and access to, the current landscape of childcare options in our county. Children are welcome to attend - there will be childcare provided in the children's room while the meeting takes place in the community room.

If you have childcare information, are experiencing needs & barriers, have stories of childcare experiments both successful and failed, or have childcare wishes, questions, confusion, or plans - please attend!

If you can't make it to this Community Conversation, please consider attending at the Dolores or Cortez library instead:

- **Cortez Library Community Conversation on Childcare:**  
**Thurs. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**  
(library point of contact - Laura McHenry at [lmchenry@cortezco.gov](mailto:lmchenry@cortezco.gov))
- **Dolores Library Community Conversation on Childcare:**  
**Sat. Jan. 21st 10:30 am**  
(library point of contact - Emily at: [emily@doloreslibrary.org](mailto:emily@doloreslibrary.org))

### **The After-Nap Club**

Beginning Tuesday, January 3rd, caregivers are invited to an informal & unfacilitated meet-up in the children's room to support each other during "the witching hour". Get out of the house and use all the items in the children's room and each other's children to create a mutually beneficial, organically composed, free playgroup. Geared toward toddlers but younger and older siblings are welcome.

**Tuesdays, 4 - 5:30 pm in the Children's Room.**

### **Youth Programming**

Youth programs will resume the first week of January:





**The library is the place to be in 2023. We hope to see you a lot!**

### **Cataloging - From the Desk of Kathy Graf**

I am letting everybody who is interested know that I will not be working at the Mancos Public Library from now on. It has been a wonderful 20 years, and now I am ready to go on to other exciting adventures! I am sure that I will see you around!

#### **Adult Mysteries**

The Lindbergh Nanny : | a novel / Fredericks, Mariah,  
The personal assistant / Belle, Kimberly,  
The twist of a knife : | a novel / Horowitz, Anthony,

#### **Adult NonFiction**

Mesa Verde National Park : | the first 100 years /  
The forever witness : | how DNA and genealogy solved a cold case double murder / Humes, Edward,  
Maybe you should talk to someone : | a therapist, her therapist, and our lives revealed / Gottlieb, Lori,

#### **Junior Non Fiction**

Usborne first illustrated math dictionary / Rogers, Kirsteen.

#### **YA NonFiction**

Student voices from Kenya : | the effects of COVID-19 on learning & livelihoods /

## **Easy NonFiction**

A Kids Book About War / Sarah Jones

A kids book about : | imagination / Burton, LeVar,

## **Technology: From the Desk of Kira Taylor**

Happy 2023! The new year will ring in some changes for library technology, including a new printer, new desktop computers for patron use, and a new login system for patrons and guests. In the next few weeks, expect to see the desktop computers installed, which will require logging in using your library barcode and last name or a guest pass. These new computers will allow access to our new all-in-one printer, which can fax, scan, and print in color, and which will save the library money in the long run, as it doesn't use expensive toner cartridges. We are also going to be replacing our switch and firewall this month. Both devices help to provide internet connectivity, and the switch powers and connects our phones, so bear with us if there are any phone or internet outages as we get our new system dialed in.

I am also on the search for someone to help co-teach a free community class on internet marketing. If you know someone with that background who might be interested, please have them contact me at [tech@mancoslibrary.org](mailto:tech@mancoslibrary.org). As always, if there are other technology classes that you think would benefit you or the community, please reach out and I will try and make it happen!

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

**Trivia Night** at Mancos Brewing Co. is every Wednesday evening from 6-7:30 pm. 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.

**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) - January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**- 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**

The third Thursday of each month at 5:30 in the meeting room. This month it is the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **A Word from The Friends of The Library**

It's time to renew your membership with Mancos Friends of the Library. We all know that libraries need Friends to help with funding programs; buying miscellanies such as electronics, chairs, and sheds; supplying volunteers; and generally promoting the library, community, and literacy. It's easy to renew (or join). Download the [membership form](#) from our website at [mancosfriends.org](http://mancosfriends.org) and drop it (along with your dues, which start at \$10 a year) at the library or mail it to Mancos FOL, PO Box 844, Mancos, CO 81328.

The next meeting of the Friends board is Tuesday, January 3 in the library by the fireplace. We'll be talking about our annual Valentine's Day Bake Sale, which we expect to be in person in 2023. Yee Haw!

All are welcome at the meetings. Contact Anne at [southwestanne@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://mancosfriends.org) and download the [membership form](#). The link can be found at the bottom of the page.

See you at the library!