

# Mancos Public Library

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“In principle and reality, libraries are life-enhancing palaces of wonder.” — Gail Honeyman, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*



## From the Desk of the Director, Jared Boudreaux

Hello Mancos!

Out with the cold and in with the new. Being from the South, I'm not used to all this snow; so, I'm glad I got to make up for lost time this winter. Once again, I'd like to thank everyone for being understanding about the Library's heating situation. But now that we are moving to warmer temperatures, it should be smooth sailing for a while.

I'd like to start this newsletter by letting you all know to expect some changes coming to your library. These changes aren't major, but I believe they are crucial to a smoother running library. Some of these changes are already in effect like our new computer managing software. Others haven't been enacted yet but are currently in the works. Every change on the agenda is aimed at improving the library space to better serve our community. If you ever have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

## What is happening at your Library:

**Knitting by the Fireplace**  
with Kathy Graf Wednesdays  
3-4

**One Book One Community** –  
The Fireballer by Mark Stevens  
March 30th

**EVERYONE HAS A STORY!**  
Second and fourth Thursdays  
5:30-6:30

**Trivia** is live on Wednesday  
nights!

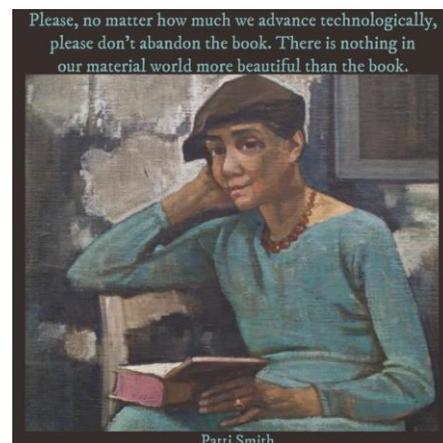
**Death Café** at 5:30 on the  
16th

**The Art Wall:** Stephanie  
Stuckman's Wildlife Photos

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

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

**Women's History Month  
Celebration** March 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-  
6at the library. See Adult  
Programs.



We are constantly thinking of new and better ways we can serve the Mancos community and want you to be a part of those conversations as well. If you have any ideas or suggestions for something you'd like to see at the library, let us know. This is your space too and we value your input! Happy (belated) Mardi Gras!

## Adult Programs – From the Desk of Midge Kirk

Welcome March, the month that...“comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” March is also **Women’s History month**. We will celebrate on Sunday, March 26th from 3-6, in the meeting room at the library. Light snacks, lots of sharing, maybe some music, perhaps a short film, and everyone is invited.

The adult survey that many of you completed (thank you!) indicated that a community project was something most were interested in. We have the first one identified! What we hope to have happen is the installation of a little free community library out in the beautiful outdoor classroom area. Erin has been working on completing grant funding for materials.

What we envision:

1. An architectural/engineering plan to ensure it is weather tight, accessible, and pleasing esthetically.
2. Actual construction (done in teams of volunteers, each doing a piece, or working together).
3. Painting and making it beautiful (again teams can do this so no one person is overburdened, and we hope to make it a multi-generational project including our children whenever possible or practical.
4. Installation and filling it up!

While we do not have plans yet (hopefully next week) if you are not familiar with this very popular concept, here is a photo. Most likely these are not the ones we will be using but just to give you an idea.



While the snow is melting, now is a good time to plan for this. We are developing a timeline and completion date. Thank you for considering and if you are interested, please contact Midge or Erin at your library.

The **Art Wall** this month is the wildlife photography of **Stephanie Stuckman**. Many of you may know her from the Vet Clinic...but she has many more talents!

Jennie and I are collaborating on multi-generational events, **Everyone Has a Story** on the 9th and 23rd of this month in the meeting room from 5:30 - 6:30. Join us because everyone does have a story.

**Death Cafe** continues and is on the 16th of this month (See more under Other Activities).

**Conversational Spanish** continues with Jess, on Mondays at Chavolo's- the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27 from 6 to 7 pm. Join us!!

We are so excited to have local author and treasure, **Mark Stevens**, at the library for an author talk and book signing of his new book, Fireballer, on March 30th at 7pm. This should be a very enjoyable event! Come on down.

Next month (on April 27th at 7 pm) **Dr. Andrew Gulliford**, local author, historian. He teaches popular college courses in wilderness and environmental history and is the author of America's Country Schools, Sacred Objects and Sacred Places: Preserving Tribal Traditions, and Boomtown Blues: Colorado Oil Shale, which won the Colorado Book Award, and professor at Ft. Lewis College. Dr. Gulliford will be here to talk about his book The Woolly West: Colorado's hidden history of sheepscapes.

While this is **not a Mancos Library** sponsored program it certainly benefits many and we wanted to share it.

**Four Corners Tax Help** will help you prepare your 2022 return (or prior years) free of charge. Times are available by appointment. Colorado has another Sales Tax Rebate this year for all Colorado residents should file to receive the rebate which starts at \$153. Kathy Elliot will make an appointment for you at the Mancos Library.

**PLEASE CALL** 970.553.9150 or send an email to [kathy.taxhelp@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.taxhelp@gmail.com) to make an hour appointment. For more info visit <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers>

When you come in for your appointment please bring  
Participants must bring the following: current photo ID, Social Security cards for everyone included in the return, W-2 wage and tax statements from employers; 1099 forms; interest statements; dividend statements; a bank document with routing and

account number for direct deposit; a statement from care provider(s) with the amount paid, address and tax number if claiming child and dependent care expenses; 1095-A Affordable Health Care statements; a list of all itemized deductible expenses; and, if necessary, Form W-2G for certain gambling winnings and records of all other income received. Participants are also asked to bring a copy of their 2021 tax return if it was not prepared by Four Corners Tax Help last year.

Also, not a Library sponsored event, but a wonderful resource, **Hospice of Montezuma** is currently holding two Bereavement Groups, one for men and another for women. They have helped many navigate through the difficult process of grieving. Contact Hospice at 970-565-4400 for more information.

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

### **Celebrate Your Teen**

National Teenager Day is celebrated on March 21 every year. Teenagers are going through a lot as they transition from childhood to adulthood. They experience a lot of changes; physical, emotional, and psychological. They are discovering who they are and what they want to become. I would ask my daughters when they were teens and asking me what they should do in life, "what do you want to be remembered for? Go from there and see where it takes you." I also told them that they could do whatever they set their minds/hearts on because I believe there is no impossible. National Teenager Day is a day set aside for teenagers to know how important and valued they are. It also gives adults a chance to better understand the teens we are living with.

NATIONAL TEENAGER DAY ACTIVITIES (from nationaltoday.com)

#### 1. Treat a teenager

Everyone nowadays, including teenagers, enjoys having a good time. Take an adolescent out and let them have a good time while you take care of the costs.

#### 2. Counsel a teenager

Teenagers are often going through a lot, and they don't always react to their problems in the best way. So, if you are past the teenage age and you know any struggling teenager, today is the best day to counsel them and share your experience with them.

3. Reflect on yourself. If you are still a teenager, odds are you are still figuring out who you are and who you want to be. Use the day to properly self-reflect and plan your life well. Find out more about this special day at <https://nationaltoday.com/national-teenager-day/> And check out my display in the Teen Space this month to learn more about the Teenage Brain!

## TEEN EVENTS FOR MARCH

Teen Game Night \_ Friday March 3 rd from 6 to 9pm

Teen Comic Book Club \_ Tuesday March 7 th from 5:30-6:30

Everybody has a Story with Midge and Jenni \_ Thursday March 9 th from 5:30-6:30

Teen Café (Smash Burgers and Lady Bird) \_ Saturday March 11 th from 6 to 8pm

Teen Game Night\_ Friday March 17th from 6 to 9pm

Teen Comic Book Club \_ Tuesday March 21 st from 5:30-6:30

Everybody has a Story with Midge and Jenni \_ Thursday March 23 rd from 5:30-6:30

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

Waiting for spring can sometimes really test our patience. When we're feeling testy about mud season, plans for spring break, or yearning for the almost-but-not-quite-here shift to Daylight Savings time, it can be hard to communicate patiently and clearly.

Here's a guy that never seemed to lose his patience: Mr. Rogers.

He always seemed to know just what to say when it came time to explain a tricky life skill. Recently, this article appeared in the Atlantic magazine that described his language, dubbed "Freddish" by his longtime colleagues:

### **Mr. Rogers Had a Simple Set of Rules for Talking to Children** **By Maxwell King**

"On *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, the show that he created 50 years ago and starred in, he was the epitome of simple, natural ease. But...Rogers's placidity belied the intense care he took in shaping each episode of his program. He insisted that every word, whether spoken by a person or a puppet, be scrutinized closely, because he knew that children—the preschool-age boys and girls who made up the core of his audience—tend to hear things literally.

As Arthur Greenwald, a former producer of the show, put it to me, "There were no accidents on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*." He took great pains not to mislead or confuse children, and his team of writers joked that his on-air manner of speaking amounted to a distinct language they called "**Freddish**."

Rogers was extraordinarily good at imagining where children's minds might go. For instance, in a scene in which he had an eye doctor using an ophthalmoscope to peer into his eyes, he made a point of having the doctor clarify that he wasn't able to see Rogers's thoughts. Rogers also wrote a song called "You Can Never Go Down the Drain" because he knew that drains were something that, to kids, seemed to exist solely to suck things down.

### **9 steps for translating into Freddish:**

1. "State the idea you wish to express as clearly as possible, and in terms preschoolers can understand." Example: *It is dangerous to play in the street.*
2. "Rephrase in a positive manner," as in, *It is good to play where it is safe.*

3. "Rephrase the idea, bearing in mind that preschoolers cannot yet make subtle distinctions and need to be redirected to authorities they trust." As in, "Ask your parents where it is safe to play."
4. "Rephrase your idea to eliminate all elements that could be considered prescriptive, directive, or instructive." In the example, that'd mean getting rid of "ask": *Your parents will tell you where it is safe to play.*
5. "Rephrase any element that suggests certainty." That'd be "will": *Your parents can tell you where it is safe to play.*
6. "Rephrase your idea to eliminate any element that may not apply to all children." Not all children know their parents, so: *Your favorite grown-ups can tell you where it is safe to play.*
7. "Add a simple motivational idea that gives preschoolers a reason to follow your advice." Perhaps: *Your favorite grown-ups can tell you where it is safe to play. It is good to listen to them.*
8. "Rephrase your new statement, repeating the first step." "Good" represents a value judgment, so: *Your favorite grown-ups can tell you where it is safe to play. It is important to try to listen to them.*
9. "Rephrase your idea a final time, relating it to some phase of development a preschooler can understand." Maybe: *Your favorite grown-ups can tell you where it is safe to play. It is important to try to listen to them, and listening is an important part of growing.*

### **Spring Break for Children's Programs**

Our children's programming follows the 9-R Mancos School District's academic calendar. Storytime and the Fridays @ the Library program will not be offered during spring break:

March 20 - 24th.

### **Circulation Manager - From the desk of Bernadette Tuthill**

It's March! Watch for signs of spring!

Migrating birds fills the air with birdsong. Listen for peepers and the knock of woodpeckers.

Did you know?

The Old Farmer's Almanac, which first began publishing the names for the full moons in the 1930s, states that some southern Native American tribes referred to the full Moon in

March as the Worm Moon because earthworms were thought to appear around this time as the ground thawed from winter, according to NASA. The Worm Moon, the final full moon of the winter season, will appear on Monday, March 6 and reach its peak on Tuesday, March 7. This year the worms will have a hard time seeing the light of day through all the snow.

Did you know?

The library has a set of reliable, high-quality resources for information on many topics including health, business, history, legal information, homework topics, auto and small engine repair that you can access from the website. Just go to the library website and on the top bar click on resources, EBSCO database access to check it out.



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

Kira is working tirelessly to get things that are broken fixed, and everything else up to date and running. It is a huge task. However, she is still available for tech times. Visit the website to make an appointment. If you see her around, be sure and thank her for all of her hard work! (mk)

**A few words from the Dungeons of Ryan Matthews, Facilities Manager, and Gamemaster:** Howdy folks! it's mud season so please take advantage of the boot scraper and pad at the entrance.

**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.

**LEGO Lab** continues through August, every Friday from 1-3 pm at The Mancos Public Library for children ages 6 to 14 yrs.

**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) March 14th**

**- Please contact the Director at Mancos Library at (970) 533-7600 x 301, to be added to the sign-up sheet.**

### **PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES:**

During Covid, the protocol for this service was changed and all calls were handled from home, electronically. Now that we are back to somewhat normal life, all registrants are required to come into the library and wait, in person, for their assigned time. That said, the assigned time may not actually work out depending on the flow of the day. We share this service with Montezuma County, so times are not guaranteed. If you have questions, we are happy to answer them. Also, while you wait, we have some wonderful books!

**Death Café:** The third Thursday of each month. February 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. For anyone wondering what in the world Death Café is: We gather to eat cake (sometime cookies) and drink tea. Our objective is to increase the awareness about death with a view of helping people make the most of their finite lives. It is not counseling, religiously affiliated, we have not agenda, objectives, or themes. The discussions are broad, sometimes deep, always interesting and cover many topics around the end of life. Sometimes we laugh a lot. You are welcome to drop in and join us.

**Seed Library:** Packaging and labeling of new seeds for spring (which is on its way) continues. This is from Kids National Geographic and so lovely.  
<https://email.nationalgeographic.com/H/2/v600000186b32b994fbe14e4f4bbe5c7c0/88ac8faf-a967-4ca8-9cba-893a7e6e6bf6/HTML>

Spring will be here before you know it.

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

Disappointment. We cancelled the Valentine's Day Bake Sale. We probably could have held it with the timing of the snowstorm, but the predictions were pretty ominous. We thought "better safe than sorry." So, now we're trying to figure out a future date for the sale. We considered St. Patrick's Day weekend but realized the Mancos school spring break starts that Friday. We're looking at Easter or Mother's Day. Thank you to all the volunteers and bakers! Please stick with us.

The next meeting of the Friends board is Tuesday, March 7 in the library. 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!

