



From the Desk of the Director, Jared Boudreaux

Spring has officially sprung, and with it comes the usual mix of sunshine, allergies, and the occasional to-do list we can't ignore.

Looking ahead, I wanted to let you know that the library may need to close for a day or two in late April or early May. We'll be wrapping up some scheduled maintenance during that time, and our solar panel installation project will be nearing completion. We're excited about the long-term sustainability this brings and appreciate your patience while we take these final steps.

We'll share exact closure dates as soon as we have them. Until then, thank you for continuing to support your local library. I hope the season treats you well, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

THE CULT MOVIE FEDERATION OF MANCOS presents...



\$5 admission cash or check at door. Presale tickets can be purchased at Mancos Public Library before the day of show. For more info, call (970) 533-7600

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PG
Mild sex & nudity; Mild violence & gore; Mild profanity; Mild alcohol, drugs, & smoking; Mild frightening & intense scenes
CC

MANCOS OPERA HOUSE
Thursday, April 17
Doors at 6:00; Movie at 7:00; \$5
Concessions will be sold; BYOB for 21+



LOST & FOUND



If you think you may have lost (forgotten, left) an item at the library, please check our LOST AND FOUND. We empty out the bin at the end of each month and donate any and all items.



APRIL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Death Café
April 17th - 5:30 pm

For more April adult activities see Midge's newsletter page.

For more April teen activities see Jenni's newsletter page.

For more April children's activities see Erin's newsletter page.

Tween and Teen Programs
Tween & Teen Anime Club
Monday, April 7th and 21st
4:30-5:30 pm

Tween & Teen Open Lego Building
Monday, April 28th
4-6 pm

Teen Game Night
Friday, April 4th and 18th
6-9 pm

Teen Café
Saturday, April 12th
6-8 pm

Tax Season

Tax season is upon us. PLEASE NOTE: This is not a library sponsored program but a very valuable one to help you prepare taxes at no cost. You can pick up a packet at the library and then call Kathy Elliot at 970-553-9150 to make an appointment. THE LIBRARY DOES NOT make appointments. We just offer space for this valuable service.

April Art Wall



The Art Wall this month will feature the amazing tapestry of Rebecca Mazoff

Book Discussion

These are turbulent times and we need community more than ever. A new book discussion group will begin in late May (time and date TBA). This is not a political group, an action group, but a coming together in community to focus on healing. The first book we will read and discuss is Joanna Macy's Active Hope. For more information contact Leigh Morris elliesleigh@hotmail.com.

Poetry Month



April is also National Poetry month. We invite you to come and celebrate on **Saturday the 19th at 2 pm**, with the

award-winning Burton E. Baldwin as he reads some of his selected poems. Over the years, The Four Corners Free Press, Colorado Country Live Magazine, and the Durango Telegraph have regularly published his work.

Death Café - April 17th, 5:30 pm

Welcome April, and with it comes thoughts of seeds, gardens and warm weather. Huge thanks to those who saved seeds last year and returned them. We have begun to package and label seeds for you. They will appear in mid-April. A local guide says we can plant most seeds outdoors at our elevation from mid-May to the end of June. There will be a guide on the seed table for you to reference.



Planting our own gardens may be more important than ever this year with rising food prices and funds to support local growers cut. Let's still support our locals at Farmer's Markets though!

We are offering something new this year at the beginning of the month, Microgreens for you to sprout at home for early green eating. We have sunflower, peas, and kale. If you are not familiar with the health benefits, check it out.

Microgreens are packed with essential nutrients, including vitamins (A, C, E, K), minerals (calcium, iron, magnesium), and antioxidants. They are rich in vitamin C, which supports immune function and antioxidant activity. All you need is a mason jar and cheesecloth. We will print up some basic instructions for you. Come by and get your first taste of spring while seeds last! They will be out in the first week of April.

Encounters with Nature ~ An Artist's Spiritual Awakening ~

A Reading by
Watercolor Artist Jan Wright

**Thursday,
April 10, 2025
7:00 pm**

**Mancos Public
Library**

Journey into the deserts of southern Utah, northern New Mexico, and Southwest Colorado with watercolor artist Jan Wright. Share her magical wilderness experiences with animals, birds, butterflies, stones, and trees.



Happy National Poetry Month!!!

Here are a couple of poems from some writers I enjoy.
 Find out more about Phyllis Cole-Dai at
<https://phylliscoledai.com/>
 You can learn about Ellen Hopkins and her many banned
 and challenged books here
<https://ellenhopkinsbooks.com/>

"Manifesto"

By Ellen Hopkins

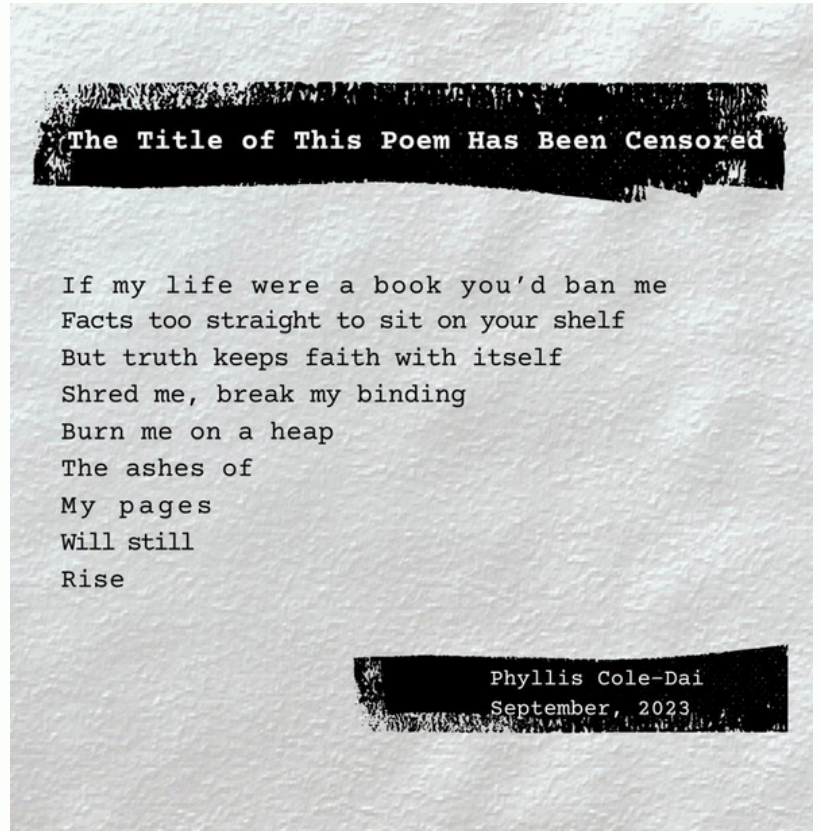
To you zealots and bigots and false
 patriots who live in fear of discourse.
 You screamers and banners and burners
 who would force books
 off shelves in your brand name
 of greater good.

You say you're afraid for children,
 innocents ripe for corruption
 by perversion or sorcery on the page.
 But sticks and stones do break
 bones, and ignorance is no armor.
 You do not speak for me,
 and will not deny my kids magic
 in favor of miracles.

You say you're afraid for America,
 the red, white and blue corroded
 by terrorists, socialists, the sexually
 confused. But we are a vast quilt
 of patchwork cultures and multi-gendered
 identities. You cannot speak for those
 whose ancestors braved
 different seas.

You say you're afraid for God,
 the living word eroded by Muhammed
 and Darwin and Magdalene.
 But the omnipotent sculptor of heaven
 and earth designed intelligence.
 Surely you dare not speak
 for the father, who opens
 his arms to all.

A word to the unwise.
 Torch every book.
 Char every page.
 Burn every word to ash.
 Ideas are incombustible.
 And therein lies your real fear.



APRIL PROGRAMS BY MS. JENNI

ANIME CLUB FOR TWEENS AND TEENS
 Monday, April 7th, afterschool 4:30-5:30
 Monday, April 21st, afterschool 4:30-5:30

OPEN LEGO BUILDING FOR TWEENS AND TEENS
 Monday, April 28th 4:00-6:00

TEEN GAME NIGHTS
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TEEN CAFÉ
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SPRING HAS SPRUNG! ENJOY!

What Does the Letter “A” Say? Learning Letters at Storytime!

Storytime is an excellent opportunity to work on school readiness. And outside of storytime, when enjoying books together at home, this practice can continue to feed childrens’ natural curiosity about the letters and words they see in their favorite books. To model this during Wednesday storytime, I use the principles of the Orton-Gillingham approach and incorporate **Simultaneous Multisensory Instruction**. It helps kids to learn phonics: the knowledge of how spoken sounds (phonemes) can be represented by written letters (graphemes). We do this by simultaneously using three neural pathways: auditory (hearing); Visual (seeing); Kinesthetic (movement).



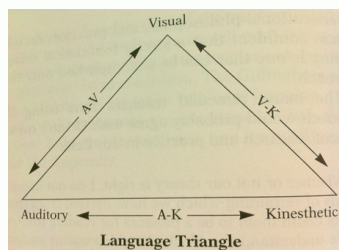
What does this look like, during storytime? On a handheld whiteboard, using a brightly colored marker, I draw a capital letter. I choose the first letter of a word that has driven the theme of the day. Recently, we read a book about birds to celebrate our theme, Signs of Spring, so I drew the letter “S” on the board, saying, “This letter’s name is S and it says “Ssssss, like in the words Signs of Spring.” I ask them to repeat the letter’s name, to make the sound it makes, and to watch my mouth while I make the sound. I emphasize the shape that our mouths take when we correctly make the letter’s sound.



Then I ask them to find their “magic marker” - this is their pointer finger (at storytime we call this our Peter Pointer, after the poem we often recite, “Peter Pointer Up, Peter Pointer Down”). Using their pointer finger, they trace the shape of the letter in the air. We repeat, “This letter’s name is S and it says Sssss.”



When the opportunity presents itself, as it did with the word “Spring”, I will extend this practice to include the next letter in the word to demonstrate how it changes the sound from “Ssssss” to “Sppp-uhh.” We again bring our attention to the shape of our mouth while making this new sound. It is really fun and it really works! This practice is represented here, in Dr. Samuel Orton’s Language Triangle.



Fridays @ the Library

WEEKLY REGISTRATION REQUIRED
www.mancoslibrary.org/for-kids/

9 – 9:30 AM



Drop-Off & Play

- Drop off 4-12 year-olds before science begins
- Enjoy tabletop games, Lego & free play.

9:30 – 10:30 AM



Science//Games & Lego

- Powerhouse Science Center alternates with Mancos Conservation District to deliver S.T.E.A.M. experiments and river activities!

10:30 – 11 AM



Snack & Outdoor Time

- Free snack! Free play!

11 – 12 PM



Friday Art Club

- Hands-on arts and crafts projects inspired by children’s literature, connecting literacy to the visual arts.

12 – 12:20 PM



Lunch & Patio Play

- Free lunch! Free play!

12:20 – 1 PM



Color & C.O.A.L

- Chill. Out. And. Listen!
- Listen to a book read aloud while coloring

1 PM – 2 PM



Mountain Conservation Education

- Explore local plants, animals and seasons with San Juan Mountains Association educators

Questions? Email ebohm@mancoslibrary.org



Let’s Use the New Catalogue Computer to Search for a Book in the Mancos Collection!

1. Type a **keyword** or change the search bar to Author or Title
 2. Select **Search**
 3. Select **Mancos Library District**
 4. Follow **The Call Number**. Use the **Call Number Poster** above the computer; it explains the letters and numbers & shows where to locate the book;)
- OR... If the record says “Available from Another Library”, place a Hold and it will be delivered here!
1. Select **Place Hold**
 2. Enter **Card # and Last Name**



Spring Is In The Air!

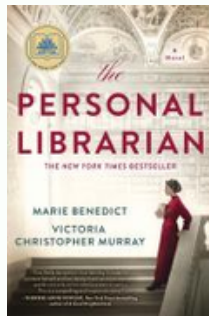
Birds are flying about and if I step quietly outside, I can hear them singing. It sounds like there are hundreds of birds in every tree. I am seeing blades of green grass when I look down at my feet. Yes, spring is here. There are lots of well known holidays in April like April fools Day, religious holidays like Easter and Passover and Earth Day.

Do you know that April 14th is “National Look Up at the Sky Day”

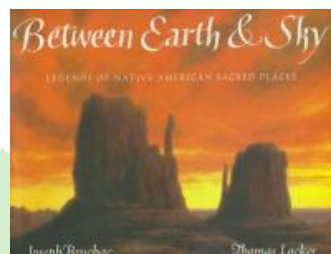
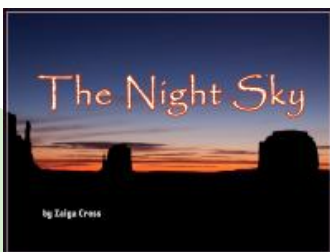
1. Give yourself a break from being rushed and stressed. Taking a breath and stopping to look up at the sky has a way of calming our minds.
2. Mother Nature is beautiful. Look up in the sky to see her abundance like clouds, auroras, stars, and birds.

National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025, is a celebration that highlights the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

This month look for books about Librarians:



Or the sky:



A WORD FROM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



We have a date for our annual on-line auction of a night in the Jersey Jim Fire Tower. Some lucky winner will stay in the lofty perch of a “Room with a View” on **Saturday, July 12, 2025**. We have not yet discussed the timing of the auction but that’s typically a little more than a month before the date. We’ll keep you posted. The Friends are very grateful to the *Jersey Jim Foundation*, which has donated a single night in the Fire Tower to the Mancos Friends of the Library each year. This unique auction has generated significant funds for the library.

Along with other business, we’ll be discussing the auction timing at our April 1st meeting at 4 p.m. in the library.

As always, Friends logo hats can be purchased at the library for \$20. We also have a stash of four beautiful prints donated to the Friends by Stanton Englehart. Two are limited edition that Stanton signed before his death. Go to the Friends website at mancosfriends.org to view and for pricing.

Friends is a volunteer organization that supports and promotes the Mancos Public Library. To become a member, go to www.mancosfriends.org and download the membership form. The link can be found at the bottom of the page. It’s a mere \$10/year and your membership dues go to our amazing Mancos Public Library.

Questions about Friends can be directed to Anne at southwestanne@yahoo.com.

See You At The Library!