



From the Desk of the Director, Jared Boudreaux

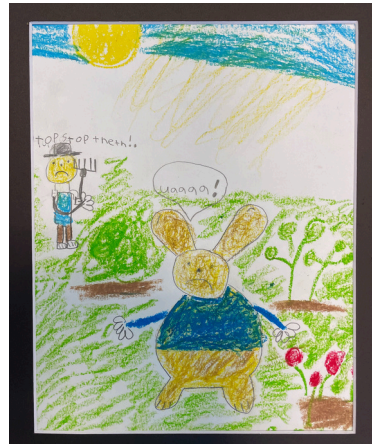
We're excited to share that the Mancos Public Library is now running on 100% solar energy! With 76 new panels installed, we expect to fully offset our annual power usage; cutting costs and reducing our environmental impact.

Soon, we'll also be installing a monitor inside the library that will display our daily solar energy production. Our patrons will be able to see our new system working in real time!

Big thanks to Shaw Solar and everyone who helped bring this project to life. It's a bright step forward for our library and our community.

Kids Art Show!

May is the month to celebrate kids' artwork at the Mancos Public Library! The Friday Art Club meets every Friday from 11:00 to noon as part of the Fridays @ the Library Program for children from the ages of 4 to 12. We have been having fun all year exploring our creativity and learned about color, line, pattern, shape and texture. The children's artwork will be displayed on the Library Art Wall during the month of May. Please take some time to enjoy the creative endeavors of the young artists of our community.



"Peter Rabbit" by Silas Mason Age 7



"Spring" by Charlie Manning Age 4



"Turtle with Symbols" by Bailey Sammon Age 8

NOTE:
All artwork will be available for pick up on Friday, May 23rd, the last day of programing. Please take your child's artwork home.

MAY LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Death Café
May 15th - 5:30 pm

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

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

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

Tween and Teen Programs

Tween & Teen Open Lego Building
Monday, May 26th - 4-6 pm

Teen Game Night
Friday, May 2nd and 16th - 6-9 pm

Teen Café
Saturday, May 10th - 6-8 pm

D&D
Tuesday, May 6th and 20th - 4-6 pm

THE CULT MOVIE FEDERATION OF MANCOS presents... **TOP BROWNING'S FREAKS** AMAZING PRODUCTION of



with FORD HYAMS, BACLANOVA, and ATEES

1932

NR No sex & nudity; Mild violence & gore; No profanity; Mild alcohol, drugs, & smoking; Moderate frightening & intense scenes

CC

\$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

MANCOS OPERA HOUSE
Thursday, May 15
Doors at 6:00; Movie at 7:00; \$5
Concessions will be sold; BYOB for 21+



Seed Library

The Seeds have arrived! We have vegetables, herbs, and flowers, with more vegetable seeds on the way. The sprouts are gone! I would love feedback on how they worked. Many thanks to those who returned seeds last fall. It really helps us to keep the library available for all and healthy.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Seed Library celebrated biodiversity and sustainability through the time honored tradition of seed saving, nurtures local adapted and heirloom plant varieties and fosters community resilience, self-reliance and a culture of sharing for the purpose of resisting the global, industrialized food system that can corrupt our health, freedom and culture through inappropriate food production and genetic engineering.

GOAL: To create a culture of sharing, abundance and community involvement, provide the physical space where people can “borrow” free seeds (to be returned from their harvest to grow the bank) and provide support, education and information about relevant resources. MPL is a model for sustainability in our community. Happy Growing!

If you have questions about soil, pests, planting, or just about anything else, I highly recommend [Seed Savers](https://seedsavers.org/)

(<https://seedsavers.org/>) or our cooperative Extension office (<https://montezumacounty.org/csu-extension/> or (970) 565-3123.

Thriving in Motherhood

Do you often feel overwhelmed? Are you unsure of your role outside of “mom”?

On **May 17th from 1:30-2:30**, Vanessa Martinez, PLLC, will present Thriving in Motherhood.

This workshop will help you find you again while remaining a caretaker for the most important people in your life-your children! There is definitely room for YOU to be YOU! Join us for a fun and informative session. You can find more information about Vanessa thriving in motherhood with Vanessa Martinez PLLC, Cortez Co.



Come Enjoy A ‘Gong Sound Bath’



On **May 24th at 6 pm**, Colette Mee Chong-Armijo, will offer a Gong Sound Bath

Explore the Transformative Power of Gongs for Self-Healing with Colette Chong-Armijo. Gongs have become a powerful tool in the realm of sound healing and offer benefits such as:

- Deep Relaxation
- Improved Sleep
- Enhanced Creativity
- Physical Healing
- Emotional Release
- Energetic Cleansing

If you have ever been curious as to the history of gongs, exactly how they work to bring about self healing or just simply would like an 'up close experience' of Gongs, this session is for you!

The Art Wall for May will feature our budding young artists!



“Fantastical Creatures” by Soren

Mental Health and Summer Programs Begin

Mental health is a serious challenge for Coloradans

Depression, anxiety, thoughts of suicide, and substance abuse are more common in Colorado than you may think. Colorado ranks at #46 (out of 51) for mental health in the United States. One of the biggest reasons we ranked at 46 is that many people decide to not look for care due to the stigma surrounding mental health issues. Colorado ranks at #17 for access to mental health care but many people do not get the care they need because they are afraid or embarrassed about how people may look at them. Having conversations about mental health can open up a pathway for people to search for the care they need.

Just because you sign up for talk therapy or decide to take medication to help with symptoms of mental health this does not mean you are broken, it means you are strong and willing to help yourself. There is help available and receiving care needs to be normalized. If you get the care you need you are setting an example for others and they may look for care for themselves. If we focus more on empathy and understanding, we can help our friends, family, and neighbors through their struggles with mental health.

More information can be found in the article.

<https://www.axismh.com/post/where-does-colorado-rank-in-mental-health-2024-update>

- If you or someone you know needs help finding **mental health or addiction management care** please follow this link <https://ownpath.co/>
- The **I Matter** program can connect **youth** with a therapist for up to **6 free virtual counseling sessions** that are completely confidential. <https://imattercolorado.org/>
- If you or someone you know is struggling, with an emotional, mental health or substance use concern, **call or text 988 or visit [988Colorado.com](https://988colorado.com) to live chat.**

MS. JENNI'S SUMMER PROGRAMS START IN MAY!

REGULAR PROGRAMS FOR MAY

Friday, May 2nd - Teen Game Night 6 to 9 pm

Tuesday, May 6th - Tween and Teen D&D 4:40 to 5:30 pm (party already full)

Saturday, May 10th - Teen Café 6 to 8 pm

Friday, May 16th - Teen Game Night 6 to 9 pm

Tuesday, May 20th - Tween and Teen D&D 4:40 to 5:30 pm (party already full)

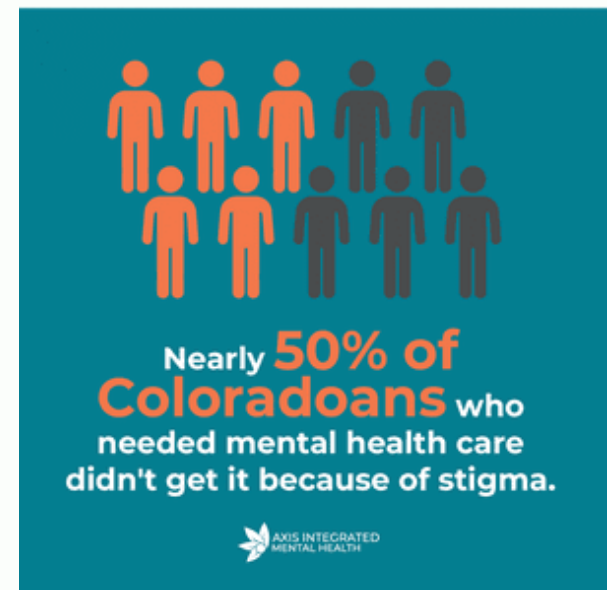
Monday, May 26th - Tween and Teen Open Lego Building 4 to 6 pm

(the library will be closed but we will meetup)

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Saturday, May 24th - Craft: Fiddle Key Rings for Tweens and Teens 3 to 4:30 pm

Saturday, May 31st - Light it Up! Little Lights for All Ages 3 to 4:30 pm



YAY! For Summer fun!



Lots of fun activities coming up in May!

How Libraries Provide Safe Spaces for All Our Community's Youth

At the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, research has been done on the **powerful benefit to youth to have free access to safe & supervised spaces:** "For young people, in a transition phase between dependent childhood and independent adulthood, such spaces offer an important opportunity to develop their skills, their ideas and their identities. A place to continue and complete the process of learning and finding a place in society...a place complementing other institutions such as schools...(a place with) an explicit mission to serve all members of the community, in particular the vulnerable (providing) educational opportunity. Indeed, in many places they are the only genuinely public indoor space."



Your family benefits from the library, even if you rarely visit! Your library provides for the needs of kids that attend our schools, play on local teams & share our town.

"Information is a key driver of development. It is what allows us to take better decisions for ourselves and those around us, to innovate and to create. Providing access to this information in a meaningful way is essential to development. Libraries help deliver this."

Program Spring Schedule Info

MAY

Storytime:
Cancelled May 28th

Fridays @ the Library:
Ends May 23rd

JUNE

Summer Reading Program (All Ages)
Starts June 16th: Pick up packet;
Come to Summer Friday Program 9-10 am

Summer Fridays @ the Library (Ages 4-12)
Starts June 27th: required weekly registration



COLOR OUR WORLD

Summer Fridays @ the Library!

June 27 - July 25, 2024

- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Ages 4-12: Weekly Registration Required
- Ages 3 & Under: Can Attend 9 - 10 am; Must be accompanied; Drop-In

Friday Schedule

8:30 - 9:00 Drop Off
9:00 - 10:00 PERFORMER: Summer Reading Program (SRP)
10:00 - 10:30 Snack & Patio Play
10:30 - 11:20 Playground Time
11:20 - 12:00 Coloring & LEGO
12:00 - Pick Up

Summer Reading Program: Performer Schedule

Friday June 27th THE SALIDA CIRCUS 9-9:45 am T-SHIRT MAKING SRP IN SPACE! 9:45-10:30 am	Friday July 4th COOL SCIENCE Marc Straub: <i>Light Show and Dippin' Dots</i> Ice Cream! 9-10 am	Friday July 11th PROFESSOR UNIVERSE'S FOUND IN THE STARS: A ONE-MAN-SHOW 9-10 AM	Friday July 18th MANCOS CONSERVATION DISTRICT: COLORADO TO MEXICO: THE ART OF FLOWING WATER 9-10 AM
Friday July 25th YETI THE THERAPY DOG & YETI THE WHISPERER 9-10 am MANCOS DAYS KIDS PARADE 10-10:30 am	Thursday July 31st 5:00-6:00 pm Last Day SRP Bubble Dance Party!! Prizes for Reading Logs!		

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

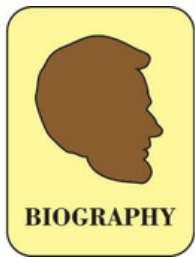
Month of May is Full Of Holidays and Observances



There are multiple holidays and observances for every day in the month of May. Here are some little-known ones.

The first week of May is “Screen Free week”.

This is the perfect time to turn off TVs, computers, iPads, and phones and immerse yourself in a good book!



May 16th is National Biographer’s Day. In the mid-1700s, Samuel Johnson, a biographer himself, met with his biographer James Boswell in London, England on May 16. According to Johnson, the best biographers ate, drank, and maintained social relations with the person they were writing about. However, it’s said that biographies have been around for long before that meeting. They were written historically, and it’s believed that one of the first biographies was written during the Roman Empire.

Is there someone you admire or want to know more about? Look for a biography about them.

Reading is fun!

It is a great way to expand your knowledge, escape into new worlds, and exercise your imagination!

The second week of May is “Reading is Fun Week” which promotes reading and literacy. It is a perfect opportunity to encourage people of all ages to explore new books, authors, and genres, and to discover the joy of reading.

To make the most of “Reading is Fun Week”

- Explore new titles and authors
- Join a book club or start one with friends and family
- Set a goal to read a certain number of books or pages during the week
- Attend author readings, book signings, or literary events at the library.
- Share your favorite books and reading experiences with others on our “staff picks” shelf.



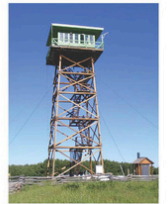
A WORD FROM FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

*Auctioning ‘A Room With A View’
Win a Night in a Local
Fire Lookout Tower*

The Night:

Sat. 7/12/25

**In the Jersey Jim
Fire Lookout Tower**
(NE of Mancos in the
La Plata Mountains)



The On-Line Auction:

Monday, 6/2

Through

Sunday, 6/8

Bidding closes at 8 pm

*Go to mancosfriends.org
to place your bid!*



Many thanks to the Jersey Jim Foundation.

Our annual on-line auction of a night in the Jersey Jim Fire Tower will run from **Monday, June 2 through 8 pm Sunday, June 8**. Once the auction is live, go to our website at mancosfriends.org to place your bid. Some lucky winner will stay in the lofty perch of a “Room with a View” on **Saturday, July 12, 2025**.

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 May 6th 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!

MAY 2025 AT-A-GLANCE! MANCOS PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

FOR MORE DETAILED INFO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.MANCOSLIBRARY.ORG

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY 9:00 am TEEN GAME NIGHT 6:00 PM	3
4	5	6	7 STORYTIME 10:30 AM	8	9 FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY 9:00 am	10 TEEN CAFE 6:00 PM
11	12	13	14 STORYTIME 10:30 AM	15 CULT MOVIE 7:00 PM MANCOS OPERA HOUSE	16 FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY 9:00 am <hr/> TEEN GAME NIGHT 6:00 PM	17 Thriving in Motherhood 1:30-2:30
18	19	20	21 STORYTIME 10:30 AM	22	23 FRIDAYS AT THE LIBRARY 9:00 am	24 CRAFT: FIDDLE KEY RINGS 3:00-4:30 PM TEENS & TWEENS <hr/> Gong Sound Bath 6 pm
25	26 OPEN LEGO BUILDING 4:00 PM	27	28	29	30	31 LIGHT IT UP! LITTLE LIGHTS FOR ALL AGES 3:00-4:30 PM