

Off the Shelf

The newsletter of the Montrose Regional Library District

Summer 2020

Home Delivery, Curbside Pickup of Books Now Available

The Montrose Library is now offering two ways to receive items placed on hold in the catalog. Patrons may now choose between MRLD Montrose Delivery to have items delivered via our Outreach Book Van to your home or by MRLD Montrose Curbside where you can pick up items at the library.

La Biblioteca de Montrose ya ofrece dos formas de recibir artículos que han sido reservados desde el catálogo. Usuarios pueden elegir entre "MRLD Montrose Delivery" para pedir que sus artículos sean entregados mediante nuestra biblioteca móvil, o "MRLD Montrose Curbside" para recoger sus artículos aquí en la banqueta afuera de la biblioteca.

- Patrons may place holds through the MRLD online catalog, by calling 970-249-9656, or sending an email to circ@montroselibrary.org. Interlibrary loans are not available at this time.
- MRLD Montrose Curbside pickup is currently available Tuesday-Friday (excluding holidays) from 10 a.m to 2 p.m. Please allow at least 48 hours processing time before coming to the library for curbside pick up.
- Delivery days will be Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and your delivery day is determined by your zip code. Delivery zip codes will include 81401, 81403, and 81425.
- Staff will not pick up items during deliveries to maintain the contactless delivery system and quarantine procedures.
- Both curbside and home delivery service have a limit of 10 items per household.



- Usuarios pueden hacer una reserva usando el catálogo en línea de la biblioteca de Montrose, llamando al 970-249-9656, o mandando un correo electrónico a circ@montroselibrary.org. Préstamos entre bibliotecas no están disponibles en este momento.
- MRLD Montrose Curbside ya está disponible de martes a viernes (excluidas las fiestas) desde las 10 am hasta las 2 pm. Por favor deje por lo menos 48 horas para que su pedido pueda ser procesado antes de venir a la biblioteca para recoger sus artículos.
- El horario de entrega será de martes a viernes desde las 10am hasta las 4pm, y la fecha de entrega se determinará por su código postal. Códigos postales incluirán 81401, 81403, y 81425.
- El personal no recogerá artículos durante la entrega para mantener el sistema de entrega sin contacto y los procedimientos de cuarentena.
- Tanto la recogida en la banqueta como la biblioteca móvil tendrán un límite de 10 artículos por domicilio.

If you have any questions about either our home delivery or curbside pick up services, please contact the Montrose Library at 970-249-9656 or circ@montroselibrary.org.

*Please note that delivery and curbside options and times may change at any given time. All changes will be on the library website at www.montroselibrary.org or on our social media.

Si usted tiene preguntas sobre nuestros servicios de biblioteca móvil o de recogida en la banqueta, por favor contáctese con la Biblioteca de Montrose en 970-249-9656 o circ@montroselibrary.org.

*Por favor fíjese que las opciones y los horarios de entrega a domicilio y recogida en la banqueta pueden cambiar en cualquier momento. Cualquier cambio será advertido en nuestro sitio web en www.montroselibrary.org o en nuestras redes sociales.

How to Place a Hold Online:

- Go to www.montroselibrary.org → Catalog tab
- LOGIN to your account → SEARCH the Catalog
- Click AVAILABLE NOW & look for IT'S HERE
- Select PLACE HOLD
- Choose PICKUP LOCATION from drop down menu
 - MRLD Montrose Curbside
 - MRLD Naturita Curbside
 - MRLD Montrose Delivery
- Click SUBMIT HOLD REQUEST to complete

Yes, the book drops are now open! / El deposito de libros está abierto



The Montrose Library book drops are now open. Patrons may now return items through the outside library drops. Thank you for your patience! / El deposito de libros de la biblioteca de Montrose ya está abierto. Ahora puede regresar sus artículos en el deposito exterior. ¡Gracias por su paciencia!



Your Library at Home

Summer Reading Starts June 1

It's summertime and that means the summer library adventure has begun! Even though the presentation of the Montrose Library services and programs may look different, the overall mission of the library has not changed— to provide resources, encourage reading, and support lifelong learning. Keep reading to see what each department is providing for children, teens, adults, and outreach.

Youth Services:

The Youth Services librarians will have activity bags available each week from June 1 through July 31 with lots of fun hands-on activities, crafts, early literacy games, and toys. Best of all, there will be a book in each bag every week!

We will have bags for the following age/grade levels:

- Birth through Pre-K
- Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- 3rd grade through those entering 5th grade

There is no registration for kids in 5th grade and under this summer and each child may receive one bag per week. The bags will be available either through curbside or home delivery. For curbside pickup, just stop by the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting June 2 during staffed curbside service and we will get you a bag according to the ages of your children.

If you require home delivery, please email the Youth Services Department at montroselibrarykids@gmail.com or call 970-249-9656, option 2.



Teens:

We're super excited to announce our Teen Summer Reading Program, Your Library at Home! We're lining up fun virtual activities for teens entering middle school and graduating high school, including Yoga lessons and a Writing Club. Sign-up starts on June 1.

You'll receive a bag of library swag when you sign up and you will have the opportunity to win free books and other fun stuff as you complete the program. Sign up on Facebook, on the library's website, or by contacting the Adult Services Department at 970-249-9656, option 3. Have fun, and happy reading!

Teen Advisory Board Update

by Nathan Mathieu,
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"Have confidence in the young people, give them a chance, and they will surprise you."
—Kofi Atta Annan

Since February of 2020, MRLD has established a Teen Advisory Board, TAB, including members working to improve inclusivity within the teen community. TAB is hoping to get teens' outlook on how the library should host teen programs. Teens from 12-18 meet every Thursday in the Teen Space, working to complete projects. On the first Thursday in the Meeting Room, meetings are held where food is provided and members present their progress.

Members choose different committees that focus on one project to complete. Some accomplished committees so far are the Rules Group and Logo Design. The Logo Design committee designed a logo for the TAB during weekly meetings; at the monthly meeting, members came together and voted on which logo would be used for future representation. Also, the Rules Group



developed an acronym, T.E.E.N., at the weekly meetings and then presented a final format at the monthly meeting. Members worked on hosting events in the library, such as Wellness Wednesdays, weekly presentations by community professionals for teens to learn more about mental/physical health, and Monday Movies, a weekly movie night that will hopefully kick off in the fall. Another in-progress committee is the Teen Space Redesign group; members have even presented desired changes to the library director, Paul Paladino.

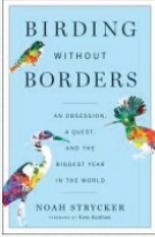
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many teen events are being hosted virtually on Discord and Zoom. In June, TAB will welcome their first dedicated Teen Librarian: Amy Dickinson. If you are interested in joining TAB or attending virtual teen events, check the library's website and social media for more information.

Montrose Library Book Club

June 6, 2020

9am

This Month's Book



Birding Without Borders by Noah Strycker

If you are interested in joining the book club:
 ✉ : lmclean@montroselibrary.org
 🌐 : www.montroselibrary.org
 ☎ : (970) 249-9656

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We've gone virtual via Zoom

Outreach:

It has always been a great honor to promote library services to those who cannot physically come to the main library. The MRLD Outreach Delivery service is the bridge to library accessibility for many of our patrons. In previous summer programs, the MRLD Outreach staff have offered motivation, collaboration, support and development in the areas of literacy and public library usage and this summer will be no exception. Outreach Services will be offering summer materials in an activity bag filled with crafts, story time and early literacy activities, and a book.

The MRLD Outreach Van will deliver the activity bags each Monday from June 1 to July 27 to the offices of the River Meadows and Northbrook Villas Communities in Montrose. The staff will also offer curbside pickup service at the Olathe Town Park from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. each Monday starting on June 1 and ending on July 27.

Please note that the materials in the activity bags will be handled by staff wearing PPE, which includes gloves and masks. Please call our Outreach Department with questions and concerns at 970-964-2556 or email us at bookmobile@montroselibrary.org.



Biblioteca Móvil:

Siempre ha sido un gran honor promover servicios bibliotecarios a los que no pueden ir físicamente a la biblioteca. El servicio MRLD Biblioteca Móvil tiende un puente a la accesibilidad bibliotecaria para muchos de nuestros usuarios. En programas de verano anteriores, el personal de la Biblioteca Móvil ha ofrecido motivación, colaboración, apoyo, y desarrollo en las áreas de alfabetización y uso de la biblioteca pública, y este verano no será la excepción. Servicios de la Biblioteca Móvil ofrecerán materiales de verano en una bolsa de actividades que contiene manualidades, actividades de contar cuentos, alfabetización temprana, y un libro.

La Biblioteca Móvil entregará las bolsas de actividades los lunes desde el 1° de junio hasta el 27 de julio en las oficinas de las comunidades de River Meadows y Northbrook Villas en Montrose. El personal también ofrecerá recogida en la banqueta en el Olathe Town Park desde las 10am hasta las 11am los lunes empezando el 1° de junio y acabando el 27 de julio.

Los materiales en las bolsas de actividades serán manejados por personal que lleva equipo de protección personal, lo cual incluye guantes y cubrebocas. Por favor llame a la biblioteca con preguntas y comentarios al 970-964-2556 o mándenos un correo electrónico a bookmobile@montroselibrary.org.

Adults:

Adult Services librarians will be focusing on connecting virtually with you and offering summer reading giveaways for adults. We're excited to offer two new programs soon:

- "Your Librarian Recommends..." – a series of book and media recommendations to you from your librarians on social media
- "Three by Three" – a personalized recommendation service

Keep an eye out for more information on both of these programs on our website and social media! In addition, your librarians will be distributing summer reading bags to adult patrons in home delivery or curbside pickup. That's right – adults also get to join in on the summer reading fun this year! The bags will feature various materials from reading lists to fun swag items. Each week a few random bags will even have gift certificates to favorite local businesses!

Of course, you can always call or email your friendly Adult Services librarians at 970-249-9656, option 3 or at refdesk@montroselibrary.org for help finding that next great read.



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Naturita's New Normal

by Raena Wedel

Naturita Community Library is happy to announce that we will be opening for Curbside Pickup on Tuesday, May, 26. The pickup schedule will be Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in front of the library.

We ask that anyone utilizing curbside service remain in your vehicle, to prevent any slowing of traffic. You will need to approach the library from the Adams Street intersection and proceed to park in the Loading Zone, facing Main Street, where a librarian will bring you a bag containing your requested materials. You will have the choice of how you would like to receive your bag. You can roll down a passenger side window and a staff member can place the bag on the seat or we can hand the bag directly to the driver, also through an open window. Materials requested Thursday though Monday will be



available for Tuesday pick up and holds placed Tuesday and Wednesday will be available Thursday. Holds can be placed by going online (www.montroselibrary.org) or by phone. Books can be returned at any time through our outside book drop.

Library staff are also looking forward to a "Lite Opening" hopefully this June. This would mean we could open the building to a limited number of people at a time. We ask that social distancing

protocols still be followed for everyone's safety and peace of mind. Curbside service will continue during this time, for all patrons who would prefer not to enter the library.

As summer is quickly approaching, we are also preparing for an unusual Summer Reading Program. We will not be able to have our on-site activities due to COVID-19 restrictions, however, we will have activity bags for the kids. Our theme this year is "Imagine Your Story." We will have bags for kids, age 0-4 then K-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade. Activity bags can be picked up every Thursday, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. starting June 11 through July 23. We request that you register by phone to ensure that staff has enough age-appropriate bags available.

For more information, to request materials, or register your child(ren), call us at 970-787-2270 Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stay up to date on what we are doing by following Naturita Community Library on Facebook.



From the Director: Service with Safety

by Paul Paladino, Director

Those of us at the Montrose Regional Library District have been inspired by the resilience and innovation of our community and our profession to show concern and caution during these unprecedented circumstances. We know that while our library buildings may be physically closed, library staff are busier than ever continuing to safely deliver vital services to our community. And so, the Montrose Regional Library has brought you our Montrose Regional Library Delivery service which began April 28. We also began curbside delivery service on May 19 in both our Montrose & Naturita locations. Book drops have been opened and we are accepting returns. These services are offered after having been carefully planned with the safety of our patrons and staff in mind.



For patron and staff safety, all locations of the Montrose Regional Library District are quarantining all items for 72 hours. The staff is wearing Personal Protective Equipment, which includes gloves, aprons, and masks, when handling any library materials. Staff has designed a process to make sure “clean” items do not come into contact with possible infected items until they have been quarantined. This process uses extra procedures and extra space.

We are looking ahead to when the state will allow us to open our facility back up. When that happens, it will likely be with some limitations as to the number of people in the building at one time and how we must maintain social distancing. In the meantime we are doing things like installing sneeze guards to protect patrons and staff at service points and moving furniture so social distancing can be maintained. Until we achieve herd immunity or have a vaccine, we will be wearing masks, washing our hands frequently, using hand sanitizer, and utilizing all of the best practices we can to keep everyone as safe as we can.

Of course we are all looking forward to a day when we can just use the library as we were used to using it. Until that time, please bear with us as we do everything we can to offer a safe environment for all of us. As things change we will let you know. If you have access to the internet, please check our website for updates.

Staff spent many hours collecting information from other libraries and service industries on best practices for keeping customers and workers as safe as possible. Then we spent more hours hashing out the particulars in our case. Each building is different, the requirements of the patrons and staff are different. Different layouts require different solutions. Our ultimate goal is to get books into the hands of our customers.

New Faces at Your Library: Meet Amy, John, and Laura

My name is Amy Dickinson, and I am a soon-to-be Teen Services Librarian at the Montrose Library. I have worked for over 15 years as an educator in various settings and roles: an inclusive PreK teacher in a Spanish/English public charter school in Washington, DC, an elementary literacy reading coach in Brockton, MA, a Peace Corps education volunteer in Paraguay, and an online trainer for a non-profit that supports communities in playground-building projects. As a life-long devotee of book clubs, I currently belong to three, and pursue my other loves – pizza, poetry, backpacking, and running long distances – in between. I recently received my degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Maryland and am super excited to move to Montrose, join the library team, and get to know the community.



Hello everyone! My name is John Arenas and I'm a new staff member in the Circulation and Outreach Departments. A lot has changed here in the brief time since I started in



March, but it's been inspiring to see how the library staff has come together to find new ways to provide services to our patrons. I came to Montrose from Maryland to do a year of AmeriCorps volunteer service with a nonprofit called the Hispanic Affairs Project. I'm bilingual in English and Spanish, and am hoping to use my roles here to help further develop the relationship between the library and the Spanish-speaking community. I feel very fortunate that I can continue to work with the community of Montrose and explore the natural beauty of the Western Slope. Keep an eye out for me driving the Book Van around town, and wave if you see me!

Hello everyone! My name is Laura and I am an Adult Services librarian for the library. I'm a single mom to two dynamic teenage girls, Caitlin & Cara, and also to



a sweet kitty boy, Sherbert. My little family has been here in Montrose for almost 10 years but I consider myself a native as I'm an MHS alumnus. Go Indians! When I'm not doing library things, I love to explore our area, visit family, and take mediocre photos of beautiful spots with my phone. I am also an avid reader and you will always find a stack of books on or near my bed. Some of my favorite things are tea, owls, dirt roads, and Jodi Picoult novels. I look forward to serving you here at the library!

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