



Off the Shelf

The Newsletter of the Montrose Regional Library District

Winter/Spring 2021

Book Delivery Rolls On

The Montrose Regional Library will continue to offer our delivery service in the coming months. Here are answers to some of the most common questions about the delivery service.

How do I request items for delivery?

Go to www.montroselibrary.org. Click on Catalog. Search for an item. Click "Place Hold" when you have found what you are looking for. Log in with your last name and your library card number. Under "I want to pick this up at" select "MRLD Montrose Delivery." Click "Submit Hold Request" to complete your request. You can also call the Outreach Department at 970.964.2556 with your request.

How do I get a library card if the library is closed?

Call the library at 970.249.9656. The Circulation staff will make you a card, which you can have mailed or delivered to you.

What is the delivery schedule?

Deliveries are made on Tuesdays and Fridays. More days may be added as community needs arise. Deliveries may be cancelled due to inclement weather.

What is the delivery area?

We deliver in and around the City of Montrose and the Town of Olathe. Call us if you are unsure if you are in our delivery area, or if your residence may be difficult for us to reach.

How will I know when I will receive my items?

You will receive an email from the library with a notification that your hold is now available. Your items will be delivered the next day.

Why can I only check out 10 items?

Due to limited space on the outreach van, the library can only allow 10 items per address per delivery.

Will you pick up my returns when you deliver?

Yes, we will now begin accepting returns. Place your items in the paper bag in which you received them, and leave the bag outside your front door before 9am on your delivery day. Please be conscious of the weather and do not leave items outside in inclement weather. Staff will be following safety procedures, including social distancing and wearing PPE (masks and gloves) when handling returns.

Are staff available to answer questions?

Staff will be available from Mon-Fri 9am-3pm as long as it is safe for them to be in the building. Call the Outreach Department at 970.964.2556 with any questions.

Libros para llevar

La Biblioteca Regional de Montrose continuará ofreciendo el servicio de entrega a domicilio en los próximos meses. Estas son las respuestas a unas de las preguntas más comunes sobre el servicio de entrega a domicilio.

¿Cómo pido artículos para entrega a domicilio?

Vaya a www.montroselibrary.org. Haga clic en Catalog. Busque un artículo. Haga clic en "Place Hold" cuando encuentre lo que busca. Inicie la sesión con su apellido y número de su tarjeta de biblioteca. Dónde dice "I want to pick this up at", seleccione "MRLD Montrose Delivery." Haga clic en "Submit Hold Request" para completar su pedido. También puede solicitar un pedido llamando al Departamento de Servicios Externos en 970.964.2556.

¿Cómo obtengo una tarjeta de

biblioteca si la biblioteca está cerrada?

Llame la biblioteca al 970.249.9656. El personal del departamento de circulación le hará una tarjeta, y usted puede recibirla por correo o por entrega a domicilio.

¿Cuál es el horario de entregas?

Las entregas se hacen los martes y viernes. Días adicionales pueden ser añadidos a medida que surja la necesidad comunitaria. Las entregas pueden ser canceladas por inclemencia del clima.

¿A qué zona hacen entregas?

Hacemos entregas en y alrededor de las ciudades de Montrose y Olathe. Llámenos si gusta saber si su dirección está en nuestra zona de entregas, o si nos puede resultar difícil llegar a su residencia.

¿Cómo me entero de cuándo mis artículos van a llegar?

Usted recibirá un correo electrónico de la biblioteca con una notificación: "Your hold is now available". Sus artículos serán entregados el próximo día.

¿Por qué solo puedo pedir prestado 10 artículos?

Debido al limitado espacio en el vehículo de entregas, la biblioteca sólo puede permitir 10 artículos por dirección por entrega.

¿Van a recoger artículos que tengo para devolver, cuando hacen entregas?

Sí, empezaremos a recoger artículos. Coloque sus artículos en la bolsa de papel en la que los recibió, y deje la bolsa fuera de la puerta de entrada antes de las 9am en el día de entrega. Por favor ponga atención al clima, y no deje artículos fuera en mal clima. El personal seguirá procedimientos de seguridad, incluyendo el distanciamiento social y llevará equipo de protección personal (cubre bocas y guantes) al recoger artículos.

¿Está disponible el personal para contestar preguntas?

El personal está disponible de lunes a viernes desde las 9am hasta las 3pm siempre y cuando esté seguro estar en el edificio. Llame al Departamento de Servicios Externos en 970.964.2556 con sus preguntas.





Get Your News Online – With Your Library Card

by Sara Rinne,
Head of Adult Services

How many times over the last nine months have you heard the words, “Due to COVID...?” I know that I have both heard and said something to that effect too many times to count. As a community, we are all doing our best to cope with the pandemic. But it’s getting exhausting! I know we are all experiencing “pandemic fatigue,” and we here at the Library are no exception. That’s why I want to introduce you to one of the many ways the Library is here to help!

Due to COVID, the Library removed all of our newspapers from the public. We still subscribe to all of the print news we have always carried, but they are inaccessible to library users because they can’t be cleaned or sanitized in between uses.

This is just one of the many difficult decisions we have made in order to balance our dedication to service with our adherence to public health orders and our desire to keep our community safe. But it’s still disappointing to not be able to make these popular and useful resources available.

However, in true library fashion, we have an alternative!

If you like to read your news from a newspaper, you can access the *New York Times* digitally, for free, using your library card. And beginning in January, library card holders will also be able to access the

library card. Head over to the Library’s website at www.montroselibrary.org, and click on the “Online Tools” tab at the top of the page. Then, click on the *New York Times* icon, and log in with your first name and your library card number. From there, follow the prompts to create your very own NYT account.

of interest to you in your feed.

If you’d prefer to receive your news from the *Wall Street Journal*, you won’t need to wait much longer! The Library will begin providing free online access to the *Wall Street Journal* in January. Keep an eye on the Library’s website, or follow us on Facebook and Twitter for our announcement when that service becomes available.

For me, locking the newspapers away, out of public use, has been one of the most difficult alterations to library service that we’ve had to make. It makes me feel sad to see these stalwarts of information be sequestered and unused. I understand that the joy of holding a newspaper and shaking out the pages isn’t easily replicable in a digital format. But I hope that if you miss being able to access the quality reporting that is to be found in these two national newspaper treasures, that you will find their digital versions just as rewarding!

If you have any questions about how to use the digital *New York Times*, or in January, the *Wall Street Journal*, please call us at the Reference Desk at 970-249-9656, ext. 3. We will be, as always, happy to help you get started!



digital *Wall Street Journal*! These digital subscriptions will give you full, daily access to all the news printed in these papers, as well as access to the full array of digital content available on the papers’ websites – content that is only available if you are a subscriber.

Right now, you can access the *New York Times* with just your

Your access is valid for three days at a time. Once your three days are up, simply log in again and re-activate your account for an additional three days. It’s that easy! You can then enjoy “All the News That’s Fit To Print” from your phone, tablet, or home computer. If you’d like, you can customize your account to receive specific newsletters in your inbox, or to elevate stories

Virtual Teen Advisory Board



Join the library’s Teen Advisory Board (TAB)! What exactly is the Teen Advisory Board, you ask? A chance to connect and a chance to influence decision-making in the library! If you’re interested, email Teen Services Librarian Amy D. at adickinson@montroselibrary.org. We hope to see you soon!

Join the Library Book Club

The Library Book Club meets on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.. Currently the book club meets online via Zoom. To participate, please email lmclean@montroselibrary.org. For more information, call 970/249-9656 (ext. 3).

Upcoming Selections:

January 2021:
The Elephant Whisperer
by Lawrence Anthony

February 2021:
Finding Dorothy
by Elizabeth Letts

March 2021:
Dinosaurs in the Attic
by Douglas Preston



April 2021:
Flight Behavior
by Barbara Kingsolver

May 2021:
Angela’s Ashes
by Frank McCourt



Youth Services

Activity Bags

All ages now available the first day of the month. One bag per child each month while supplies last. Bags available in the Youth Services Department, at curbside, and via home delivery.

Please call 970-249-9656, option 2 or email montroselibrarykids@gmail.com for curbside and delivery reservations.

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| 0-4 years old | |
| 5-8 years old | |
| 9-12 years old | |

Art Bags

Art bags are available on the first day of the month to all children under 12. One bag per child while supplies last. (Bags may not be suitable for children under 3 years of age due to small art pieces.)



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STEAM Equity Project Coming to Montrose Regional Library

by Tina Meiners,
Head of Youth & Outreach Services

I am pleased to announce that the Montrose Regional Library has been selected as one of twelve organizations in the United States to participate in the STAR Net STEAM Equity Project: Enhancing Learning Opportunities in Libraries of Rural Communities (STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts & math). This project will run from December 2020 through the summer of 2024 and aims to empower tweens and their families, especially those belonging to the LatinX community, around equitable STEAM learning and career



paths.

The STAR Net STEAM Equity Project is offered by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute (NCIL/SSI), the American Library Association (ALA), Twin Cities PBS (TPT), Institute for Learning Innovation (ILI), and Education Development Center (EDC), with funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Look for more information about this awesome opportunity and project in early 2021!

STEAM Proyecto de Equidad llega a la Biblioteca



Tina Meiners, Encargada de Servicios Juveniles y Servicios Externos

Nos complace anunciar que la Biblioteca Regional de Montrose ha sido seleccionada como una de doce organizaciones en los Estados Unidos para participar en el STAR Net STEAM Proyecto de Equidad: Mejorando Oportunidades de Aprendizaje en Bibliotecas en Comunidades Rurales. Este proyecto tendrá lugar desde diciembre de 2020 hasta el verano de 2024 y pretende empoderar a adolescentes y sus familias, especialmente

los que pertenecen a la comunidad LatinX, en base a la equidad en aprendizaje STEAM y trayectorias profesionales.

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¡Esté pendiente para más información sobre esta gran oportunidad y proyecto a principios de 2021!

Servicios Juveniles

Bolsas de Actividades

Ahora están disponibles para todas las edades en el primer día del mes. Una bolsa por niño por mes hasta acabar existencias. Las bolsas estarán disponibles en el Departamento de Servicios Juveniles, por entrega en la banqueta, y por entrega a domicilio. Por favor llame al 970-249-9656, opción 2 o mande un correo electrónico a montroselibrarykids@gmail.com para reservar entrega en la banqueta o a domicilio.

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| 0-4 años | |
| 5-8 años | |
| 9-12 años | |

Bolsas de Arte

Las bolsas de arte están disponibles el primer día del mes para todo niño menor de 12 años. Una bolsa por niño hasta acabar existencias.

(Bolsas no son aptas para niños menores de 3 años, puede contener piezas pequeñas)



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Playaway Launchpad Learning Tablets



Did you know...the Youth Services Department now has Playaway Launchpad Learning Tablets to check out? A preloaded tablet with a guided reading system that helps kids master verbal, reading, and writing skills. For more information talk to a Youth Services Librarian today!

Online Chess Program



The Youth Services Department is developing an online chess program starting in 2021!

Email Mr. James at:

jstetson@montroselibrary.org

if you are interested in joining the group.



Director's Update: Adapting Library Services to Meet Your Needs

by Paul Paladino, Director

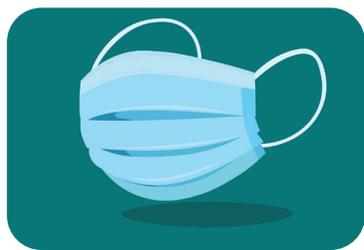
It seems as if all I've talked or written about this year is covid, and we will unfortunately get to that here, but I wanted to start with some good things that have happened lately. First off, the Naturita Community Library



has a newly poured concrete patio. This pour went well and the patio should last for years and years. Susan Rice, Raena Wedel, and Cliff Allred plan to use the patio for lots of programming. I know in the past the children have been out there all the time. I've even read a few stories out there myself when I've been invited to community nights. They do so much in Naturita for their community!

In Montrose, the finishing touches are being put on a new elevator for the Buell Higher Education Center (CMU) which is housed in the old Morgan School. The elevator car is being installed as well as all of the mechanical systems. This should be finished up and ready for the new year. The Buell Center, along with the Montrose Regional Library, got new roofs this past summer. All of this happened courtesy of the voters who approved a mill levy increase in 2017. The District is catching up on the maintenance we had deferred since the not so great recession that started back in 2008.

Now for the covid update. As of this writing, Montrose County is



still at level Orange on the covid dial. At Orange, we are further limiting the number of people in the library. The staff, management, and board are all doing our best to keep the library open. Even though vaccines are on the near horizon, you can help by wearing a mask and

limiting your visit to an hour or less and social distancing while in the library. According to the Centers for Disease Control and public health experts, the best weapon we have to control the spread of the virus is to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

If you can't or don't want to wear a mask, there are other options for you to receive library materials. The library is still offering home delivery of items and curbside service. For home delivery simply go online and put your materials on hold. During the process you can choose whether you want delivery or curbside. Choose delivery and the item will be put in a paper bag and dropped off at your front door. Requested items will be delivered to you on the next delivery day. Typically deliveries happen on Tuesdays and Fridays. You can also call in to the library, talk to a librarian, figure out what you want and ask for it to be delivered. Staff will take care of getting your things onto the book van for delivery.

Curbside service happens in a similar way. You order online or phone in just like above, but instead of delivery, you either choose

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Many thanks to all who contributed!

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"Literature for Life" College Scholarship Apply Now

Reading can open up a lifetime of information, inspiration and pleasure to those who make it a lifelong habit. To encourage this discipline, the Libraries of Montrose County Foundation in cooperation with the Montrose Community Foundation is offering a scholarship to assist the recipient pay their college and/or university tuition and fees. The scholarship award is \$5,000 per year which can be renewed for a maximum of four years.

The application requires reading three classic books and writing three essays. The application deadline is February 28. For additional information, eligibility requirements, and to apply online, visit this webpage:

montrosecf.org/apply-for-a-scholarship

If you have questions please contact the Montrose Community Foundation at 970-249-3900.

the option for curbside service if you are online, or tell the staff member you want to pick up your items curbside. After a day or two to process your things you will receive an email letting you know your bag is ready. Then you come to the library parking lot during curbside pick up times, Monday thru Wednesday from 10am to 12pm, and call the library. Call (970) 249-9656 and choose option 0 and someone will bring your bag out to you.

Don't forget about our electronic resources. If you need help setting up an account for Libby to get e-books or e-audios, our Adult Services staff can help you do that. They can do this over the phone, over Zoom, or in person. They can also tell you about our databases and other ways you can find information online. Youth Services staff have a wealth of information, projects, programs and crafts for your children. Check with them to see what they offer both online and in person, or for pickup or delivery.



As you can see, we are trying hard to make sure you can still get your books and other library materials. If library staff get sick, we can't do these things from quarantine or a sick bed. So please, do your part and help keep the library open. Wear a mask to the library and practice social distancing while you are there. Staff really do love to help you. Together we can get through this.