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The Newsletter of the Montrose Regional Library District

Winter/Spring 2022

30 Years of Leadership: Celebrating a Milestone with Director, Paul Paladino



by Sara Rinne
Head of Adult Services

For the past 30 years, the library has had the same Director – the Man at the Helm, our Fearless Leader! Paul Paladino has guided our library district through big changes, grown our services, and led our staff since 1991.

Back then, some of you may remember, the library was located on South First Street, where the Montrose Police Department is now located. That building, with its green carpet and psychedelic orange and brown décor, was the first library I ever used as a kid, under Paul’s direction.

Not long after Paul’s arrival, he got to work, and the Montrose Library moved



into our current location – a large and beautiful facility that added on to Morgan Elementary, and provided space for Colorado Mesa University. If you love using this library, be sure to thank Paul!

And many other projects would follow. A new library – the nation’s second strawbale library – was built in Naturita, and was awarded “Best Small Library in America” by *Library Journal* in 2011. We added a Bookmobile, and later a Book Van, in order to better serve our communities. The collection of books and materials at the Paradox library was re-assessed, and new books soon filled their



shelves. Of this project, former Librarian Tania Hajjar (who many remember fondly for her more than 25 years of service to the Montrose Library) said this:

“For me, this project illustrates the can-do spirit of the Montrose staff. It’s never a question of “whose job is it,” but what do we need to do to get it done. Paul leads by example. He has always encouraged an atmosphere of teamwork, and he’s generally the first to step in to help make things happen. MRLD is a special place to work, in large part due to our fearless leader.”

Next time you visit the library, please take a moment to look around. Notice the Marguerite H. Gill Children’s Room, the well-stocked collections of books and other materials, the helpful staff, and then take a moment to find Paul, and thank him for 30 years of service! Hopefully this is just the beginning!



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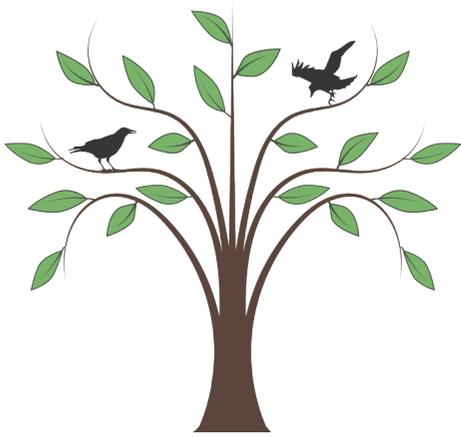


More Adult and Teen Programs On the Way in 2022

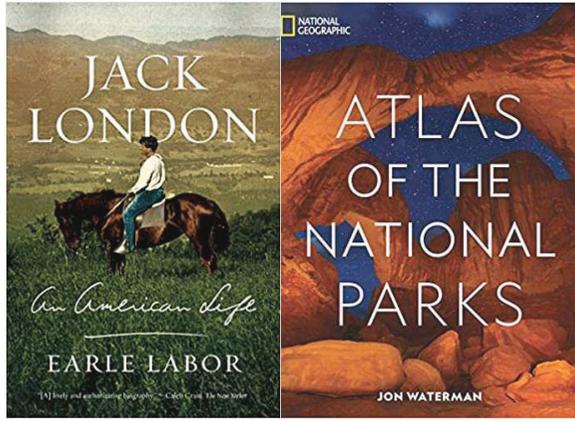
by Taylor Evans, Adult Services Librarian

It's time to say hello to 2022 with numerous programs in Teen and Adult Services! Whether you want to discuss important issues facing the world or engage in a restful hobby, we have something for you.

The Great Decisions program, covering a variety of global topics, returns to the library this winter, and, by popular demand, Death Café returns for the upcoming season. Join us to discuss death, and appreciate life, each month. Email Sara at srinne@montroselibrary.org for dates and more information about these programs.



Our quarterly Opioid Crisis Seminar kicks off with a presentation by Amber Gottschalk, a licensed addiction clinician with the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Clinic, on Tuesday, March 29 at 7pm. An Active Threat training with the American Red Cross takes place on Thursday, April 21 at 7pm. Or join us for our Gardening Series with the Montrose Recreation District and Master Gardeners from the CSU Tri River Area Extension, at the Rec Center's Field House, starting Tuesday, April 5 at 3pm. Email Taylor at tevans@montroselibrary.org to register for any of these series or events.



Adult Take & Make Craft Bags will continue to be available at the beginning of every month and will feature a nature/outdoor theme to align with Montrose's NEA Big Read. Watch Facebook and the website for announcements about craft bag availability. Though Crafternoon meetings are on hold, members may bring homemade items for local charity donation. Email Laura at lmclean@montroselibrary.org to arrange drop-off of homemade items.

The Adult Book Club will meet virtually through February, and ideally resume in-person meetings in the spring, including a discussion of *Jack London: An American Life*, on April 2, as part of the NEA Big Read. Additionally, Jon Waterman will present on his book, *The Atlas of National Parks*. Again, email Laura to register.

Show off your photography skills by participating in the NEA Big Read photo contests on the library's Facebook page! Submissions for the winter photo contest will be accepted January 3 – January 24. Winners will be announced January 31. A second photo contest will take place April 1 – April 22 with winners announced on April 29. Email Sara to submit photos for both contests. Winners will receive a gift card to a local business!

Our Teen Services Librarian, Amy, in conjunction with the Teen Advisory Board, will offer many teen events and activities in the spring! Contact Amy by email at adickinson@montroselibrary.org or text her at (970) 275-9383 for information on the following opportunities:

- Provide input to the library as a part of the Teen Advisory Board (open to ages 13 to 18).
- Join us for Teen(ish) Trivia, inaugurating its 2022 season with a special mid-February Broken Hearts edition.
- Read new books alongside fellow book nerds in Teen(ish) Book Club.
- Submit to the Teen Literary Magazine, to be published in Summer 2022.
- Participate in a Maker Session, held regularly this spring, and learn to play ukulele, make art from books, or test virtual reality games.
- Join the Short Film Frenzy (for ages 8 to 17) in early February, and create a one-minute stop-motion animation short to be aired on the library's Facebook page.

Be a part of the first ever Game Day program for teens, featuring Nintendo Switch and board games, in March. Interested gamers should email Addy at aascencio@montroselibrary.org to register.

We know: it's a lot. So the most important thing to remember? Visit the library's website, Facebook page, or call Teen/Adult Services at (970) 249-9656 ext. 3 for more information on any of these programs.

Imagine a Library... Right in Your Pocket

by Sara Rinne,
Head of Adult Services

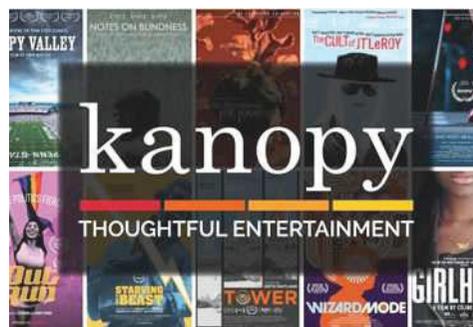
One of the things I love best about the library as it exists today is that it is accessible from *anywhere*. If you have a phone, you can carry the library in your pocket! While, for me, nothing will ever, ever, replace the weight of a real, physical book in my hands, I do get super excited when I can help people (or dazzle my friends and family) find reliable information or great entertainment right from a mobile device. Let me explain!

You probably already know about Libby, our library app that allows anyone with a library card to access thousands of electronic books, audiobooks, comics and magazines right from your phone, tablet or computer. Libby is one of our most popular library offerings with monthly check-outs numbering in the thousands. However, you may not be aware that you can now use Libby to access Univer-



sal Class – where you can take self-paced courses in everything from Excel to Cake Decorating! If you want to learn a new skill at your own pace and with zero pressure, you have to check out UClass. I promise, if you want to learn it, it will be there!

Kanopy is also now accessible through the Libby app! Now you can watch quality, award winning and popular movies, plus the Great Courses lecture series, for free using just your library card. And Kanopy has a whole site just for kids too – not only full of fun movies and shows for younger patrons,



but also contains entertaining animated story books so that kids can listen and read along with some of their favorite stories. You can find Kanopy and Kanopy Kids on the library's website too, in addition to the Libby app!

If you like to sew, knit or do craft projects, check out Creativebug! This database contains over 1,000 DIY tutorials and classes for crafting. Once you create a free account using your library card, you will have access to the Creativebug library of projects. The hardest part is deciding which one to start first!

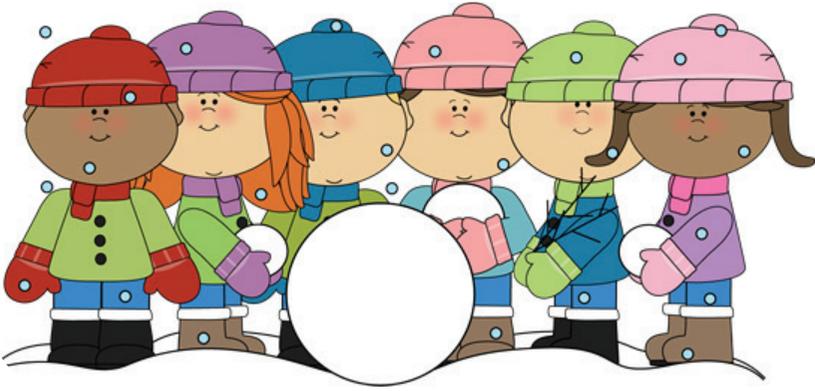
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Your library card also offers you access to auto repair information, small engine repair, genealogy resources, academic journals, health information, book recommendations, business and residential data, and so much more just by checking out our databases! Plus, you can read the *New York Times & Wall Street Journal* every day online for free!

Our Reference Librarians would love to show you how to access our online resources, apps, and databases using your library card. Stop by the Reference Desk, and we will show you how to take the library with you wherever you go!

Youth Services Activity Guide



Weekly Programs

Reading to Rover
Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Visit with a Morningstar Therapy dog to practice reading and social skills. This program is designed

for children 4-11 years old.
*Requires registration—contact a Youth Services Librarian.

LEGO Club
Wednesdays from 3:00pm to 4:00pm
Design, build, and have fun with LEGO building blocks. This program is designed for children 4-11 years old. Space is limited. Attendance is first come, first seated.

Chess Club
Tuesdays 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Learn and play chess in person or virtually. Chess sets provided. All ages welcome.

Monthly Programs

STREAM Jr
Second Saturday of the Month
11:00am to 11:45am

Learn about science and art through stories and simple activities and crafts. This program is designed for children 4-7 years old.
*Adult must attend with child.

STREAM
Second Saturday of the Month
12:00pm to 12:45pm

Have fun learning about different science and art topics through hands-on exploration and activities. This program is designed for children 8-11 years old.

Weekly Storytimes

Reading Bubbles Storytime
Tuesdays from 10:00am to 10:30am

Enjoy a mix of stories, songs, and a craft activity. This program is designed for childcare and large groups with children 3-6 years old.

Baby & Me Storytime
Wednesdays from 10:00am to 10:30am

Enjoy early literacy through stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is designed for children birth to 2 years old.

Family Storytime
Thursdays from 10:00am to 10:30am

Engage in interactive stories, songs, and play for the whole family. All ages welcome.

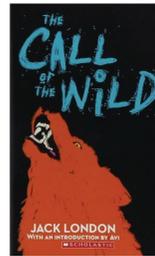
*Space is limited.
Attendance is first come, first seated.

NEA Big Read: Montrose

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

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Did you know....you can get a free copy of *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London?

Just stop by the Adult or Youth Services Desks to get yours today!

Please note that safety measures will be in place as directed by the MRLD Administration. Programs may be cancelled at any time. Programs will have limited seating and may be outside, weather permitting. Please dress accordingly. Masks are not required but are recommended.

Guía de actividades de servicios juveniles

Hora de Cuentos Semanales

Hora de Cuentos con Burbujas
Martes de 10:00 a 10:30 a.m.

Disfruten de una mezcla de historias, canciones y una manualidad. Este programa está diseñado para guarderías y grupos grandes con niños de 3 a 6 años.

Hora de Cuentos Bebé & Yo
Miércoles de 10:00 a 10:30 a.m.

Disfruten de alfabetización temprana a través de historias, canciones y rimas. Este programa está diseñado para niños de 0 a 2 años.

Hora de Cuentos de la Familia
Jueves de 10:00am a 10:30am

Participen en cuentos interactivos, canciones, y juego para toda la familia. Todas edades son bienvenidas.

El espacio es limitado. La asistencia es por orden de llegada.

Programas Semanales

Leyendo a Rover
Martes de 3:30 a 4:30 p.m.

Visita a un perro de Morningstar Therapy para practicar la lectura y habilidades sociales. Este programa está diseñado para niños de 3 a 11 años.

*Requiere registrarse; comuníquese con el departamento de servicios juveniles.

Club de LEGO
Miércoles de 3:00 a 4:00 p.m.

Diseña, construye y diviértete con los bloques de construcción LEGO. Este programa está diseñado para niños de 4 a 11 años.

El espacio es limitado. La asistencia es por orden de llegada.

Club de Ajedrez
Martes de 4:00 a 5:00 p.m.

Aprende y juega ajedrez en persona o virtualmente. Se proporcionan juegos de ajedrez. Todas las edades son bienvenidas.

Programas Mensuales

STREAM Jr
Segundo sábado del mes
11:00am a 11:45am

Aprende sobre ciencia y arte a través de historias, actividades y manualidades sencillas. Este programa está diseñado para niños de 5 a 8 años. * Un adulto debe estar presente.

STREAM
Segundo sábado del mes
12:00pm a 12:45pm

Diviértete aprendiendo sobre diferentes temas de ciencia y arte cada semana. Este programa está diseñado para niños de 8 a 11 años.

Tenga en cuenta que se implementarán medidas de seguridad según las instrucciones de la Administración de MRLD y los programas pueden cancelarse en cualquier momento. Los programas se llevarán a cabo en la sala de reuniones con asistencia limitada o al aire libre, si el clima lo permite. No se requieren cubre bocas, pero se recomiendan.

Regreso la misión de medallas! Pregúntanos sobre la medalla del mes!



KITS

Pregunte a un bibliotecario de servicios juveniles sobre los kits educativos y las mochilas que su familia puede llevar durante una semana. ¡Hagan un viaje a un parque estatal, observen las estrellas, aprendan sobre la importancia del agua y mucho más!



Montrose Library Events

Events may be virtual. Please call the library at 970-249-9656 for more information.

Children's Events:

(see page 3 for weekly & monthly events)

- ◇ Short Film Frenzy – February 5, 11am-12:30pm (Kids 8-17, stop motion animation program, part of the STEAM Equity Grant.)
- ◇ Dark Sky Storytelling @ Ute Indian Museum – March 11, 6-8pm (All ages)
- ◇ A Day in History – April 9, 11am-12pm at the Montrose Library, part of the NEA Big Read Grant.

Teen Events:

- ◇ Teen Advisory Board Meetings – Wednesdays, 6-7pm
- ◇ Teen(ish) Book Club – Thursday, February 24, at 4:15pm and Wednesday, April 6, at 4:30pm

- ◇ Teen(ish) Maker Series: Book Folding – Wednesday, February 2, from 4:30-5:30pm
- ◇ Broken Hearts Teen(ish) Trivia – Wednesday, Feb 16, 7-8pm
- ◇ Teen(ish) Game Night – Wednesday, March 16, 5-7pm
- ◇ Final day of submissions accepted for Teen(ish) Literary Magazine – midnight on April 30

Adult Events:

(see page 2 for more details)

- ◇ Library Book Club – first Saturday of each month, 9am via Zoom
- ◇ Opioid Seminar – Tuesday, March 29 at 7pm
- ◇ Gardening Event – Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm
- ◇ Red Cross – Active Threat - Thursday, April 21 at 7pm

Outreach Delivery:

- ◇ Every Tuesday – Blue zone (North of Main, along and West of Chipeta, Olathe)
- ◇ Every Friday – Purple zone (South of Main, East of Chipeta)

Curbside Pickup:

- ◇ Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10am-noon

Board of Trustees Meetings:

- ◇ First Monday of each month

Holiday Closures:

- ◇ Sunday, April 17th – Easter Sunday
- ◇ Monday, May 30th – Memorial Day

News from Naturita

by Raena Wedel, Library Assistant

The last two years have been crazy for all of us, however the end of 2021 saw a bit of normalcy return to the West End with some of our in-person programs returning and plans for upcoming programs. The Early Literacy Outreach program and Adult Book Club have both returned to in-person, while our Teen/Adult craft bags are still a grab-and-go.

The Early Literacy Program is back in full swing with a librarian being able to go into the preschool and read, sing, and do crafts once a week, along with our in-house program. This year we were able to expand the Early Literacy Outreach Program to include the Paradox Valley Preschool as well, allowing us to serve around 40 kids each week.

The Adult Book Club started back up in September with 8 members and has grown to 13 in the months since. Members have read and discussed four books so far with January's book club drawing closer. Some titles they have read are *Double Wide* by Leo W. Banks and *The Sisters Brothers* by Patrick



DeWitt. The January book is *Odds Against Tomorrow* by Nathaniel Rich.

The response to our Teen/Adult grab-and-go craft bags has been so positive that we decided to continue it even though we are able to do in-person activities. There has been a wide-spread appreciation of the convenience of having everything in a bag with instructions. We make 30-40 Teen/Adult craft bags each month and patrons pick them up at their leisure.

We have also started planning our 2022 Summer Reading Program. Books, Crafts and Playing, oh my! We can't wait for warm weather and listening to the kids laughing as they play, or their Oh's and Ah's at pictures in books.

We love our West End communities and the relationships we build and strengthen each day. We are ready to see what 2022 brings!

Robotics Collaboration

by Susan Rice, Branch Manager

The staff at Naturita Community Library are pleased to announce the continuation of "First Lego League" after school program. The Pinhead Institute supplies the facilitators, Jackson from Telluride and Evan from Nucla, as well as equipment. This program is important to students who are invested in their future, a future of robotics.

The program runs from 3:30-5:30pm on Wednesdays. This fall there were so many students registered that we divided the sessions. The first and third Wednesdays of the month are for 3rd-5th graders and the second and fourth Wednesdays are for grades K-2.

Robotics is the future for our students. At Naturita Community Library, we are invested in the future of the students of our community.



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