Welcome to Montrose Regional Library’s new school newsletter!

Here Comes Summer Reading!

WOW, this school year is almost gone! Before you know it, you’ll be enjoying a well-deserved break. Summer is a time when folks get away or just relax. But while you’re winding down, we’ll be revving up with our annual Summer Library Adventure!

For two months every year, public libraries across the country participate in reading programs and special events that only occur during this time. We spend months curating new book collections, gathering materials, and planning for programs that will bring fun for everyone alongside a healthy dose of literature through those stagnant summer months. Though we’re not hosting in-person programming at Montrose Regional Library this summer, we have other great summer offerings for you, your family, and your students, all starting June 1.

This summer’s theme, Tails & Tales, focuses on animal stories from around the world. Your friendly neighborhood librarians have designated each week for a particular type of animal: water, air, land, working, near your home, endangered, prehistoric, future and fantasy. Each week, kids that register will get a Program Packet full of fun stuff to do at home or out in our beautiful town. Crafts, games, and puzzles are just a few examples of the literacy-based fun we have in store for you. And it’s not just for kids; Teen and Adult Services will have incredible activities for the older bibliophiles in your life to enjoy. Plus, you can participate from anywhere – you don’t have to stick around Montrose. So next time you stop by the library, call us, or visit us online, make sure to ask about the SLA (Summer Library Adventure)!

Are you a parent with childcare needs? We want to hear from you! Take the Childcare Needs Survey for Montrose County:

https://www.research.net/r/MontroseChildcare

¿Es usted un padre con necesidades de cuidado de niños? ¡Queremos escuchar de ti! Tome la Encuesta Sobre las Necesidades de Cuidados Infantiles para el Condado de Montrose:

https://es.research.net/r/CuidadosInfantilesMontrose
Youth Summer Reading Program

While the Summer Library Adventure is open to all library patrons, the youth services librarians have some truly fantastic things in store for kids 11 (or 5th grade) and younger, and registration opens June 1. Back again are SLA passports, which will guide kids through each week using factoids and activities that can be done from almost anywhere. When you come into the library and register, or do so online, you’ll get a free book to kickstart your summer reading and then libro número dos will come to you at the completion of the Summer Library Adventure the last week of July.

In years past, we’ve had community-wide challenges to increase participation. Recently, kids weighed the books they read and after compiling over a ton of literature, they earned an entire classroom set of LEGOs which are used regularly for LEGO programs in non-COVID settings. We anticipate more parts of library life returning to normal soon and, as such, have a great challenge for kids to join us in this year! Not long ago, we opened gaming computers to kids in the library and they were a big hit. Once pre-COVID life returns, those computers (plus some new ones) will be added to the children’s area and we need help deciding what to purchase. So, as kids relay to us what books they’ve read through the summer, they’ll get more and more votes for not only computer games but also big analog games (think GIANT checkers). At the end of the Summer Library Adventure, we’ll tally up the votes and reveal what new games will grace our library environment to extend every child’s library adventure well past summer.

Virtual Libraries

You’re probably winding down the school year with your kids, and I bet you’ll try to avoid computer screens for a while now that classrooms are closed for summer break. However, if you’re in need of quick digital content for the remainder of the school year or to connect you to online literacy events this summer, the Montrose Regional Library has you covered.

Over the past year we have developed excellent Virtual Library webpages that patrons, like yourself, can freely access through our website: montroselibrary.org. Once you’ve clicked on the KIDS tab and selected Montrose Kids, an image and title for the virtual content will appear. You’ll find bitmojis (librarian caricatures) surrounded by images that link to read alouds, crafts, science projects, songs, and games for kids to enjoy solo or for adults to share with their kids. What’s more, the content changes regularly so you always get fresh information! Each library department has its own virtual library room, so you can do deep dives into what Teen Services, Adult Services, Outreach, or Circulation Librarians are also doing. Want details on interlibrary loans? There’s a link. Do you need to have a passport made? There’s a link. There are so many library details nestled into our Virtual Library, we cannot list them all here!


Click on different rooms to visit the Children’s Room, Teen Space, Adult Services, Outreach, and Circulation!

Teen Services for Educators

Teen Summer Reading Program

Whether teens love spotting bighorn sheep in the Curecanti, taking their dog to the park, capturing the perfect sunset photo, or reading about adventures on the high seas in Leigh Bardugo’s Grishaverse, this year’s Teen Summer Reading Program, Tales & Tails, has something for them.

Starting June 1, anyone age 12 to 18 can register for the TSRP by filling out the registration form at bit.ly/tsrp2021 or in person at the library. Every teen(ish) registrant will receive a free new book and a bag of goodies to aid them in their summer adventures.

Live programs will include workshops on scats and tracks identification and how to draw anime animals. Contests will include an animal photo contest (cute pets and wildlife entries encouraged) as well as an animal-themed creative challenge. Two prize winners, chosen by a group of teen judges, will be selected for each.

Reading and reviewing books and participating in contests or programs will earn participants entries into one of four grand prize raffles. So, the more teens read, the more chances to win a grand prize!

Full program details will be included in the Teen Summer Reading Program bag. Registration opens on June 1 at bit.ly/tsrp2021 or in the library, and the program ends July 31. Everyone ages 12 to 18 is welcome! Have questions? Reach out to Amy, the Teen Services Librarian, at adickinson@montroselibrary.org or 970-275-9383 (call/text).

Electronic Resources for Educators

Summer E-Resource Spotlight: Driver’s Education Resources

Did you know...
• You can get access to free DMV permit practice tests with just your library card!
• Driving-tests.org, in partnership with MRLD, offers six permit practice tests.
• The site features additional road signs and fines and limits tests.
• A CO DMV Exam Simulator leads you through tests in the same format you would encounter at the DMV.
• An FAQ section answers common questions about applying for your license.

Find the resource: 1) visit montroselibrary.org and choose “Online Tools.” 2) Click on the link for “Databases.” 3) Scroll down and click on Driving-tests.org. 4) Choose whichever feature you hope to explore first!
Upcoming Programs

For Everybody!

• Sharpen your senses and get your summer wildlife identification on with Colorado Parks and Wildlife. As a part of the Tales & Tails Summer Reading Program, CPW will present a Scats & Tracks talk for all ages on Wednesday, July 21, at 11am on Zoom.

To sign up for the program and get the Zoom link, contact Sara Rinne at srinne@montroselibrary.org or 970-249-9656, option 3

Teen/Tween Programs

• This spring and summer, teens and tweens are invited to plant and tend a garden plot in the Hilltop Family Resource Center’s Youth Garden! Anyone between ages 11 and 18 who is interested in the environment, growing food, cultivating habitats for pollinators, or just spending some time outside is welcome. Students can earn community service hours for their work!

Contact Amy for more details:
e-mail adickinson@montroselibrary.org or call/text 970-275-9383

Black Canyon Traveling Trunks

• The Black Canyon of the Gunnison has free, fun, hands-on science lessons for middle school students! With the Black Canyon traveling trunks, students conduct an investigation into the density of three mystery rocks, which helps them understand the geologic story of the Black Canyon.

• For Grades 6-8, includes content for roughly one 90-minute class

Contact Youth Services at (970) 249-9656, Option 2 or email montroselibrarykids@gmail.com

Give us your feedback on what you want to see in the Educator Newsletter!
https://montroselibrary.org

Sign up at https://bit.ly/MRLDednewsletter
(URL is case-sensitive)

The Montrose Regional Library District fosters community by providing resources, encouraging reading, and supporting lifelong learning.

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