Welcome to Montrose Regional Library’s school and educator newsletter!

Summer Library Programs Are Back!
This summer, the Montrose Regional Library is thrilled to bring you a titan of literature. You might know some of his works, such as One Dead Spy, Big Bad Ironclad, or Donner Dinner Party. With his talented artwork and comical wit, New York Times best-selling author and graphic novelist Nathan Hale will share his love of reading and history with you! Make time on June 22nd to enjoy one of several programs he has to offer. For preschool-aged kids up through second graders, he has a short, silly cartooning program in which he teaches how to draw different characters using simple shapes. Third- and fourth-grade students can enjoy an annotated version of his classic American history program. Then, he’ll provide a pair of history programs for fifth grade and older audiences – not for little kids! You’ll hear one of two special stories from our nation’s past as only Mr. Hale can tell them, full of humor, sarcasm, and a touch of the macabre. This is just one of the many summer programs for youth, teens, and adults. Find more information inside this newsletter and on the library website starting June 1st.

For more information, contact James the Librarian by email at jstetson@montroselibrary.org or stop by and visit!

Comic Creation Workshop

Does your child like to draw cartoons or comics? Learn art strategies from a comic master! Nathan Hale will lead 30-minute cartooning workshops for third graders and up, designed to give kids the basics of cartooning and a few tricks he uses when creating content. More information will be available June 1st.
Summer Reading Program Theme and Activity Tracker

A library holds OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES! This summer's theme is all about water, and your librarians at Montrose Regional Library have a lot for you to do. Upon registration for the Summer Reading Program, kids will get their choice of a free book and an activity tracker. The tracker is a great place to mark your progress as you complete different library activities – and if you complete them all, you win cool prizes!

The summer will also be FILLED with special water-themed programs for children (read a little more about them below), as well as the usual favorites: Story Times, Chess Club, Reading to Rover, Lego Club, STREAM and STREAM, Jr., and Books-n-Bites, the book club for ages 9(ish) to 13(ish). All the fun will culminate in an end-of-summer family celebration. (Spoiler: snow cones might be involved.)

For additional information, please ask a Youth Services librarian, visit the library's website or Facebook page starting June 1, or sign up in person at the library.

Youth Summer Reading Programs

How many events can the library host about water?! A LOT!!! Every week you’ll be invited to play, read, craft, and explore as we learn how water impacts our town and the world we live in. Librarians lead many of the activities, but we have asked for help from local and statewide experts so our programs really make a splash! Participants will discover amazing things: where our water comes from, how to make art with water, how sound affects water, and how fast water can be. So take a dip into your local library and see what all the fuss is about this summer! Full program details will be available online.

New Kits Available for Checkout!

Do you like coding? Enjoy playing games? Have you wanted to learn the ukulele? Interested in using a sewing machine or GPS unit? With the growing number of kits for checkout at the library, you can do all these things and more.

Our Library of Things is a collection of items, tools, and games that can be borrowed for one week at a time. Discover the array of new things we have for you to check out in the Youth Services room by the chess table.
Teen Services for Educators

Teen Summer Reading Program

It’s that time: the Teen Summer Reading Program (TSRP) has returned, and who doesn’t want to pick out a free book for the long days of June and July? Starting June 1 and intended for ages 12(ish) to 17(ish), teens can register to participate at https://bit.ly/tsrp2022. Upon registration, participants will pick up their swag-filled TSRP book browsing bag and choose their free new book at the library. (Yes, we will have plenty of copies of *A Court of Thorns and Roses*.)

Teens are invited to submit brief book reviews throughout the summer, either in person at the library or online at https://bit.ly/2022tsrpbookreview. Each book review earns the reader an entry into the end-of-summer grand prize raffle of their choosing. The Teen Advisory Board built three prize packages – the Book Nerd Prize Pack, the Mystery Prize Pack, and the Writer/Creator Prize Pack – all filled with an assortment of surprises. Perhaps best of all? The library is bringing back its famous Lights Out at the Library celebration for TSRP participants on Friday, August 5. Every TSRP participant who submits six or more book reviews will receive an invitation to a night filled with games, books, pizza, and Hide n’ Seek among the stacks.

June and July will be filled with special programs aligned to the summer reading theme, “Sail Away with a Good Book,” and water-related offerings exist for every taste. We’ll host a Teen(ish) Book Club, a watercolor workshop, a game- and snack-filled intro to camping, and a half-day on the Uncompahgre River, exploring what it means to be an aquatic biologist. Registration for all TSRP programs is available at https://bit.ly/mrldteen, and each participant receives an extra grand prize raffle entry for every program they attend.

Any questions? Contact Amy at 970-964-2558 or adickinson@montroselibrary.org.

Electronic Resources for Educators

E-Resource Spotlight: Libby, by Overdrive

Did you know...

that the collection of e-books and e-audiobooks just keeps growing, and it includes an extensive manga collection, plus hundreds of magazines? If you or your students have not yet discovered the joys of Overdrive, now is the time. When using a tablet or smartphone, the free Libby app from Overdrive is your best option for accessing tens of thousands of e-books and e-audiobooks (perfect for long summer drives, if you can connect your device to a car’s speakers). If you prefer to access the books on a desktop computer, visit https://marmot.overdrive.com for the easiest reading and listening experience.

Upcoming Programs

Puppy Palooza

The NEA Big Read culminates with a celebration of dogs and dog lovers on Saturday, June 4, from 11am-1pm. Visit the east lawn of the library for Reading to Rover, free books, refreshments, dog goodie bags courtesy of Chow Down, pet picture contests, a 4-H agility display, a dog training demo, free dog nail clipping, and much more. No registration necessary. Dogs and humans welcome!

(Keep in mind: there will be lots of excitement, so this might not be every dog’s idea of a good time. You know your dog best?)

Discover the Aquatic Ecosystem

Discover the Aquatic Ecosystem: a Community Profile of the Uncompahgre River takes place on Thursday, July 14, from 9am-1pm at Outer Range. Science teacher Doug Eccher and Outer Range outdoor education staff will lead participants through a morning in the life of an aquatic biologist. With stations dedicated to water quality assessment, invertebrate studies, drift nets, stream flow analysis, and fly fishing, participants will get a sense of river health, a chance to work as aquatic biologists, and their feet wet (literally, as we’ll be IN the river). For ages 9(ish) to 17(ish). Register at https://bit.ly/mrldteen.

NEA Big Read Montrose: Black Canyon Hike

Join librarians for a ranger-led hike on the Warner Point Nature Trail on Saturday, May 21st. This moderate 1.5 mile round trip hike is suited for people 5 years and older. Learn how Jack London’s The Call of the Wild relates to the wilderness and wildlife of the Black Canyon National Park. Participants may sign up to attend at the Youth Services desk, must ride provided transportation, and should bring a lunch, sunscreen and other weather-appropriate items for the hike.

Give us your feedback on what you want to see in the Educator Newsletter!

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Sign up at https://bit.ly/MRLDednewsletter

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