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

**Student Tours**

The library has many learning opportunities for school kids and their teachers, including tours. In just an hour, students get an in-depth look at how a library operates! Learn the layout of the Youth Services areas, which computers are available for student use, and the all-mysterious location of our book drops. Bulk library card sign-up for students also can be arranged.

Tours are geared toward primary grade levels, with puppets, games, and a story time. However, older groups are regularly accommodated, so just let us know the students’ age range and the size of your group, and we’ll make a fun field trip for all. Please bring along an appropriate number of chaperones, as with any off-site field trip. Walking field trips are common, but the library is accessible along South 2nd or 3rd streets to drop off and pick up kids by bus.

Moreover, if you cannot make it to the library in person, consider requesting a Facebook Live or pre-recorded tour of our facilities!

For more information, contact Youth Services Librarian James Stetson at 964-2551 or jstetson@montroselibrary.org.

**STEAM Equity Grant Community Dialogue**

The library frequently partners with organizations through grants for specialized programs. Recent grant-affiliated programming has included James Webb Space Telescope events, the NEA Big Read, and NASA at Your Library. The library has been lucky enough to be awarded a STEAM Equity grant, aimed at engaging tween girls in STEAM pathways. We would love for community members to share ideas and opinions at an upcoming STEAM Equity Grant Community Dialogue. You will join Youth Services Department Head Tina Meiners and other education advocates as we explore ways to incorporate STEAM opportunities for kids and families across our community. No prior experience necessary, only a love of learning. If you are interested, contact Tina Meiners by email at tmeiners@montroselibrary.org.
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, pet picture contests, a 4-H agility display, a dog training demo, free dog nail clipping, and much more. Dogs and humans welcome!

Keep in mind: there will be lots of excitement, so this might not be every dog's idea of fun!

Spring NEA Big Read Programs

Thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the library is hosting a year’s worth of programming around Jack London’s Call of the Wild and distributing free copies of Call of the Wild and companion titles for readers of all ages. If you or your students haven’t gotten a copy yet, get in touch!

The final months of the NEA Big Read - Montrose include a number of exciting programs for young people:

• A Day in History: the Montrose Historical Society partners with Youth Services librarians to discuss what it was like to live during the 1890s. From trapping to gold panning, children ages 11 and under can participate in hands-on activities and receive a free book.
• Dog Evolution: join the Ute Indian Museum and the library for a family-friendly discussion, alongside activities, that explore Native American domestication of dogs and their impact on society.
• Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park: take a family field trip to the Black Canyon for a ranger-guided hike exploring ecosystems of the area. Transportation provided!

For specific dates and times, visit the library’s Facebook page or contact Youth Services librarian Tina at tmeiners@montroselibrary.org.

Book the Meeting Room

Do you ever want to meet somewhere besides the staff lounge? Does it get tedious trying to prep meeting space in between classes? If you want a change of venue for your next staff meeting, consider using the Montrose Regional Library’s Meeting Room. It is conveniently located at the Montrose Regional Library with restroom access and a kitchenette. Tables and chairs to accommodate upwards of 50 people make large gatherings a breeze, and the library offers projectors and screens for check-out.

That’s not all. Library staff regularly collaborate with local organizations to provide high quality events. Recent collaborations include Valley Food Partnership presentations, Media Literacy professional development, middle school chess tournaments, in-home childcare provider workshops, and a seminar on the science behind wolf reintroduction in Colorado. With such a versatile space, there are many ways to utilize yet another free resource at your local library. For details on how to book the Meeting Room, call 249-9656, ext.0.

General Services for Educators

Montrose Regional Library Educator Newsletter

Winter 2021–2022

Montrose Regional Library

Educator Newsletter

Winter 2021–2022

General Services for Educators

Book the Meeting Room

Do you ever want to meet somewhere besides the staff lounge? Does it get tedious trying to prep meeting space in between classes? If you want a change of venue for your next staff meeting, consider using the Montrose Regional Library’s Meeting Room. It is conveniently located at the Montrose Regional Library with restroom access and a kitchenette. Tables and chairs to accommodate upwards of 50 people make large gatherings a breeze, and the library offers projectors and screens for check-out.

That’s not all. Library staff regularly collaborate with local organizations to provide high quality events. Recent collaborations include Valley Food Partnership presentations, Media Literacy professional development, middle school chess tournaments, in-home childcare provider workshops, and a seminar on the science behind wolf reintroduction in Colorado. With such a versatile space, there are many ways to utilize yet another free resource at your local library. For details on how to book the Meeting Room, call 249-9656, ext.0.

Spring NEA Big Read Programs

Thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the library is hosting a year’s worth of programming around Jack London’s Call of the Wild and distributing free copies of Call of the Wild and companion titles for readers of all ages. If you or your students haven’t gotten a copy yet, get in touch!

The final months of the NEA Big Read - Montrose include a number of exciting programs for young people:

• A Day in History: the Montrose Historical Society partners with Youth Services librarians to discuss what it was like to live during the 1890s. From trapping to gold panning, children ages 11 and under can participate in hands-on activities and receive a free book.
• Dog Evolution: join the Ute Indian Museum and the library for a family-friendly discussion, alongside activities, that explore Native American domestication of dogs and their impact on society.
• Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park: take a family field trip to the Black Canyon for a ranger-guided hike exploring ecosystems of the area. Transportation provided!

For specific dates and times, visit the library’s Facebook page or contact Youth Services librarian Tina at tmeiners@montroselibrary.org.
Montrose Regional Library Educator Newsletter Winter 2021–2022

Teen Services for Educators

Teen(ish) Literary Magazine

The Teen(ish) Literary Magazine is back, edited by teens, featuring work from teens! This edition is a collaboration between Delta County Libraries and the Montrose Regional Library District, with the goal of finishing production in early summer and celebrating authors with a publication launch.

Submissions are open for writers and artists on the Western Slope in grades 6 to 12. Editors seek poetry, fiction, personal essays, and comics, and submissions will be accepted from December 1 to April 1. All submissions and questions can be directed to Montrose Teen Services Librarian Amy at adickinson@montroselibrary.org. Please share this information with any young writers you know!

If you’d like paper or digital flyers to share with students, for Amy to come talk with students about submitting to the magazine, or if you’re interested in setting up a short writing exercise, please contact her via email.

Teen(ish) Maker Workshops

A new maker series kicks off in February. For ages 12ish to 17ish, this casual series features introductions to a variety of creative pursuits, from paper-folding to ukelele-playing to adventures in virtual reality. The first workshop takes place (with snacks!) on Wednesday, February 2, from 4:30-5:30pm in the library’s meeting room. Participants will try their hand at the art of book folding. All supplies will be provided. Interested folks simply need to register at https://bit.ly/mrldteen or by texting Amy at 970-275-9383. Check Facebook or the library website for later-spring workshops.

Electronic Resources for Educators


Did you know...

- You can access the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal with just your library card!
- Step-by-step quick-start guides are available for both. If you'd like Amy to visit your students to lead them through first-time access, email her at adickinson@montroselibrary.org.
- Access to the NYT lasts for three days, with unlimited reading (minus cooking and the crossword), and you can renew your three-day pass as often as you'd like. Access to the WSJ lasts for ten days, with unlimited reading, and you can renew your ten-day pass as often as you'd like.

Find the resource: 1) visit montroselibrary.org and choose “Online Library,” then click on “Research Tools.” 2) Scroll down and click on the icons for either the NYT or WSJ. 3) Follow the prompts to activate accounts with your library card. 4) Start reading!
Upcoming Programs

Discovery Wonderland

- Montrose Regional Library will support the Early Childhood Center’s STEM-themed Discovery Wonderland. This event will be open to all ECC families and students at Friendship Hall on Wednesday, February 9. Librarians will be on site to play math and science games & share information about the public library with kids and families present.

Short Film Frenzy

- Calling all animators! Join us for a stop-motion animation workshop on Saturday, February 5, from 11-12:30pm, with special guest facilitators Katie Jenkins, Matt Jenkins, and Linda McMenamy. Participants will learn the basics of storyboarding and stop motion and then make one-minute films in teams to appear on the library’s Facebook page.

Contact Amy (Teen Services) or Tina (Youth Services) for more details: adickinson@montroselibrary.org or tmeiners@montroselibrary.org

Emergent Reader Sets

- Youth Service Librarians at the Montrose Regional Library are ready to assist you with your child or student’s early literacy needs. Alongside leveled texts, we have added several emergent reader book sets, available for checkout to library patrons. With titles from Disney Junior, Pete the Cat, and others, you can check out sets for two weeks at a time and work on phonics with your little ones. Visit the Montrose Library to learn more or call the Youth Services desk 249-9656, ext.2.

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

https://montroselibrary.org

https://bit.ly/MRLDfeedback
(URL is case-sensitive)

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