Citizens Will Have a Say in Library Funding

by MRLD Board of Trustees

The Montrose Regional Library District (MRLD) Board of Trustees has filed for an election to approve a mill levy increase, which will be included on the county ballot this fall. During a special meeting on July 24, six of seven trustees were present and voted unanimously to move forward. One trustee was absent from the meeting but provided a letter of support for the mill levy effort. The MRLD will ask Montrose County voters to vote “yes” on a nominal point-85 (.85) increase to the existing 3-mill levy, which will include a 10-year sunset provision. The MRLD mill levy has not been altered since 2004. A .85 mill levy increase equates to a $6.12 increase a year per $100,000 of residential valuation, less than $13 a year per household for a property valued at $200,000. Commercial property will see an annual increase of less than $25 per year for every $100,000 of valuation.

The mill levy is the primary funding mechanism for the Montrose Regional Library District’s programs and operations. A 3.85 mill levy will add approximately $450,000 to the library’s annual budget. The increase sought will allow the Montrose Regional Library to operate 7 days per week, resume a robust bookmobile schedule, expand its book & e-book selections, upgrade technology and improve facility conditions.

“The 2007 economic downturn dramatically affected our ability to operate the library to it fullest and its most useful potential,” said Emily Schneider, president of the MRLD Board of Trustees and co-coordinator of the Library Election Committee. “Despite recent increases in property values, TABOR and Gallagher regulations have stagnated revenues the MRLD receives from property taxes. Yet every year we’ve managed to balance our budget and maintain our required reserves.”

During the past 10 years, the MRLD has reduced its staff by 33-percent, cut its operating hours from seven days to just five days a week, decreased its Bookmobile schedule, and increased the number of hours the library is open each day. Montrose County residents will be asked to vote “YES” or “NO” to the .85 mill levy increase in ballots that will be mailed in mid-October, according to the Montrose County Elections Division website. All ballots must be mailed or dropped off at a polling center by the November 7th election day deadline.

District Lives Within Its Means, Faces Increased Demands

by Paul Paladino

Librarry District Director

In recent newsletters I have written about the funding issues the Library District has faced over the past several years, namely the drop in assessed property values which has led to a drop in revenue. The Board of Trustees has decided to ask you, the public, what you want to do about this. The Library District has been getting many requests for increased services. The Library Board of Trustees finished a strategic planning effort this fall that looked at how to accommodate these requests and to determine where the Library District should go over the next five to ten years. Pricing out that strategic plan led the District to the conclusion there isn’t enough money to fund these increased requests. That led the Board to go to the voters this fall.

Management of the District has always been fiscally conservative and so with the drop in revenues we have lived within our means and reduced our expenditures. In order to soften the effects of budget cuts we have been supplementing revenues with money out of reserves. In fact, that is exactly why we create reserves, for the proverbial rainy day. Unfortunately our rainy day fund is being depleted.

The question on the ballot this fall will ask voters if they wish to raise the Library District mill levy by 0.85 mills, which will cost the median Montrose County homeowner $12 more per year, and median business owner about $125 more per year than they are currently paying. With this money the Library District will open the Montrose Regional Library seven days a week, opening on Fridays and Saturdays. The Naturita Community Library can return to full staffing, thereby increasing their ability to offer programming to their community.

The District will increase our books and materials budget significantly so you, our patrons, will have newer and more diverse items to check out. Increasing outreach services by sending the bookmobile out more often and bringing back...
Montrose Regional Library District

Off the Shelf

InterLibrary Loan Brings Books to Your Library From Across Nation

By Debbie Dodero
InterLibrary Loan Specialist

Do you need a text or reference book to help with a research project? Interested in checking out a music CD by a favorite artist? Are you looking for a current popular DVD, or a classic old movie? Or you might simply want to check out a particular book, or a series of books. However, none of the items can be found in the Montrose Library Collection. No one library, large or small, has everything.

This is not a problem. The Montrose Library offers an Interlibrary Loan service which effectively allows you to check out an item from any library in Colorado or across the United States. Interlibrary Loan (ILL) is a nationwide protocol. The American Library Association (ALA) recognizes that the sharing of material between libraries is an integral element in the provision of library service and believes it to be in the public interest to encourage such an exchange.

The ALA’s Interlibrary Loan code states that, “In the interest of providing quality service, libraries have an obligation to obtain material to meet the informational needs of users when local resources do not meet those needs. Interlibrary Loan as a mechanism for obtaining material is essential to the vitality of all libraries.”

To submit a request, fill out a request form at the library, or click “Interlibrary Loan Request” from the main page of our website, www.montroselibrary.org and submit your request on line. Depending on where we find a library to fill your request, within one to four weeks you will receive a call that your item is here and ready to be picked up.

Although the Montrose Library pays a yearly fee for this service, it is provided free of charge to our patrons.

In 2016 our library borrowed a total of 3,406 items, and just over 2,000 items to date. Most were acquired from Colorado libraries - Vail, Avon, Eagle, Rifle, Glenwood Springs, Telluride, Denver, Greeley, Loveland, Longmont, Aurora Brush, Mesa State University, Colorado State University, University of Colorado, Regis University and the University of Northern Colorado being our most reliable suppliers. Harder to acquire requests were filled by libraries in California, Washington, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Illinois, Florida, New York, and Massachusetts.

These items included children’s fiction and non-fiction, adult fiction and non-fiction, DVD’s, audio books, music CD’s, and articles. Over this same time period, Montrose loans almost 3,300 items from our collection to these same libraries.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or problems with your requests. It is our goal to meet our patron’s needs. For assistance, contact the ILL Department at interlibrary-loan@montroselibrary.org or 970-964-2541.

Center for Mental Health Receives Grant from Friends of the Library

The Center for Mental Health is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from the Montrose Regional Library District for $2,400 through funds provided by the Friends of the Library. The grant will be used to purchase books for children who have contact with the Center. The Library will provide books that have therapeutic value and tackle difficult topics like divorce, the death of a loved one, or experiencing traumatic events. The grant will also provide parenting resources and adventure books for fun and entertainment.

Research has proven the numerous benefits of reading for a child’s developing brain. Reading increases imagination, children learn problem solving skills through storytelling, reading helps kids develop empathy, and reading relaxes the body and assists in calming the mind. Reading leads to increased academic success and the development of positive self-esteem. For children who have experienced difficulties in their early years, reading can assist them with the knowledge of how others have experienced similar challenges and thrived. Reading can also be an escape into an adventure in your mind.

We are delighted to be partnering with the library to be able to offer free books to children and adolescents, and also their parents to assist them in reaching their goals.

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Translations by Diana Cano Hernández
Many thanks to all who contributed!
service to senior centers is planned. The bookmobile currently has more than 45 requests for stops the District can’t even consider.

Library facilities are a community investment. Preventive maintenance that is currently being deferred at District facilities can be scheduled and performed rather than only doing the most critical items. This will save the District money in the long term as preventive maintenance is often less expensive than replacing things that break. Other facility needs can be scheduled and accomplished. For example, the carpet in the Marguerite Gill Children’s Area was due to be replaced several years ago but that project has been deferred due to budget constraints. Original carpet in the building is 17 years old and the building sees over 225,000 visits per year.

The Library District will be able to put money into reserves again to tide the District over through lean funding years and to fund capital expenditures. The Library District has never borrowed money to fund a facility or capital project. Reserves can be grown to the District’s goal of a 2 to 8 month operating reserves as is recommended.

If the Library does nothing to increase our revenues, and simply waits for growth in the community, further cuts may be needed once the reserve funds are depleted. The Library District will continue to balance its budget. The Library will offer its current level of excellent service for a few years if the assessed values of property don’t continue to grow sufficiently before reserves are depleted.

The Library has to live within its means. What living within our budget means in terms of our service levels will be decided by you.

“Book a Librarian” for One-on-One Help, Difficult Questions

by Sara Rinne
Adult Services Librarian

As a librarian, I have the special privilege of answering interesting and thought provoking questions from our community members on a daily basis. The questions that come across our reference desk are sometimes slow-pitch, and other times curveballs. Sometimes I know how to find the answer right away, but more frequently I get stumped and must enlist my fellow librarians for help. I often find myself with a question that is just too big to be resolved with a quick answer at the Adult Services Desk.

When this happens, there are a couple options available.

First, library patrons can leave their questions in the librarians’ capable hands. If you have a burning question that requires research you can call the library and speak to a librarian. She will probably then ask you some questions in order to clarify exactly what kind of information you are seeking. Once your query is all clear she will then get to work finding information for you.

When your question has been thoroughly answered, you will be contacted by whichever method you choose (phone, email, or smoke signal) with your answer. We have fielded questions ranging from “what is the best time to water the lawn?” to music copyright questions to locating Daily Press articles from over 100 years ago. No matter how random or specific your question may be, we will find a way to answer it.

If you prefer a more hands-on approach to research, you can now “Book” an hour with one of our experienced, professional Reference Librarians. This means you can make an appointment for a one-on-one session with an information professional, and we will do our best to help you find all the information you need.

Colorado Mesa University students use this service to learn how to conduct research for their academic projects. Job seekers book time with us in order to get assistance creating resumes and other job application materials, and to get help searching for jobs to apply for. New computer users book time with us to learn how to use email and social networking sites and tools. If you have a new gadget like a smartphone or tablet and want to learn how to use it, a librarian can help you!

If you dream up a question, chances are our librarians can help you answer it. If you would like to test our skills with a reference question, or would prefer some one-on-one time with one of us, contact the Adult Services Desk at 970-249-9656 ext 3.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

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Updated Tools Aid Local Research

by Tania Hajjar
Assistant Director

Thanks to a recent grant from the Friends of the Montrose Library, the microfilm reader in the Colorado Room has been replaced with a sleek new model.

The new ScanPro 2200 is built for public use. It’s much smaller than the old Canon workhorse that has served researchers so well for the past thirteen years. It features an intuitive interface, improved focusing, and one-click printing. It also utilizes a swivel monitor that can be rotated to portrait or landscape mode.

“The Colorado Room is one of the jewels of the Montrose Library,” remarked Holly Poage, president of the Friends of the Montrose Library. “The Friends purchased the former microfilm reader back in 2004, and we were committed to upgrading the equipment for our community.”

Is microfilm still needed in this digital age? It’s easy to assume that everything is available online with a quick Google search. However, most of these local resources have not been digitized and therefore cannot be found on the internet.

Old fashioned patience and persistence are still valuable research skills!

The library’s microfilm collection includes the full run of current and historical newspapers, including the Montrose Daily Press, the Montrose Enterprise, and the Olathe Criterion.

“It is important that we are able to access these old newspapers,” explains adult services librarian Sara Rinne, “as we are the only archive for these resources. The new equipment will be more user-friendly for our patrons.”

With the spread of the internet more attention has been paid to making archival resources accessible to an online audience. The Colorado Historical Newspaper project (CHNC) has made it a mission to digitize historic Colorado newspapers and make them freely available online, at www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org.

Public libraries and other local organizations bear the cost of the digitization. The CHNC then converts the old microfilm and puts the full text online. Because of copyright restrictions the coverage is limited to 1859-1923.

The Montrose Library has committed funds to this project in our annual budget. We began our digitization efforts with the Montrose Daily Press, as this is the most frequently requested microfilm. To date, the CHNC has added the Montrose Daily Press from September 1908- November 1921 to its database.

In August we received word from the CHNC that the millionth page scanned into the database was from the April 21, 1921 issue of the Montrose Daily Press.

Headlines from this edition include “Tourists lost in mountains of Colorado,” “Total eclipse of the moon is due tonight,” and “Nineteen are objecting to so much whiskey.”

However you choose to peruse our old papers—whether online or on microfilm—it is fascinating to delve into the stories of our shared past. Ask one of our librarians if you’d like a demo of the Colorado Historical Newspaper Collection, or the new ScanPro microfilm reader.

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Summer Adventures

TONS of Reading This Summer!

by Lizz Martensen
Children’s Librarian and Early Literacy Specialist

This summer the children’s librarians shook things up a little in response to feedback received at the end of Summer 2016. “Reading logs feel like homework for parents,” the surveys said, and “my child fills these out for class all year long, they just want a break.” This necessitated a big change for the Children’s Department.

Traditionally kids were asked to read 1,000 minutes (some years it was books, others it was pages). Mirroring goals from local schools, we worked to avoid summer learning loss. However, if the program feels like homework, well, no one is interested in participating.

To make things fun again, the goal was set – READ A TON OF BOOKS! The reward? Establishing an oft requested LEGO Club for the kids of Montrose. We also rebranded, from “Summer Reading Program” to “Summer Library Adventure.” Learning comes from participating in programs, listening to teachers in storytimes, and exploring displays at the library.

In addition to the goal of reading 2,000 pounds of books, librarians created programs that excited kids about ideas to organically promote reading and learning more on those topics. We designed our programming carefully and then made sure to have plenty of books on hand for those subject areas.

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In the end the kids read a grand total of 4,300 pounds of books, more than doubling our goal. Parents’ surveys reflected their relief over not having to complete reading logs! Surveys also reported that coming to the library to play and check out books were families’ favorite parts of the Summer Library Adventure!

Will we weigh books again next year? Probably not, but rest assured that the Children’s Librarians are already cooking up something fun and amazing to keep everyone excited and on their toes!

LEGO Club is held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:00 for kids 5-12 years old. LEGO donations are being accepted (and SO appreciated) for the LEGO Club. Please drop off in the Children’s Room any time.

NASA Receives NASA Grant

NASA@My Library

Tina Meiners
Children’s and Bookmobile Librarian

The Montrose Regional Library is thrilled to announce that we were selected from more than 500 applicants to be part of the NASA® MyLibrary grant, a nationwide science and technology programming initiative. The NASA® MyLibrary project is led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Partners include the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and Education Development Center. NASA® MyLibrary is made possible through the support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Science Mission Directorate as part of its STEM Activation program.

Through this grant we will be able to present several STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) related programs for all ages using local experts and two kits full of wonderful activities and tools.

The first kit was received this summer and is entitled Sun-Earth-Moon Connections. The activities in this kit are designed to teach elementary age children about the relationships between the Sun, the Earth, and the Moon, especially regarding the total solar eclipse happening on August 21. Children can use UV beads to make a necklace or bracelet and then see how the beads react to sunlight to indicate ultraviolet light exposure, or they can use the infrared thermometer to take the temperature of items all around them. We also received a Samsung Galaxy tablet loaded with NASA games and applications, such as a movie making green screen tool. We are eagerly look-

ing forward to our next kit, Expanding Your Senses, arriving early 2018.

We have already had our first high profile family event on August 14 with the Black Canyon Astronomical Society (BCAS) presenting a night sky viewing at Cerise Park. The BCAS set up several telescopes aimed at various celestial bodies, such as Jupiter, Saturn, and several star clusters and nebulae. We will have several more programs in the coming year utilizing local experts, such as the BCAS, the Black Canyon of the Gunnison (an International Dark Sky Park), and the Solar Systems Ambassadors Program.
At Your Library

Lights Out at the Library

by Tania Hajjar, Assistant Director

Karaoke, relay races, and hide-and-seek in the dark? It was all part of “Lights Out at the Library,” the finale to this year’s teen summer reading program. Twenty energetic young adults devoured pizza, tackled a scavenger hunt, and played hide-and-seek in the dark (also known as “run and shriek”) with four of the library’s reference staff. The party celebrated the kids’ commitment to reading and learning, and the hundreds of books they logged over the summer.

This year’s theme, “Build a Better World,” encouraged community participation in addition to promoting literacy. Our special events for teens connected them with local projects and organizations.

The library’s mission is to “Foster community by providing resources, encouraging reading, and supporting lifelong learning.” Our teen readers brought this mission to life this summer. Many thanks to these great kids (and their parents) for their inquisitive minds and their helping hands. We are proud of you! And a big shout out goes to the Friends of the Montrose Library, who so generously provide sponsorship every year.

Making Music & Early Literacy

by Lizz Martensen,
Children’s Librarian & Early Literacy Specialist

Fall 2017 is bringing about changes in the Children’s Department once again. In an effort to stretch our programming hours and provide services to as many people as possible, we have switched things around and added a new program: Making Music Familytime. Although designed for kids ages 2-4, the whole family is welcome to attend. At this familytime kids and parents will participate together, listening, singing, dancing, and making music.

Why “familytime” and not “storytime”? Familytime is an event where parents or caregivers gather the kids in close and work as the teacher in each of our activities, games, and songs. Much like Baby & Me where the caregiver takes the lead in helping their child participate and learn, I will facilitate Making Music and the kids will participate with the aid of their parents.

This program is just one of the many ways the library gives families the tools they need to help their children prepare for school success. Early Literacy, the foundation for which all learning takes place, is one of the main focuses of the Children’s Department at the Montrose Library. Using the Every Child Ready to Read program from the American Library Association as our guideline, the library focuses on these five skills: reading, writing, talking, singing, and playing. We build all of our library programming for children ages birth – five around these skills. In addition to our programming, these skills can be practiced by visiting the library:

- Check out a Buddy Bag and use it to highlight the important skills of reading and playing.
- Explore the Craft Table, learn how to hold pencils and crayons, and build those important hand muscles used for writing.
- Play in the kitchen and practice talking, vocabulary, and working together!
- Discover the dollhouse and master fine motor skills that are essential for learning to write.
- Dress up in the Story Hour Room and put on a show – complete with song and dance of course.
- Read together in the window seat.
- Check out a Buddy Bundle - These hand selected, mini-book collections are on display above the Easy Books.

We look forward to seeing you at our programs and in the library soon! Come have fun with us!

Library Reaches out to High School Agriculture Classes

by Kirsten Seger
Circulation Supervisor

In 2017 the Montrose Regional Library joined with Montrose County School District and Solar Energy International to present a unique agricultural program at Montrose and Olathe high schools. More than eighty students learned how using solar power can bring significant cost benefits to agricultural producers, with renewable energy powering irrigation systems, drying crops and much more. This program also highlighted career opportunities in renewable energy fields for young people.

This fall the program will feature the Rocky Mountain Sled Dog Club and a local veterinarian will demonstrate effective wound treatment for animals.
Naturita Community Library:

by Susan Rice
Branch Manager, Naturita Community Library

Do you need canopies for an upcoming event? Or large outdoor games like Jenga to play with your family and friends at your next BBQ? Or maybe you are traveling and need a great book to listen to while enjoying beautiful American scenery? Naturita has a variety of...not just books. We have helped many patrons attain many different personal goals. Pictured here are two distinct examples of how we are a positive driving force in our patrons' lives.

Jeff came back home to Naturita after years of adventures in the big world. He rode into Naturita on only a bicycle with only a backpack. With visions of a better set up for his next escapade, Jeff clicked on many websites appropriate to his goal. He said quite a few times, “Hey Donna, Tina, or Susan, come look at this!” throughout the month leading to the finished project.

Beverly came to our area recently with her best friend, a horse. Beverly depends on her horse for companionship to help her through life's hard times. With the help of the librarians at NCL, Beverly was able to begin the process of making her horse an official Colorado emotional support animal. With this certification she and her best friend can work through life’s problems, side by side.

Not Just Books: Naturita Community Library has the opportunity to help our patrons in meaningful ways. We've got the books, but we have so much more.

Bread Making & Fairy Furniture At Naturita Community Library

By Tina Carver
Naturita Community Library

This fall the Naturita Community Library is preparing a program on designing and building your own fairy house furniture. Also we will be doing a program on bread making. Both of these programs should be enjoyable.

The fairy house furniture will be made from popsicle sticks. Our staff has been making everything from outdoor furniture, with miniature pillows, and hanging out door lanterns and wind chimes from beads and paper clips. I think the staff is having too much fun constructing materials for this program. Every time we finish one piece of furniture we find another fun piece to make.

Next we will be doing an all-day program on bread making. Space will be limited. This will be a hands-on class where participants will make their own bread from scratch. In addition we'll be making our own pizza lunch.

If you want to design and build your own fairy furniture and learn how to make bread or just hang out with great people Naturita Community Library is the place to go.

Call (970) 865-2848 for more information on these upcoming programs.

MRLD Bookmobile: Out and About

by Jeri Gilham
Youth Services & Bookmobile Director

“Where does one begin?" The Bookmobile hangs out an “OPEN” sign. That’s our beginning. We are opening our doors to the endless possibilities of literacy outreach to the youth of Montrose County. We offer picture books for beginning readers full of beautiful illustrations and easy to read texts, in two languages, Spanish and English. We have classic juvenile fiction like Anne of Green Gables, Jack London’s Stories for Boys, Rudyard Kipling’s, The Jungle Book, as well as very current, popular titles, like Captain Underpants, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Wings of Fire Trilogy, Minecraft and Ninjago. Our non-fiction collection is very diversified ranging from books about raising goats and chickens to books describing large military vehicles and very, very fast automobiles. Engaging the youth in our community through reading gives positive and far-reaching results—the world needs READERS!

The Bookmobile has an inventory of approximately 1,500 items including the latest Newbery and Caldecott award winners, current and popular children and family-rated DVDs, storytelling puppets and kits, and three full-time librarians ready to offer reader’s advisory and early literacy tips.

So, where’s the Bookmobile this week? We will be posting our location on our MRLD website, and the library’s facebook and Twitter accounts. Look for spontaneous MRLD Bookmobile appearances in local shopping centers, parks, museums, farmers’ markets, and community events.

Montrose Library and its Bookmobile are a part of Montrose County and its patrons make up the whole. It is to be shared by all with its common cultural and historical heritage. It is community and it is yours.

The Bookmobile visits Olathe and Montrose every 1st & 3rd Thursday. Call (970) 249-9656 for schedule of stops.
La Biblioteca de Montrose: Más Que Libros

por Sara Rinne Bibliotecario de Referencia

La Biblioteca de Montrose es un gran lugar para ir cuando usted está buscando un buen libro para leer, o cuando necesita encontrar información para una tarea o proyecto especial. Pero ¿sabe que hay muchas otras colecciones en la biblioteca además de libros?

Para empezar, la Biblioteca de Montrose tiene una colección completa de materiales en español. Además de novelas, enciclopedias y libros informativos que van desde la crianza de los hijos a libros de cocina hasta cableado eléctrico, también tenemos muchos otros tipos de materiales que usted puede sacar de forma gratuita con su tarjeta de la biblioteca.

Si le gusta ver películas o programas de televisión, usted puede sacar DVDs de la biblioteca para verlos en casa. Muchas películas de estreno, telenovelas y programas populares están disponibles en la biblioteca para sacarlas por una semana. También tenemos muchos favoritos clásicos disponibles para que usted pueda pedirlos prestados.

Además de largometrajes y series, la biblioteca también tiene una selección de documentos educativos para elegir, si usted está dispuesto a aprender algo nuevo. Hay títulos disponibles para todas las edades, así que la noche de cine familiar será una cosa fácil de planear! Todos en su familia podrán elegir un nuevo favorito de nuestra colección.

La biblioteca también tiene muchos recursos de audio digital. Tenemos una amplia selección de materiales de audio diseñados para estudiantes de inglés, incluyendo lecciones completas de audio, libros con CDs, materiales de aprendizaje fonético para niños e incluido recursos en cassette. La biblioteca también organiza un grupo informal de conversación en español / inglés para proporcionar a los estudiantes, de ambos idiomas, la oportunidad de practicar juntos. Consulte con un miembro del personal de la biblioteca para obtener información de cómo participar en este grupo gratuito y abierto. Si practica sus habilidades de inglés es su objetivo, lo más probable es que la biblioteca tenga algo para ayudarle a construir esa confianza.

Reseña del libro: Mi mundo adorado de Sonia Sotomayor

por Sara Rinne Bibliotecario de Referencia

Lo que los lectores encontrarán en la autobiografía de Sonia Sotomayor, la primera Latina en la Corte Suprema de la nación, es una rica historia acerca de cómo una niña que no hablaba inglés, criada en viviendas públicas, ascendió al banco de la corte más alta de la nación.

La primera mitad de Mi mundo adorado describe la infancia de Sotomayor en su barrio del sur del Bronx. Ella trae este mundo vivo con las historias de sus primos, las descripciones de la comidita y de las reuniones familiares, y de una cultura vibrante con su adoradora abuela en el centro.

Sin embargo, Sotomayor enfrentó muchos desafíos. Su madre ausente, un padre alcohólico y asistiendo a una escuela de habla inglesa cuando sólo hablaba español fueron todos los obstáculos que la joven Sonia superó. Como niña y diabética, comenzó a inyectarse insulina a los 7 años, porque su padre no podía hacerlo con sus manos temblorosas. Durante este tiempo, Sotomayor aprendió a “escuchar cuidadosamente” y observar hasta que me di cuenta de las cosas”. Esta lección se convirtió en el núcleo de la vida de Sotomayor. Ella superó sus desafíos y asistió a la escuela de derecho Yale. Ahora se sienta en el banco de la corte más alta de los Estados Unidos.

Mi mundo adorado está disponible en español e inglés en la Biblioteca de Montrose.

El grupo de conversación en Inglés-Español se reúne todos los lunes de 11:00 – 1:00 en la biblioteca, sala de reuniones. Hablantes nativos de español que le gustaría practicar conversación en inglés son Bienvenidos a asistir.

Para adquirir la tarjeta de la biblioteca es muy fácil y gratis. Cualquier persona mayor de 4 años puede solicitar una tarjeta de la biblioteca. Si no tienes como probar tu dirección, tarjeta de estudiante, de ambos idiomas, de práctica en inglés / español son Bienvenidos a asistir.

Agenda de al BibliotecaMovil:
Jueves: Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16, Dec 7 & 21
10-10:45 a.m. Olathe Town Park, Hersum & 5th St.
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