Check It Out: 6 Million Items at Your Fingertips

by Paul Paladino, Director

If you haven’t visited the Montrose Regional Library District recently, you may not know about one of our big new changes. We’ve joined the Marmot Library Consortium which is made up of nearly 30 libraries all over the Western Slope. This gives you, our patrons, access to nearly 6 million items, just within the consortium. Because of our statewide courier system, you can get lots of books, CD’s, DVD’s and other materials really quickly.

The feature most people will notice first is that our catalog is dramatically different. There is a lot more useful information displayed. You really have to see it to appreciate what is now there. This new interface is called Pika, and the true beauty of Pika is how it displays the information you request. Again, seeing is believing, but say you search for Harry Potter. Pika aggregates everything Harry Potter and displays it to you with what’s in the library you are standing in first, then other branch libraries of MRLD, followed by other Marmot libraries. Different formats are denoted by icons so it is easy to tell if it is a book, CD or DVD. It also displays a picture of the book cover and whether it is available or not. It’s all right there, no paging around.

Speaking of availability, you can put a hold on the item from the main page. If we don’t own the item, or if it is checked out, you will be put in a queue for the next available item, wherever it is in the consortium. People are getting things so much faster. Now, not everything comes super fast, it’s not magic, but we’ve seen a big improvement in wait times.

But, you may ask, you only have access to almost 6 million items. What if what I want isn’t in the consortium? Well, we still have traditional Inter Library Loan service. We can still get things from all over the country, outside of Marmot. Those items usually arrive within 2 weeks, although some can take longer. Either way, we’ve got you covered.

If you would like a demo or lesson on how to use the Marmot catalog or any of our services, just come in and ask a staff member. They’ll either take care of you or set you up with a staff expert who can. You can even make an appointment to book a librarian whereby a librarian will spend up to an hour with you to teach you how to use our services on your device. Come check us out.

Four Corners/One Book Community Discussion: January 23

Readers are invited to a community book discussion of Church of the Graveyard Saints by C. Joseph Greaves, from 6:00-8:00pm on Thursday, January 23, in the library meeting room. This title was selected for the first annual Four Corners/One Book community read by the towns of Montrose, Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, Ignacio and Moab. Library patrons and book clubs have been reading Church of the Graveyard Saints since September, and now have the opportunity to come together to share their thoughts. This public book discussion will feature a Q&A with author Chuck Greaves, facilitated by Colorado Mesa University English instructor Rhonda Claridge. Refreshments will be served.

Church of the Graveyard Saints, set in the Four Corners, tells the story of a young woman’s return to her small hometown only to discover that the oil and gas boom promising prosperity to the larger community is threatening her family’s ranching heritage. Of the novel’s central theme, Publishers Weekly wrote: “Can one go home again? Greaves explores this question with both passion and compassion, taking readers on a lyrical, vivid tour of the West.”

Writing both literary fiction (as C. Joseph Greaves) and mystery fiction (as Chuck Greaves), author Charles Joseph Greaves has been a finalist for most of the major awards in crime fiction including the Shamus, Macavity, Lefty, and Audie, as well as the New Mexico-Arizona, Oklahoma, and Colorado Book Awards. He is the author of five previous novels including Hard Twisted and Tom & Lucky (both from Bloomsbury), the latter a Wall Street Journal “Best Books of 2015” selection and final list for the 2016 Harper Lee Prize. Mr. Greaves lives, writes, and farms in the Four Corners, is a member of the National Book Critics Circle, and is the book critic for the Four Corners Free Press newspaper.
Great Decisions Begins February 6

The public is invited to join Great Decisions, a public policy discussion group, co-sponsored by the Montrose Regional Library District and the Montrose County League of Women Voters. The group will meet from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for eight sessions, every Thursday evening from February 6 – March 26. This year’s topics are:

- Climate Change and the Global Order
- India and Pakistan
- Red Sea Security
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle
- China’s Road into Latin America
- The Philippines and the U.S.
- Artificial Intelligence and Data

The group follows a briefing book and video provided by the Foreign Policy Association. Participation in the discussion group is free and open to the public. A limited number of briefing books are available to purchase for $20.00 at the library, with two circulating copies available as well. For more information, please call the library at 249-9656.

Reference Desk Welcomes Katie

In November, our Adult Services department welcomed a new addition to the team. We are pleased to introduce our newest Adult Services Librarian, Katie, to Montrose via the Front Range. We asked her a few questions to introduce her to all of you:

What is your history with libraries?

“I found libraries late in life. My family hardly ever went to the library when I was a kid! I volunteered one summer shelving books at my local library in my early 20s and ended up loving it. I’ve been working in the library world for over ten years now.”

What would you like to do as a librarian in Montrose?

“For me, helping people find the resources they need is a driving passion. Whether that is tracking down a new mystery book or researching a piece of local history, it’s never a dull day at the library!”

What do you like best about being a librarian?

“The patrons! I love that the library is a community gathering place where everyone is welcome. It’s been a great way to get to know Montrose and its people.”

Next time you stop by the library, don’t hesitate to say hello to Katie at our reference desk!
Library Voices: Terence Hammer “Frontier Forts of Colorado”: March 24

During the 19th century the U.S. government built forts throughout the West, first for economic trade and then to protect white settlements. Learn about the various types of forts in Colorado, particularly the western Colorado sites of Fort Davy Crockett, Fort Crawford, Fort Lewis, Fort Roubideaux and Fort Peabody. The history of frontier forts, while interesting in itself, also illuminates trends in the commerce, exploration, and ethnic diversity of the American West.

Terence Hammer is a lifelong Western Colorado resident, Army veteran, and local historical enthusiast, who specializes in Colorado military history.

Don’t miss this fascinating program, March 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

For more information about the Library Voices series, call the Reference Desk at 249-9656 ext 3.

Tech Talks: Coming January 14

Montrose Regional Library District announces Tech Talk!

People of all ages and experience levels are welcome to this informal gathering of tech newcomers and enthusiasts alike. Whether that means you’re just starting out on the computer, learning all about a new phone, or itching to talk to someone about drones, all are welcome!

Chat with others about the newest app or find guidance on which tablet works best for you. A staff member will be on hand to answer basic questions and provide resources, but you will find your peers are your best resource!

Starting January 14th, Tech Talk will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month from 10:30am to 11:30am.

Can’t make Tech Talk? Book-a-Librarian is available weekdays at the library - call 970-249-9656 ext 3 to schedule an appointment!

Library Book Club

Join us! The Book Club will meet on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room at the Library. These books were chosen at the group’s meeting last August. For more information, call 970-249-9656 (ext. 3).

Upcoming Selections:

February 1, 2020: Five Days at Memorial by Sheri Fink, discussion led by Ruth Sendecki

March 7, 2020: The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston, discussion led by Caroline Evans

April 4, 2020: The Library Book by Susan Orlean, discussion led by Meg Nagel

May 2, 2020: The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough, discussion led by Mabel Risch

June 6, 2020: Birding Without Borders by Noah Strycker, discussion led by Carol Cox

July 11, 2020: The Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner, discussion led by Brenda Joyce Coda

August 1, 2020: Planning Meeting for 2020-2021 Book Club

September 5, 2020: The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien, discussion led by Anita Brown & Sally Thoreson

October 3, 2020: How to Hide an Empire by Daniel Immerwahr, discussion led by Tiffany McNeil

New Decade, New Goodies from the Library

by Lindsay Beckman, Head of Adult Services

Big changes are afoot at your library. This year, Montrose Library joined the Marmot Library Network, which provided a major facelift to our online catalog and gives cardholders access to millions (literally!) more items at the click of a button, and we finally got our long-awaited book van, which will enable us to bring even more resources out into our community. We are thrilled to let you know that new services will keep coming in 2020—this time on the digital front!

You may already be familiar with some of our services for digital content. OverDrive, which is our most popular eBook and downloadable audio-book platform, will be expanding! As of January 2, we will move from Across Colorado Digital Consortium to Marmot Library Network for OverDrive content. Joining Marmot’s OverDrive network means that we’ll be working with larger library systems to purchase materials, which in turn means that you will have increased access to thousands more eBooks and downloadable audiobooks.

If you are already using OverDrive (or its app, Libby), it is likely you won’t notice much of a change in January apart from a different logo. Your current checkouts and holds will transfer, though if you are currently using the “Wish List” function (or “Tags” in Libby), be sure to note the items you’ve saved because you’ll have to recreate the list in the new year.

Many of you may also be familiar with RB Digital as a source for downloadable audiobooks. At the beginning of January, we are expanding that subscription to their “Unlimited” service, which will give you access to their ENTIRE catalog of audiobooks. January will also see the inclusion of Unlimited Comics, so the comic book lover in your life will have access to thousands of comics (including Marvel and Disney) on their computers and mobile devices.

Starting in February, RB Digital will expand even further to include access to hundreds of magazines to read from your computer or mobile device!

And because we’re on a roll, we are extremely excited to announce that starting in January, we will offer a brand new movie streaming service: Kanopy! Kanopy offers thousands of box-office hits, documentaries, foreign films, educational courses, and more, which you can watch anywhere, at any time, even casting to your TV. Library cardholders can check out 10 movies a month; most movies have a loan period of 72 hours (3 days), but children’s videos and Great Courses series check out for a month.

We are beginning our Kanopy subscription to be available to all Montrose County resident library cardholders.

There is one piece of sad news in this flurry of excitement. We will be discontinuing our Cloud Library (AspenCat) subscription at the end of January, but we hope that the increased access with all of our other services will leave you with plenty of material to read, listen to, and view!

These are big changes, and we are happy to help you learn more about accessing all of them. Please visit us at the Reference Desk, call us at 970-249-9656, ext. 3, or email us at refdesk@montroselibrary.org with any and all questions you may have. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy a very happy new year with the Montrose Library!
Brought To You By: Youth Services

by Tina Meiners
Head of Youth Services

The Youth Services Department is proud to offer several programs this spring season funded through three generous grants. The NASA at My Library grant will continue for one more year, we already have our new kits, and the theme this year is “The Search for Habitable Worlds.” We are also continuing the Growing Readers Together grant, which supports public libraries as we build partnerships with caregivers in our community, and help to support early literacy development. This grant will provide opportunities to drop in, play, and learn with Miss Sara on the first Saturday each month.

We are super excited to announce a new grant with the No Limits Program and the National Girls Collaborative Project (partnering with Mattel and Mercedes Benz USA) to inspire young children to think outside the box and pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. Look for programming during Engineer’s Week in February.

Calling All Teens!

by Taylor Evans,
Adult Services Librarian

Montrose Library is excited to announce that we are recruiting for our Teen Advisory Board (TAB)! What exactly is the Teen Advisory Board, you ask? Fun, snacks, and a chance to influence decision-making in the library! TAB members will lead a redesign of the teen space in the library, plan and help run programming for teens (like escape rooms, murder mysteries, and Harry Potter night!), and advise library staff on decisions that impact teens in Montrose.

The library wants to hear from teens! TAB is also a great way to build up volunteer hours, beef up your resume, and meet other bookish teens!

Want to learn more? Join us on Thursday, January 16 in the Library Meeting Room to talk to librarians Katie and Taylor, as well as meet other teens interested in TAB! Get here any time between 3:30 and 5:00. A presentation will start at 4. All teens between the ages of 13 and 18 are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions about the event, or can’t attend, you can contact Katie at kwheeler@montroselibrary.org or Taylor at tevans@montroselibrary.org.

Youth Services Activity Guide

**Weekly Programs**

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Weekly programs run January 13th- May 8th

**Special Events**

Introduce A Girl To Engineering Day
Calling all girls! Join us for a fun program that will give girls the chance to think like an engineer! Everyone welcome! Young children must have a caregiver present.
2/20 2-4pm

Kids Count!
Join us for census programming all month long. All ages.
March

STREAM w/ Botanic Gardens
Special guests from the Botanic Gardens will join us as we make garden gnomes and bird baths.
3/14 11am-12pm

Big Montrose Play Date
Join us for a morning of early literacy fun! Learn how to turn ordinary household objects into your child’s favorite new toy! Hands-on examples of engaging activities at this come-and-go program. Ages 0-6.
3/21 10am-12pm

NASA@MyLibrary
Drop in and check out the new fun games provided by our NASA @ My Library grant. Families welcome!
3/26 3:30-5pm

Cheess Tournament
Are you a chess master? Join us during spring break for a chess tournament to show off your skills! All ages.
4/7, 4/8 1-5pm

Spring Break Make n’ Take
Stop by the library each day during Spring Break and grab a special Do-It-Yourself make n’ take craft. All ages are welcome to participate at any time during open hours while supplies last.
4/10 Wind Chimes
4/7 Mosaic Sun Catchers
4/8 Lego Stamp Bookmarks
4/9 Pipe Cleaner Flowers
4/10 Found Objects Collage

Earth Week
Join us in the children’s room for books, movies, crafts, and fun throughout Earth Week!
4/20-4/25

Day of the Children
Come to the library for a full-day of multicultural story-telling and programs for children of all ages.
4/25 10am-4pm

STREAM @ Ute Indian Museum
Join us at the Ute Indian Museum to celebrate Archaeology Month! Families welcome.
5/8 11am-12pm

Dates may change. Call the library or check the MRLD website for more information.
The Census, which happens every 10 years is coming next year and, as a community service, public libraries are playing a big role. Like many other functions, government and otherwise, the Census Bureau would like to go as paperless as possible. Therefore, your public libraries will be offering our usual access to computers so you can fill out the census. While we can’t help you answer the 10 questions, staff can help you get online and then you can fill in the answers.

The census is a count of all persons living in the United States that is conducted every 10 years and is required by the U.S. Constitution. It is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, how federal and state legislative districts are redrawn, and the appropriation of federally funded programs. That is why it is important everyone in Colorado and Montrose County be counted. By being counted you could make the difference in whether Colorado adds another seat in Congress and thus more representation at the federal level. You could make a difference in how much money in federal tax dollars flows back to our state and county for a whole host of programs that our residents use, over $13.1 billion worth. This translates to $2,300 per person.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. The collection of data will be open to the public in March of 2020 and continues through August. Just note that if you don’t respond by sometime in May you will get a visit from someone from the census to count you. Households will receive a postcard with instructions for completing the census beginning in March 2020.

The 10 questions that will be asked are:
- Name, Phone number, Age, Sex, Hispanic origin, Race, Relationship to householder, Whether you own or rent your housing, Number of persons in the household, and Does a person usually stay or live somewhere else.

People can complete the census online, using the internet or a cell phone, over the telephone by calling the census call center, using a paper form, or by responding to a census worker.

Census forms are available in 13 languages.

All answers to the census questions are confidential for 72 years by law. All Census Bureau employees swear a lifetime oath to protect respondent information. The U.S. Census Bureau will never share a respondent’s personal information with other government agencies. Data is only released in summary tables, no individual records are released.

Everyone counts, so let the library help you with the census this year.
News from Naturita
HTML, LEGO League, Mad Labs, & more

By April Bjerk, Library Assistant

Since the start of the 2019-2020 school year, I have been helping Jodi with Pinhead Institute at the Naturita Elementary School. Every Thursday we go into the 5th-grade class and teach HTML and CSS coding. We are building our very own website from scratch! This is a skill that any of these kids can use to start an amazing career! Once we finish the website, we will switch gears completely and learn about astronomy!

Once that class is over, we go to the 6th grade. We have a LEGO League team of 10 very excited kids! Every year, FIRST LEGO League releases a Challenge, which is based on a real-world scientific topic. This year’s challenge is City Shaper: If you were given an opportunity to build a better world, where would you begin? The kids are learning to think like scientists and engineers. They build, test and program robots using LEGO Mindstorms technology to solve a set of missions in the game. This year’s team traveled to Durango, CO for a competition on November 16th.

Lastly, we finish our day here at the library. Jodi and I walk a group of 12-14 kids (k-5th) over to do Mad Labs! Mad Labs provide kids a hands-on, scientific activity that encourages kids to experiment, learn, design, create, investigate, and so much more. The kids are learning that science is more than a subject in school, it is a part of our everyday life.

For more information on programs at Naturita Community Library, follow us on our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/NaturitaLibrary/
**Guía de actividades de servicios juveniles**

**Horario de la Biblioteca Móvil**

**enero al mayo del 2020**

- **Montrose Early Childhood Center (900 Colorado Avenue, Montrose)**
  - **Horario**: 6 de febrero 5 de marzo 2 de abril 7 de mayo
  - **Lunes a Viernes**: 10:30am—12:00pm

**Peak Virtual Academy (928 N. 6th St, Montrose)**

- **Comunidad Habitacional River Meadows (62880 LaSalle Rd, Montrose)**
  - **9 y 23 de enero**
  - **23 de abril 14 de mayo**

La Biblioteca Móvil no saldrá el 9 de abril debido a las vacaciones de Primavera.

**Biblioteca de Naturita**

- **970/787-2270 (voz)**
- **970/787-2273 (fax)**
- **P.O. Box 466, Naturita, CO 81422**
- **Horario**: Lunes 10-6, Martes 10-7, Miércoles a Viernes 10-6, Sábado 10-3, Domingo - Cerrado

**Biblioteca Regional de Montrose**

- **970/249-9656 (voz)**
- **970/240-1901 (fax)**
- **320 S 2nd Street, Montrose, Colorado 81401**
- **Horario**: Lunes a Jueves de 10-7, Viernes 10-6, Sábado 10-5, Domingo - Cerrado

**Servicios y Recursos**

- Biblioteca móvil
- Préstamos entre bibliotecas
- Periódico
- Libros electrónicos
- Audiolibros
- DVD’s y videos
- CD’S
- Club de lectura

**Vacaciones de primavera**

**Creación y Llevo**

Ven a la biblioteca cada día durante sus vacaciones de primavera para hacer manualidades. Todas las edades pueden venir a participar durante las horas que la biblioteca está abierta y hasta agotar existencias.

- 6/4 Campanillas de viento
- 7/4 Colector de sol de mosaico
- 8/4 Marco páginas de sellos de legos
- 9/4 Flores de limapipees
- 10/4 Collage de objetos encontrados

**Semana del planeta tierra**

Acompañanos para leer libros, películas, manualidades y tener diversión durante toda la semana de la Tierra.

**Programa de día de la tierra**

Celebra al día de la tierra en la biblioteca. Todos son bienvenidos.

**STREAM en el museo Indígena Ute**

Acompañanos en el museo indígena Ute para celebrar el mes de la arqueología. Las familias son bienvenidas.

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**Program Key**

For Children (0-6)
For Kids (4-12)
For Everyone
*requires sign up

For more information on these programs visit our website at www.montroselibrary.org or like us on Facebook: montroseregionallibrary or Twitter: @montroselibrary

For children's events call 970-249-9656 ext. 2. For teen events call 970-249-9656 ext. 3.

For adult events call 970-249-9656.

For bookmobile info call Outreach Services, 970-964-2556.