Growing Readers Together:

MRLD is pleased to announce that we have been selected to participate in the Growing Readers Together grant program through the Colorado State Library and the Colorado Department of Education. As a result of the shortage of licensed childcare facilities in Colorado, parents often turn to friends, family members, or neighbors to care for their children. This grant will allow us to cultivate opportunities for care providers and parents to build and foster community. We plan to use the grant funds to enhance our play area at the library as well as curate themed circulating kits to create early literacy experiences at home. Keep an eye out for more exciting developments!

GOCO Grant with the Ute Indian Museum:

The Montrose Regional Library is proud to collaborate with the Ute Indian Museum in the design of their Naturescape area created for families on the museum grounds. Funding will be provided through a GOCO grant and the Montrose Regional Library will be providing a story walk that will add an early literacy component to the fun!

STEAM Equity Grant:

The Montrose Regional Library has been selected as one of 12 libraries in the United States to participate in the STAR Net STEAM Equity Project, a competitive grant program that will enable the library and its collaborators to offer special programs, educational products, and exhibitions. Through this project, we hope to empower tweens and their families in equitable STEAM learning and career paths by building off their existing strengths, interests, and diverse cultures. The STEAM Equity project—where STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math—is designed specifically for libraries in rural communities with sizeable Latinx populations.

Library Link Grant:

In July of 2020, the Montrose Regional Library district received funding through the Federal CARES Act, distributed by the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the Colorado State Library for the purpose of increasing digital access in the communities of Montrose and Olathe. MRLD is using these funds to establish three Library Link sites in partnership with community organizations: the Olathe Community Center, The Montrose Elks Club, and the Ute Indian Museum. These sites will become permanent internet access points where anyone can access the internet 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. MRLD will supplement the internet access with weekly visits from the Book Van to bring librarians, printing services, and homework help to these sites.

The Montrose Regional Library was chosen to be part of Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries, an American Library Association initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities. The MRL Youth Services Department will be collaborating with the Montrose Botanic Gardens to install a permanent story walk near the children’s garden on their property.
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Hours

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Saturday 10-3 Sunday: closed

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Many thanks to all who contributed!

From the Director: Montrose and Naturita Libraries to Resume Normal Hours June 1

by Paul Paladino, Director

Good news with the library returning to full pre-pandemic hours beginning June 1, 2021. The Montrose Regional Library will be open 7 days per week, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Staff is very excited to be able to serve you in the manner we were accustomed to doing. We want to thank you for your patience in bearing with us through the pandemic. Due to recent guidance from the CDC, the District will be putting furniture back in place, returning all of our collections including newspapers and magazines, and opening up our study rooms.

Thanks to the hard work of you, our patrons, the staff, management and the Board of Trustees of the Montrose Regional Library District we didn’t have a single outbreak of Covid-19 at any of our facilities. We will continue to monitor public health issues, but hopefully the worst is behind us.

Speaking of staff, the Library District has the best around! I want to give a special shout out to Tina Meiners, the Montrose Regional Library’s Head of Youth and Outreach Services. Tina just completed the requirements to receive her Master’s Degree in Library Science. Congratulations are due to one of our newest employees as well, (Ruby) Mae Ayers is graduating as the valedictorian of the Vista Charter School.

The District has been ramping up hiring, anticipating the return to full hours, and by mid summer, the District will have 8 staff members who hold a Master’s Degree in Library Science. Having nearly a third of our staff with that much education is really great for a library of our size especially when it translates into so much knowledgeable service to you. In addition, we have 3 other staff members who are pursuing their master’s degrees. We strive to provide you with the best staff possible to serve your needs. Come check out your public library.

Join the Library Book Club – At Home

The Book Club will meet on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom. For more information, call 970/249-9656 (ext. 3).

To request the Zoom link and password, email lmclean@montroselibrary.org.

Upcoming Selections

June 2020: Power, by Linda Hogan

August 2020: (Planning Meeting for 2021-2022)

September 2021: Lilac Girls, by Martha Kelly

October 2021: A Stranger Among Saints, by Jonathan Mack

July 2020: The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu, by Joshua Hammer

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Wild Summer Adventures with the Library

by Taylor Evans, Adult Services Librarian

Are you looking for a new adventure this summer? Whether you prefer fishing, hiking, camping, or would rather read a book about the great outdoors, the library has something for you. Join us for this year’s Adult Summer Reading Program, Tails and Tales, to celebrate nature and wildlife!

Starting on June 1, all adults over the age of 18 can register for the ASRP by emailing us at refdesk@montroselibrary.org, calling us at (970) 249-9666 ext. 3, using https://bit.ly/asrp2021 or stopping by the library’s Reference Desk.

All registrants will receive a wildlife BINGO card including local plants and animals, as well as events and contests you can join. Anyone who fills in five squares in a row will be entered into a raffle for two amazing grand prizes! The first 100 registrants will receive a free bag with a copy of Becoming Wild: How Animal Cultures Raise Families, Create Beauty, and Achieve Peace by Carl Safina, swag, and if you’re lucky, a Golden Ticket. If you get a Golden Ticket, email us at refdesk@montroselibrary.org or call us at (970) 249-9666 ext. 3, to enter into a raffle for a gift card to a local business!

There will be a number of passive events available throughout the summer program. The wildlife BINGO cards and a virtual Colorado Wildlife Escape Room will be available all throughout the program. A Colorado & Utah State Parks Contest will be from Monday, June 7 to Friday, June 18. The winners will receive one of three $20 gift cards to local outdoors shops! There will be a flower arrangement contest from Wednesday, July 7 to Wednesday, July 21. Each winner will receive one $10 Alpenglow gift card, and two flower seed packets from Camelot Gardens. The winners for both contests will be chosen by library followers on our Facebook page. Adult Take & Make Bags will continue throughout the summer, so look forward to an announcement about new nature-themed craft bags!

Many virtual events will take place during this summer reading program! The Adult Book Club will continue with meetings on June 5 and July 10. You could join them on Saturday, June 5 at 9 a.m. to discuss Power by Linda Hogan. You could also join them on Saturday, July 10 at 9 a.m. to discuss The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Quest to Save the World’s Most Precious Manuscripts by Joshua Hammer. If you are a backyard beekeeper or want to learn more about bees, a live Hive Inspection and Informational Session with Homestead in the Hood will take place on Saturday, June 19 at 11 a.m. Email Laura at lmclean@montroselibrary.org to register for those events.

Green Thumb Gardening: Prune Smart: Trees will take place on Thursday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. Linda Corwine, a Master Gardener and Arborist with CSU Tri River Extension, will teach us ways to effectively prune and care for large trees. You could join us for Flower Arrangement with Cynthia Alvarez, Founder and Owner of Alpenglow Growers, on Tuesday, July 6 at 6 p.m. Email Taylor at tevans@m montroselibrary.org or call her at (970) 964-2580, to register for these virtual events.

There will be a couple of ways to win prizes this summer. Completing a BINGO card and participating in any program or activity will earn one entry into the grand prize drawing, and there will be two amazing prizes up for grabs! Golden Tickets will be randomly dropped into the first 100 registry bags. Contact the Adult Services Department, or stop by the library to let us know if you’ve received a Golden Ticket, and we’ll enter you into a raffle for gift cards to local businesses.

Registration for the ASRP opens on June 1 and the program ends on July 31. Registration is open to anyone older than 18. Contact the Adult Services department, at refdesk@montroselibrary.org or (970) 249-9666 ext. 3, or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up!

Teen Adventures with the Library

by Taylor Evans

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 and 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, a BINGO card, and a bag of goodies to aid them in their summer adventures.

Two passive programs will be available throughout the summer reading program. They include completing a virtual Colorado Wildlife Escape Room and filling out five squares in a row on the wildlife BINGO card. The Escape Room will challenge teens to escape and survive being stranded in Rocky Mountain National Park. The BINGO card will include many local plants and animals, and events that both teens and adults can attend.

There will be numerous wild virtual programs in which to participate. Teen(ish) Trivia will be back this summer with an all-about-animals edition on Tuesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. Virtual Teen(ish) Book Club will convene for a special animal-themed read on Thursday, July 1, at 4:15 p.m. (and all participants will receive the book!). Colorado Parks & Wildlife will provide the grand program finale with a virtual workshop on rocks and tracks identification on Wednesday, July 21, at 11 a.m.

Online contests will include an animal photo contest (cute pets and wildlife entries are encouraged), as well as an animal-themed creative challenge. Two prize winners, chosen by a group of teen judges, will be selected for both the animal photo contest and animal-themed creative challenge. If you want to join us for fun facts about animals, chances to win prizes, great books, and opportunities to exercise your creativity, then sign up for summer reading.

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

Full program details will be included in the Teen Summer Reading Program bag. Registration opens on Tuesday, June 1, at https://bit.ly/tsrp2021 in person at the library, and the program ends on Saturday, July 31. Everyone ages 12 to 18 is welcome! Have questions? Contact Amy at adickinson@ montroselibrary.org or (970) 275-9383 (call/text) to sign up for any virtual events or for more information.
2021 Youth Services
Summer Library Adventure

Join us for the MRLD Summer Library Adventure from June 1 to July 31! Kids who participate will vote on new games for the children’s room and receive bags full of activities and crafts. A book is included in the registration bag and upon completion of the summer program. One bag per child per week.

Bags will be available for ages:
- Under 2 years
- 2-4 years old
- 5-8 years old
- 9-11 years old
Registration begins June 1.

If you will be using curbside or home delivery services, please call or email the Youth Services Department at montroselibrarykids@gmail.com or 970-964-2552.

The Montrose Regional Library Outreach Services will be offering activity bags for children 11 & under for our 2021 Summer Reading Program.

Every Thursday
June 3rd—July 29th

We will be at the 3 different locations listed below:

Olathe Town Park
Hersum and 5th St, Olathe, CO 81425
9:00am – 9:45am

River Meadows Community Park
62880 LaSalle Rd Montrose, CO 81401
10:00am-10:45am

Northbrook Villas Community Park
14555 Marine Rd Montrose, CO 81401
11:00am – 11:45am

Outreach Services
970-964-2556
outreach@mrld.us
www.facebook.com/montroseregionallibrary
Twitter @MontroseLibrary
2021 Servicios Juveniles
Aventura de Verano la Biblioteca

Cuentos y Animales

Únete a nosotros en el MRLD Aventura de Verano en la Biblioteca desde el 1 de junio hasta el 31 de julio. Los niños que participen votarán sobre nuevos juegos en la sala de niños y recibirán bolsas llenas de actividades y manualidades.

Se reparte un libro en la bolsa de registración y otro al completar el programa de verano. Una bolsa por niño por semana.

Las bolsas estarán disponibles para estos grupos de edad:
- Menores de 2 años
- 2-4 años
- 5-8 años
- 9-11 años

La registración empieza el 1 de junio.

Si vas a usar los servicios de recogida en la banqueta o entrega a domicilio, por favor llama o manda un correo electrónico al Departamento de Servicios Juveniles en montroselibrarykids@gmail.com o 970-964-2552.

Aventura de Verano de la Biblioteca

Servicios externos de la Biblioteca Regional de Montrose ofrecerán bolsas de actividades para niños menores de 11 años para nuestro Programa de lectura de verano del 2021.

Cada jueves
3 de junio al 29 de julio

Estaremos en estas 3 ubicaciones diferentes:

Olathe Town Park
Hersum y 5th St. Olathe, CO 81425
9:00am - 9:45am

River Meadows Community Park
62880 LaSalle Rd. Montrose, CO 81401
10:00am - 10:45am

Northbrook Villas Community Park
14555 Marine Rd. Montrose, CO 81403
11:00am - 11:45am

Servicios Externos
970-964-2556
outreach@mrld.us
www.facebook.com/montroseRegionalLibrary
Twitter @MontroseLibrary
Montrose Delivery Service Continues by Zone

Delivery service will continue on different days based on your location. Please see the map to determine when your delivery day will be. You will receive a delivery once a week on either Tuesday or Friday.

You will receive an email or phone delivery notification on Monday.

If you live on the dividing line (Main St., Chipeta Rd., immediately east of Chipeta Rd.), you are part of the blue zone and will receive your delivery on Tuesday.

If you have returns, remember to put them out on the morning of your delivery day.

Please contact the Outreach Department with any questions at outreach@mrd.us or call 970-964-2556.

The Literature for Life Scholarship encourages the reading of great literature and thinking seriously about its content. With a $500,000 endowment, the Foundation will perpetually offer one new scholarship each year to a deserving recipient. Each award will be $5,000 per year for four years.

Interested in Encouraging Reading in Our Community?

Would you help us establish this endowment so doors of opportunity can be opened year after year for Montrose students to pursue their dreams?

$2,500 will perpetually endow one month of scholarship for a young Montrose reader. This may be donated in lump sum or at a rate of $52/month for four years. $625 will endow one week of scholarship. This too may be funded in lump sum or at a rate of $26/month for 2 years.

The Friends of the Montrose Library are good friends indeed. This dedicated group of volunteers work tirelessly to support the library, mostly by sorting and selling donated books.

This year has been very different for every one of us, and the Friends of the Library are no exception. Unable to hold spring and fall book sales because of COVID-19, the Friends have done some re-arranging in order to move the many, many donated books they receive. If you’ve been inside the library, you may have noticed that the “Books for Sale” shelves have moved. You may have also noticed that the books on those shelves are now organized by genre, and that fiction titles are alphabetized by author! There are sections for travel, western history, biographies, history, cookbooks and crafts as well. If you’re in the library, feel free to browse those shelves and take a book with you – just remember to leave a donation in the box.

The Friends of the Library are looking forward to hopefully holding a book sale this fall, so be on the lookout for that! However, if you would like to purchase books from the Friends, you can do so year-round at their booth at the downtown business Country Flair at 335 E. Main Street. The booth is always well stocked with seasonal and popular books, and you are sure to find great reads for the whole family.

Finally, as you are browsing the Friends’ books, either in the library or at Country Flair, be sure to pick up their informational brochure. Inside, you will find lots of information about all the ways they support our library, as well as an application so that you can become a Friend of the Montrose Library too. As always, we appreciate our Friends, and all they do to make our library a better place!
Naturita Summer Adventures: Activity Bags, Ann Lincoln Videos, and More!

by Susan Rice,
Branch Manager

Naturita Community Library will continue with activity bags over the summer. The theme is Tails and Tales and we will explore backyard insects, barn yard animals, jungle magic and many more exciting topics.

Miss Raena will be our story reader on Facebook. Catch Miss Raena every Thursday beginning June 10th through July 22nd. Parents and guardians may pick up the activity bags Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week.

Our dear friend Ann Lincoln will appear on our Facebook page with videos related to the summer reading theme. Ann Lincoln always wants our kids to laugh. She has been entertaining our community kids for many years with her lovable animals and her harrowing juggling. Ann is definitely one to watch this summer on Naturita Library’s Facebook page. Miss Raena will be posting that weekly for those who are able to participate.

Adults get to have fun too!

By Raena Wedel-Grindle

Naturita Community Library has provided fun learning experiences for the kiddos all school year, but we didn’t want to leave anybody out, so we did monthly adult activity bags as well.

We did a “Spa Day” activity where patrons got to take home everything to make bath bombs and scrubs. We also do activities to let adults showcase their unique artistic style and creativity. Among these were resin and dried flower pendants, a tree branch Christmas tree, and a Valentine’s Day center piece.

The latest in creativity is our Window Décor Series, with the first activity being bird window spinners. We provide everything from paint to beads and the “canvas” to get artsy. This series will continue on through the summer.

Coming up this fall, we will be moving into our Home Décor Series. We will be incorporating nature into things like planters and candle holders and repurposing glass jars. We are coming up with new fun ideas every week.

We will also be starting the Adult Book Club in September.

Sci-Fi and Fantasy Collection Gets Update

by Cliff Allred

We are updating the science fiction and fantasy collection at the Naturita Community Library. There’s a vast amount of new genre fiction coming out, so the trick has been to find a diverse array of authors, with interesting ideas and lively writing.

We’ve also tried to include both stand-alone books and series, for readers that just want a one-and-done story and readers that want to dig into an author.

The titles I’m most excited about are Red Noise, by John P. Murphy, and The Bone Ships, by RJ Barker.

Good news from the library—we will be able to resume in-house programming beginning in the fall of this year.

Keep up with all Naturita news on our Facebook page. Have a great summer.

Check Us Out!

Stay connected with Naturita Community Library on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/NaturitaLibrary

New Hours:
As of Tuesday, June 1
Naturita Community Library will be open:

Monday-Friday
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday - closed
### Program Schedule

All events virtual unless otherwise specified. Please call the library at 970-249-9656 for more information.

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**Program Key**

For Children (0-6)  For Adults
For Kids (4-12)  For Everyone
For Teens  *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 Outreach Services call 970-964-2556.