Serenades in the Stacks

Western Slope Singers Kick Off Popular Program’s Return

The return of Sunday Serenades is off to a great start. On January 21st, 95 people came to the library to hear a collection of favorite show tunes from the Western Slope Singers: Kristin Mauk, Kenneth Easton, Daniel Easton and Rachel Blankmeyer. Refreshments were served, and everyone had a wonderful time.

“Last summer, many members of our community told us they missed the popular Sunday Serenades,” said Caroline Evans, vice-president of the MRLD Board of Trustees. “Now, they are back! The first performance was well-attended and appreciated by nearly 100 people—even some new to the library. It’s great to have the library open 7-days a week and to bring back this well-loved program.”

Upcoming Sunday Serenades:

February 18, Noon:
- Mike Gwinn, Vocals & Guitar
- David Snider, Piano, Bass & Guitar

March 18, Noon:
- Shelley Warren, Flute
- Elise Helmke Anderson, Harp

April 29, Noon:
- Debbie TenNapel, Violin
- Martha Jacobs, Cello

Montrose Regional Library Hours, Services & Materials Expand in 2018

by Paul Paladino
Library District Director

Things are really hopping at the Montrose Regional Library District. First, a big thank you to all of the voters who turned out to support the Library District in November. Because of your support we have been able to open the Montrose Regional Library seven days a week, are expanding our book and materials collections throughout the District, are planning to expand our outreach services through the bookmobile, and have begun bringing back programs like the ever popular Sunday Serenades. Ninety five people attended our first Sunday Serenades program. We are quite busy, just how we like it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who voted in the election. Without you our system of government fails and so you are commended for taking your responsibilities seriously.

The Montrose Library has only been open on Friday and Saturday for a few weeks but people have already told us how happy they are. Someone just told me the other day how Friday is her day off and now she doesn’t have to remember to fit in a visit to the library on Thursday, after work and before dinner, to get books for the weekend. The public has really responded to the expanded services and are using the library more than ever.

In addition to the above activities, the District can now look at some projects and upgrades we have been putting off for some time. One of the bigger projects is to update our self check units and our materials security system. These items were put in when the Montrose Regional Library was built and are nearly 20 years old. The systems at the Naturita Community Library are much newer.

The Library District will now be able to expand the materials we offer. Currently we are finalizing an order for Overdrive, which will add greatly to our E-book offerings. We plan on...
Looking at more magazines and of course, more books in 2018. As always we welcome your suggestions for items to add!

We will also be looking to upgrade our technology in 2018. The Naturita Community Library has a new fiber internet circuit and speeds are much improved. The District finished installing new cabling in Naturita and Montrose facilities in late 2017 and are now looking to replace the Wi-Fi systems, bringing better access to our wireless patrons.

The District website is outdated and that will be a 2018 project as well. A new look for our patron access library catalog is something that is planned in the future.

You will also see some new faces at the Montrose Regional Library. In order to add two days to our open schedule, we needed to hire more staff to work the service desks. These new staff are bringing new ideas, new enthusiasm and new smiles to our library. Staff is happy and excited to do new things, provide more service and more programs to the public. We appreciate your support and hope you will stop by and check us out.
Crafternoon Spring Dates

Crafternoon is a crafting group for adults and teens. We meet on the first, second, and third Wednesdays of each month from 2:30 – 4:30. Members knit and crochet projects for charity. All supplies for charity projects are provided. Participants are welcome to bring their personal projects to work on, and drop-in attendance is fine. The group meets in the Montrose Library Meeting Room.

Spring dates:
Feb 7, 14, 21
Mar 7, 14, 21
Apr 4, 11, 18

Youth Services Department Winter/Spring Activity Guide:

Weekly Storytimes and Events

The Young and the Restless—Tuesdays at 10:00 am
Designed for kids ages 2-5—the whole family is invited
Children ages 2 to 5 will develop pre-reading skills with games, songs, books, and music. A culminating craft activity will complete this weekly, thematic storytime. So bring the youngsters for an action-packed time!

Li’l Learners—Wednesdays at 10:00 am
For babies 0-24 months with a parent/caregiver
A weekly storytime for children 0-24 months and their guardians. We will help you and your kiddo(s) form positive bonds around singing, reading, movement and play. With fun themes and repetitive activities, your child will have a blast growing and learning with you!

Reading to Rover—Saturdays at 2:00 pm
Designed for kids 4-12 years, families invited—REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Read to a Morningstar Therapy Dog. Our dogs enjoy listening to kids read! To make an appointment call 970-249-9656 x2.

Monthly Clubs

Tell Me a Story—Last Sunday of Each Month at 3:00 pm
February 25, March 25, and April 29
This is a storytime for Spanish-speakers, English-speakers, and bilingual families. We will sing, play, and read together in Spanish and English so you can learn with your children and help them develop their language and reading skills.

Cuentame un cuento—El último domingo de cada mes a las 3:00 pm
25 de febrero, 25 de marzo, y 29 de abril
Esta es una hora de cuentos para hispanohablantes, personas que hablan inglés y familias bilingües. Vamos a cantar, jugar y leer juntos en español e inglés para que pueda aprender con sus hijos y ayudarlos.

Note: Monthly Clubs have attendance restrictions. See librarians for details.
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- For Preschool
- For Kids (4-12)
- For Teens
- For Adults
- For Everyone

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For adult events call 970-249-9656.