Award-Winning Young Adult Author, Crystal Maldonado visits Montrose September 28

By Addy Ascencio, Adult Services Librarian

When I think about fall, I think about crisp, cool mornings, crunchy leaves, hot chocolate, and cozy reads. It’s a time of warmth even though the temperature slowly decreases and the days grow shorter. There’s something about fall that makes us slow down, especially after the whirlwind and excitement of Summer Reading at the library. It makes us pause, reflect, and relish in our feelings.

With the support of the Friends of the Montrose Library, we are so honored to host a young adult author who packs a whole lot of feelings in her books, perfect for cozy fall days. Crystal Maldonado is the author of two young adult books, Fat Chance, Charlie Vega and No Filter and Other Lies. Maldonado’s work centers Latinx main characters who navigate through familial relationships, identity, friendship, love, and self-acceptance in our contemporary world.

Her first novel, Fat Chance, Charlie Vega was named a New England Book Award Winner and an NPR Best Book of the Year, among other accolades. The recently published No Filter and Other Lies already has been named a Junior Library Guild Gold Standard Selection.

On September 28, we will have a full day of events planned in the community and in the library. The first event will be held for students in collaboration with Montrose High School, where Crystal Maldonado will present on a topic regarding race and identity in Latinx literature. If you’re an MHS student, you may have seen Maldonado’s work as part of your required reading list (that was part of our carefully crafted plan).

Then, we will have a special Teen(ish) Book Club edition with Maldonado joining us in person! If you are interested in seeking out books and getting the behind-the-scenes details, register to join at bit.ly/mrldteen. Recommended for 13+. Every participant will get a copy of one of Maldonado’s books. Copies of Charlie Vega tiene un problema gordo are available in Spanish, too!

Lastly, we will have an evening writing workshop with Crystal Maldonado in the library, open to the public. The writing workshop will focus specifically on writing for a young adult audience and will include writing exercises. If you’re an aspiring young adult author, you won’t want to miss this! Space is limited and we will have more details on how to register available soon!

As a fat, brown Latina, I adored Fat Chance, Charlie Vega because of how deeply it resonated with me. I remember being like Charlie, an aspiring writer, a hopeless romantic, a girl unsure of who I was or where I belonged. I know I’m not alone. And that is what makes Maldonado one of my favorite authors. She has a uniquely distinct voice and ability to make you feel seen.

At the library, we recognize the importance of reflecting stories of our community. It is especially important due to the diversity of Latinx people in our community. We believe that seeing a Latinx author who mirrors shared experiences with Latinx teens will be a moment that resonates with them, too, just like it was for me.

SafeSitter Workshops Return for Fall

by James Stetson, Youth Services Librarian

In upcoming months, the Montrose Regional Library will renew a popular tween/teen program: SafeSitter! If you’re not familiar with it, this babysitter training program was designed by Registered Nurses to provide quality, data-driven instruction for young people.

Kids in 4th-6th grades can attend the Safe At Home workshop to learn safe and healthy home-alone behaviors. Middle school and high school students can learn about safe and fun babysitting skills in October and then add on First Aid and CPR certifications at the November training session.

Maybe you have a kid between ages 9 and 12 who is starting to stay at home alone. Or perhaps you’re a tween or teen that watches brothers or sisters, nieces or nephews, and you want some more training. Then again, you might want to start up your own babysitting business. Information on all of these topics and more are provided in one of three SafeSitter programs being offered this fall.

Mark your calendars for the Safe At Home workshop on September 17, Safe Sitter Essentials on October 15 or Essentials + First Aid/CPR on November 19. All programs will occur in the Library Meeting Room at 9 a.m. and snacks and drinks will be provided. Space is limited, so to sign up, or for more information, please contact James at 970-964-2551 or jstetson@montroselibrary.org.
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by Taylor Evans,
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The library is happy to work in collaboration with Deborah Conroe, a citizenship teacher, and various other organizations on a citizenship practice series! This series has been developed to offer weekly citizenship practice and tutoring to adults while providing educational programming for their children. Parents will have organized time with their children at the end of each event and, if they so choose, single adults can join to learn about community resources for immigrants in Montrose.

This ten part series will take place Monday evenings, starting on September 10. Before the citizenship practice sessions start, parents will drop their children off in the the Margeurite H. Gill Children’s Room. Tina Meiners, the Head of Youth Services, will be there to greet families and sign their children in for an hour of programming. All children, ages 4 and up, are welcome to join a bilingual story time with craft activities while their parents move on to the citizenship practice sessions.

Deborah Conroe, an experienced citizenship teacher, will lead the citizenship practice sessions. Deborah will base her lessons off of the instructions provided by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. She will teach adult attendees about the steps involved in a citizenship test, and her background as an English as a Second Language teacher will be helpful for attendees who are not fluent in English. Students will gain confidence in reading, writing, and speaking in English. They are also going to gain digital literacy skills in an interactive class format. A hybrid option will be open to all attendees.

Right after the citizenship tutoring and Youth Services programming, parents will reunite with their children to discuss what their children learned in Youth Services programming and how to further those lessons at home. That involves receiving crafts and bilingual books to take home with them. Families and single adults will learn about local resources of interest to immigrants and English language learners, such as connections for navigating the school system and furthering adult education. Representatives from a variety of community organizations that aim to help families and individuals lead healthy and productive lives will provide information on their resources.

Please email Taylor at tevans@montroselibrary.org to register yourself and your family for this program. We need your registration information in order to provide sufficient child care and educational resources for every family. We look forward to seeing you at our citizenship practice series!

Mark Your Calendars!
Friends of the Library Book Sale, October 6-9

FOL Members Only
Thursday, October 6: 4-7 PM

Open to the public:
Friday, October 7: 10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday, October 8: 10 AM - 5 PM
Sunday, October 9: 1-3 PM ($5 bag sale on Sunday Only)

Interested in joining the Friends? Here are just a few benefits:
- Shop early at Friends of the Library book sales, held twice a year
- Receive invitations to Friends of the Library events
- Satisfaction of supporting your community libraries

To learn more about the Friends or become a member, visit http://www.montroselibrary.org/support-mrld/

Newsletter Editor: Jonathan Heath
Many thanks to all who contributed!
A Harvest of Fall Programs at the Library

by Sara Riinne, Head of Adult Services

Everywhere there are signs that fall is approaching, and I couldn’t be happier! My favorite season is heralded by cool mornings, back-to-school fever, pumpkin spice everything, and a new slate of library programs! This fall, our tireless Adult Services librarians have put together a full schedule of programs, with something for everyone. Perennial favorites, like the Library Book Club and Crafternoon will continue, and new additions will bring many opportunities to learn and be entertained.

The Library Book Club is held on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the library. Some exciting titles have been chosen for the 2022-2023 year, including blockbusters such as The Four Winds, The Dictionary of Lost Words, The Soul of an Octopus, and The Overstory. The book club is open to anyone who would like to join in the discussion. Get in touch with Laura at lmclean@montroselibrary.org to learn more about the Book Club.

Laura also coordinates the weekly crafting program called Crafternoon. If you like to knit, crochet, or just get together with other crafters, come to the library every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The library can provide yarn, so just bring your needles or hook, and get started! Completed projects like hats and blankets are donated to charitable organizations, so it’s a great way to apply your amazing crafting skills!

If you prefer to work on craft projects from the comfort of home, keep your eye out for seasonal Take-and-Make craft kits, available at the Reference Desk in October and December. Craft kits are up for grabs in the first week of the month. Watch the library’s Facebook page for availability, or email Laura (lmclean@montroselibrary.org) for more information.

Anyone interested in cultivating more stillness, both within and around you, is encouraged to attend our Mindfulness Matters series. Led by Erin Easton, founder of New Leaf Coaching, this series of two-hour classes will introduce what mindfulness is and ways to practice it.

Email Taylor at tevans@montroselibrary.org for more information and to register for these events.

You can also email Taylor for information about another programming series - Legal Services. Monthly programs in September through December will focus on a different subject, from dealing with debt to SSI and SSDI, presented by attorneys from Colorado Legal Services. These workshops are designed to help anyone with questions about legal issues, and are particularly tailored toward low-income and at-risk individuals.

Legal assistance will be provided by Colorado Legal Services. Check the newsletter’s calendar, the Library’s Facebook page, or the Library’s website for dates and times.

Death Cafe is not a grief support group, but is instead a way to think and talk about this often taboo subject. And there are always refreshments - tea and cake! For more information about Death Cafe - what it is, what it isn’t, and how to participate, email Sara at srinne@montroselibrary.org.

If you’re interested in learning about how opioids are affecting our community, please plan to attend our Opioid Seminar series.

These presentations will explore the effects of the opioid epidemic on this community and on individuals, and will provide resources people could use for help. Samantha Peed Ed.D. LPC and Kathleen Burnell MA LPC, from the Center for Mental Health, will present in September. Allie McDonald, a Peer Recovery Coach with Advocates for Recovery Colorado in MADA will present in December. Email Taylor for more information at tevans@montroselibrary.org.

October is Family History Month, and the library is partnering with the Montrose Historical Society and the Fore-Kin Trails Genealogical Society to provide programs for all ages. For adults, we will be hosting a Twilight Tour of Cedar Cemetery, where participants can hear the stories of famous (or infamous) Montroseans from days of yore. Email Sara - srinne@montroselibrary.org - to learn more and sign up.

And finally, we are introducing two fun programs for families this fall. Coco with Cocoa will be—you guessed it—a family movie night. Partnering with the Youth Services team, we’re celebrating the magic of Disney’s Coco with family and friends at the library on Friday, September 23 at 5:30 p.m! Hot chocolate and treats will be provided to enjoy. Bring a camping chair for more comfortable and relaxed seating.

We also invite you to join friends and neighbors to play Lotería on September 15 and October 12 at 4:30 p.m. Lotería is a traditional Mexican game (think Bingo!) with deep cultural roots that dates back to the 1700s. It’s a free and fun game, open to all ages.

To learn more, or sign up to participate in either (or both!) of these fun family programs, email Addy at aascencio@montroselibrary.org.

Please check out the calendar in this newsletter for dates and times, as well as for other information on our Citizenship classes, and more programs for kids and teens. We hope that you will join us this fall for one—or many—library programs!
The Montrose Regional Library is starting its third year with the STEAM Equity Grant, which was awarded to twelve organizations in the United States. Through this grant, the vision is to assist rural communities to empower tweens and their families around equitable STEAM learning and career paths by leveraging their existing strengths, interests, and diverse cultures.

On the calendar for this season are three exciting learning opportunities. First, the Montrose Library will host a metal detecting and rock-hounding program with the Uncompahgre Treasure Club on September 14 where participants will learn how to use metal detectors to find ‘treasure’ on the library property.

Next, on November 5, is Cosmic Art—a collaboration between artist Anne Hockenberry and Bryan Cashion with the Black Canyon Astronomical Society to see how art meets and merges with the solar system. Both programs will be for participants 9-14 years.

We also have our second STEAM Equity exhibit arriving in late October. Learn about outer space, weather, oceanography, and more through an interactive global display. Challenge your observation skills and explore citizen science opportunities to study animals, weather, the night sky, and more in this hands-on experience. The exhibition is especially designed for tweens 10 to 13 years old and their families, but people of all ages will have fun learning and exploring. The exhibition is written in both English and Spanish.

Finally, don’t forget to stop by the library and check out the interactive displays that are part of the grant, like the Macroinvertebrate Citizen Science display which is a carryover from a tween/teen program during the summer reading program. Take home an activity bag to continue learning about various STEAM topics with your family today.

For more information about the grant, the programs mentioned, or the exhibit, please contact Tina Meiners at tmeiners@montroselibrary.org.

Weekly Storytimes
August 22 to December 16
Library Meeting Room

Baby & Me Storytime
Wednesdays from 10 – 10:30 AM

Enjoy early literacy through stories, songs, and rhymes. This program is designed for children birth to 18 months.

*If you have children older than 18 mos please attend the Family Storytimes.

Family Storytime
Thursdays from 10 – 10:30 AM
Fridays from 10 – 10:30 AM

Enjoy interactive stories, songs, and play. All ages welcome!
by Karen Funke, Head of Outreach Services

The Montrose Regional Library Bookmobile and Bookvan have had a fun and busy summer out and about in our community. The summer reading program wrapped up at the end of July with amazing crafts and giveaways. It is always sad to say goodbye to the friends we met on our weekly stops to parks and neighborhoods.

Our library Director, Paul Paladino, and his sidekick, Sunny, drove the Bookmobile in three summer parades. It is fun getting the Bookmobile ready for a parade, but washing that big bus is really a lot of work! Maybe you saw us at the Farmers Market, Rec Center five-year anniversary, Community Night.

As we transition to the school year and fall activities, the Bookmobile will be visiting the Early Childhood Center and Outer Range School for regular stops, and we will be at the Olathe Town Park every other Wednesday on early school release days. More locations and dates to follow. Fall lobby stops will continue to our senior living centers.

We enjoy getting to know our more seasoned library patrons and providing books and materials that they enjoy reading.

The Bookvan keeps weekly deliveries going to Montrose and Olathe residents. If you would like your library materials delivered, click the delivery button on the dropdown menu when you are on the library catalog, or call the library for assistance. I bet you have noticed all of the beautiful new books pouring into the library. What a library, and what a community! See you out on the road!

The MRLD Bookmobile will be in Montrose and Olathe. Please check dates below for a stop near you. La Biblioteca Móvil estará en Montrose y Olathe. En encuentra las fechas y paradas cerca de ti.

22 de agosto al 16 de diciembre
Sala de Reuniones

Hora de cuentos de bebé y yo
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¡Manualidades rápidas con una piza de ciencia!
Todos los lunes de 4:30 a 5:00pm
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Club de LEGO
Todos los miércoles
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End of ‘Oceans of Possibilities’ Marks the End of Summer

by Susan Rice, Branch Manager

Here’s how Naturita’s Summer Reading Program looks: Our community’s kids come in through the 1st Avenue sliding doors. Those who can write their name on the take home bag do so before they sit on the rug to listen to the day’s story, which pertains to the theme and the craft of the day. After the story comes a song – this year, Raena made up a mermaid song using the “Five Little Ducks” song as a template, which included hand gestures.

For crafts this year we decided on ‘memory crafts’ that parents and kids can save as keepsakes. The kids made plaster of Paris hand prints, ocean scenes with shells, and Tic Tac Toe boards with rocks painted to look like mermaid tails, a suncatcher using ocean charms and sea glass beads, and many more age-appropriate creative crafts. Crafts like this assist in the development of fine motor control, or engaging in small, precise movements.

The crafting area is only one station of several throughout the library and its grounds. Outside, the kids engage in activities to develop large-scale motor control, such as water play, obstacle courses, ring and ball-toss, and much more. Large motor skill activities develop large muscle movements responsible for running, jumping and throwing.

The last station prepared for the kids is a Social-Emotional Corner, where books are read that are geared towards the development of the ability to identify and understand one’s own feelings, to accurately read and comprehend the emotional state of others, to regulate one’s own behavior, to develop empathy for others, and to maintain healthy relationships. Along with the story, the kids are given small craft kits to add to their take home bags, which also include themed work sheets.

The Summer Reading Program wrapped up with the End of the Summer BBQ for Summer Reading Kids and families plus the BBQ is open to everyone. The positive feedback from the community focused on the camaraderie of the event, and the joy of watching the kids having a fabulous time. Each participant went home with an activity bag and a book.

Thank you to Leslie Ament, Terri Jamison, Alice Orth, and Vicki Allen, our volunteers extraordinaire.

Fall Programs

The Pinhead Institute continues to support community kids with STEAM programming beginning September 8, after school. Naturita will host a 3-week program on printing with different media.

Raena is taking the lead on producing our 2nd annual “Haunted Library.” We have been asked to continue our craft bags for teens and adults. We are planning exciting projects such as the making of leather-bound journals, suncatchers, and nail polish marble mugs, to name a few.

Naturita Community Library is serving the community in accordance with our mission statement, “Montrose Regional Library District fosters community by providing resources, encouraging reading and supporting lifelong learning.”
Early Literacy Outreach

The Naturita Early Literacy Outreach Program starts again the first Tuesday in September and runs through April, with breaks coinciding with school holiday breaks. Ms. Raena will be going into the Preschool to read, sing songs, and do crafts with the kids. She will also have the program in house at Naturita Community Library on Tuesdays from 11:15-11:45. We also provide all materials needed and instructions to the Paradox Valley Charter School preschool class.

The outreach program begins with the Hello Song, where Ms. Raena starts teaching the kids sign language to go along with the song. Next, she reads a book and then hands out the materials needed for each child to make their craft. After the craft, if time permits, the kids get to pick songs from the song sack. We sing and act out the songs. The program ends with the Goodbye Song, again done in sign language.

The books are chosen to match the theme for each week. The themes can include social/emotional, learning science, imagination, and holidays. There are also 3 name recognition crafts to help the kids learn to recognize the letters of their names and the order in which they go. All crafts are geared to help the kids work on fine motor coordination, as well as show their own creativity. There is no right or wrong way for them to do their craft!

Some of the crafts this school year include a frog life cycle spinner, making their own bookmarks and coloring and assembling 3D animals. The kids get to take their craft home each week. Ms. Raena is looking forward to working with the kids again, seeing some returning faces and meeting the new ones!
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**Program Key**
- For Kids
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- For Everyone

**ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS IN DECEMBER**
- Chess Tournament: 12/13, 9am-3pm
- Winter Storytime with Mighty Mini Therapy Horses, 12/20, 11-12

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