



Montrose Regional Library

Educator Newsletter

Spring 2023

Welcome to Montrose Regional Library's school and educator newsletter!



2023 Summer Library Adventure

The Montrose Regional Library is thrilled to present to you this year's summer library adventure theme: All Together Now. With a focus on programs and activities that join and unite the community, the library will offer engaging story times and amazing special guests to promote the fun, connections, and creativity that can be had when a town comes together. Weekly activities will include events at the library and around Montrose and Olathe, in hopes that the opportunity to participate proves more accessible than ever. Songwriting workshops, role-playing games, author talks: this summer has something for every taste. Whether you are a child, a teen, or an adult, we invite you to join us. Registration opens on June 1st for all ages, birth to adult. Visit the library or montroselibrary.org for more information on what's in store!



Story Time Hits the Road!

Youth Services librarians have a new twist on traditional story times this summer! We'll be popping up in different parts of town on Thursday mornings for stories and crafts with kids and families. Each week librarians will share a different set of books and activities at a different park in Montrose. So walk, drive, bike, or ride on over to see us. Want to know where we will be each week? Sign up for the Summer Library Adventure at the library starting June 1 and get specific details on storytime locations then.

Registration opens June 1!
Programs for all ages,
birth to adult!
More info available soon
at montroselibrary.org.



Youth Services for Educators



Musician and Author David LaMotte

Each summer, your local library brings in talented authors, artists, musicians, and entertainers as part of the Summer Library Adventure. This June is no exception, as the Montrose Regional Library is proud to present a series of programs by someone who fills all the aforementioned boxes. David LaMotte is a world-reknowned speaker and peace advocate, folk musician, and book author. He has traveled the globe several times over giving concerts, seminars, and workshops, and he will bring his positivity, mellow voice, and passion for justice to Montrose. Join us Monday, June 5th, and Tuesday morning, June 6th, for a variety of programs centered on community-building, music, and joy. Set your calendars and plan to spend some time with David at the library learning, laughing, and growing together!



Dungeons & Dragons

The popular collaborative role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons made its way to the big screen this year. Now, it will appear at your local library as a regular program! Every Friday from June 9 through the end of July, pre-teens and teens can sign up to play through a D&D adventure. Beginners are welcome and encouraged to join! Registration will open soon. Prepare for the adventure by crafting a customized character at an optional character creation workshop on Friday, June 2. Questions? Email Molly Benson: mbenson@montroselibrary.org.

Rainbow Story Time

The library continues its monthly Rainbow Story Time series this summer! When you attend Rainbow Storytime on the first Saturday of each month, one of our librarians will entertain you with stories that reflect the diversity of families in our community and world. Families with single parents, grandparents, two moms, two dads, foster families, adopted families, and others are represented in this inclusive learning environment. Books will include titles like *The Family Book* by Todd Parr, *Black is a Rainbow Color* by Angela Joy, and *Dad By My Side* by Soosh. Join us to celebrate families and help your kids better understand the world around them!





Teen Services for Educators

Teen Summer Reading Program

This year's Teen Summer Reading Program is filled with opportunities to create and connect, whether through books, art, music, or storytelling. The program runs from June 1-July 31, and registration opens online and in person on June 1. Young people ages 12(ish) to 18 who register for the teen program will choose a free book, have access to a plethora of creative events, and submit short book reviews for chances to win prizes for themselves and the library's Teen Space. Plus, every participant who submits at least five book reviews will be invited to the annual Lights Out at the Library, an after-hours adventure in the library, complete with games, pizza, and epic hide-n-seek in the stacks.

Teen programs include a songwriting workshop with musician David LaMotte; a print-making workshop with artist and teacher Katie Jenkins; a DIY zines session with artist Christine Tharpe; and a special summer edition of the Teen(ish) Book Club, reading David Bowles' *They Call Me Güero / Me dicen Güero*. Free copies of the book will be available in English and Spanish to all participants. The theme of the zine session will be "Tell Your Story," and those who craft/publish their zine will be invited to display their works for the public at the end-of-summer Unity Fair, a celebration of community with food, fun, and games. If you would like flyers, a visit to your school to share information about teen summer reading, or just more details on the Teen Summer Reading Program, reach out to Amy at adickinson@montroselibrary.org, or visit the library's website as the opening date draws nearer.



New Children's Spanish-Language Collections

Spanish-Language Emergent Readers and Spanish-Language Graphic Novels

As the town grows, so does the local library collection of items available for checkout, including materials for the Spanish-speaking community. Most recently, the Youth Services Department has added two NEW collections! Visitors can find Spanish Emergent Reader books next to the Spanish Beginning Reader collection. Emergent readers support literacy skills in beginning readers and serve as great resources for shared reading between children and adults or older readers. Our Spanish Graphic Novels also now have their own spot on the shelves, making it easier than ever for enthusiasts to find a favorite comic in Spanish!

Upcoming Programs

The Library of Things is growing!

If you've been to the children's area recently then you might have seen the folders at the end of the chapter book shelves. That's where we house the rapidly growing number of kits available to check out. Board games, State Park backpacks, toddler toys, and now Video Games for Xbox, PlayStation, and Nintendo Switch can be borrowed from your local library. The adult section also now includes a plethora of video games for checkout, as well as a collection of National Geographic maps focused on recreational and park areas in Colorado and Utah.



Lofi Cafe

On Wednesdays from 4:30-6PM, teens are invited to Lofi Cafe, a space to study, read, write, craft, or work on any type of personal project, all while listening to chill beats and sipping on warm beverages.

Lofi Cafe is held weekly on Wednesday afternoons (with the exception of May 10th!). Send any teen looking to study up for finals or take a relaxing break with a book or project to the Library Meeting Room any Wednesday this May. The final Lofi Cafe of the academic year will be held May 24.

All ages 12-18 welcome!

LOFI CAFE FOR TEENS

AGES 12-18 WELCOME



WEDNESDAYS

4:30PM - 6:00PM

LIBRARY MEETING ROOM



Family Camping Trip

The Montrose Library is thrilled to partner again with our friends at Colorado Canyons Association (CCA) for a family overnight camping trip to Cottonwood Grove on July 8th. CCA will provide sleeping bags, tents, camp chairs, and any other items for families who want to attend but may not have all the necessary gear. The library will provide all meals. Campers can look forward to educational programs from CCA, including their Junior Ranger program and a night sky program. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together, perhaps learn a new skill, and explore our abundant natural world! Space will be limited, and a registration link will be available on the library's website and social media as soon as the summer reading program opens. Email Sara Rinne at srinne@montroselibrary.org with questions!



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