



# Montrose Regional Library Educator Newsletter

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



## September Is Library Card Sign-Up Month

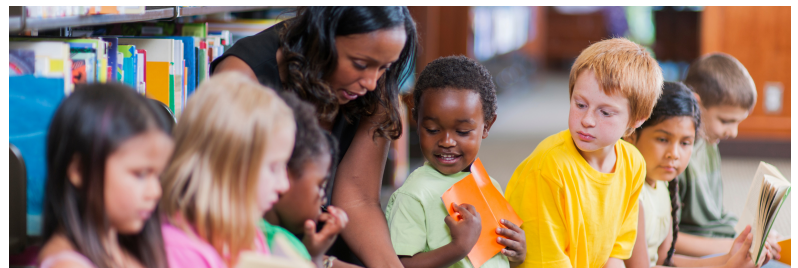
Welcome back to school, educators, and happy Library Card Sign-Up Month! In 2023, libraries are encouraging folks to consider how elemental a library card can be (and partnering with Disney's Elemental to spread the word!). It's a path to continued learning for life, so it's a perfect match with education. As educators, you are welcome to two types of cards. The first is a typical patron card that allows you access to electronic resources – including Libby, Kanopy, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and more – as well as all physical resources – kits, maps, books, CDs, video games, DVDs, even a sewing machine. The second is a professional educator's card, separate from your patron card, that additionally includes extended checkout times for many materials. If you don't yet have an educator's card, just call the library or stop by the Ask Here Desk for more information.



If you're interested in helping your students get library cards, no matter their age or grade, please contact us!

We can bring library card sign-up forms to your school, arrange library tours, or **even bring the Book Bike out on a special visit.**

Educators in K-5 can reach out to James Stetson at: [jstetson@montroselibrary.org](mailto:jstetson@montroselibrary.org)



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## Youth Services for Educators



### Art Wall

Hey teachers! You have only so much bulletin board space for student art, right? Why not consider displaying some of it at your local library. The Montrose Regional Library offers an entire flannel wall, called the Art Wall for just this purpose. For years local teachers, program directors, and artists have displayed their class's art in the Youth Services area of the library. Available from month to month, educators bring in 2D or light-weight 3D art to hang on the Art Wall. Then families come in and view it along with many other community members. Historically, this creative outlet is popular with preschools, after-school programs, and art teachers, but it is open to primary and elementary school teachers too. Many months of the 2023-2024 school year have yet to be filled, so give us a call if you are interested and let's get that art up!



### Banned Books

The ability to read opens innumerable worlds to readers both young and old. As such, folks might come across books or subjects that they do not agree with and, over the years, some books that have been banned might surprise you...Charlotte's Web, The Lorax, Harriet the Spy and A Wrinkle In Time, to name a few. Taken from the American Library Association, Banned Books Week (October 1-7, 2023) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. Come see for yourself what the fuss is all about at the Montrose Regional Library the first week of October and see if one of your favorite titles made "the list."

### Olathe Super Saturdays

Every second Saturday at the Olathe Community Center the Montrose Regional Library hosts "Super Saturday!" Join library staff for book giveaways, activities, and a tasty snack. This event is open to the public, takes place from 10-11am, and is designed for children of all ages and their families.





## Teen Services for Educators

# Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

The library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is composed of individuals between the ages of 13 and 18 who are interested in contributing to their community by offering feedback and guidance to the library on all decisions affecting teens.

The TAB works in a variety of ways. All members participate in meetings every other Wednesday from 6-7pm and then choose additional projects on which to work, following their interests and availability.

The TAB has earned funding to redesign the Teen Space and implemented that redesign with new furniture and decorations, created and published a now-annual Teen Literary Magazine, run poetry and story contests for Montrose and Olathe teens, dreamed up and implemented teen programs, supported as volunteers at children's programs, held a Book Buddies Program as a part of a summer reading celebration, and more.

TAB members can earn community service hours for their work, both in meetings and additional projects. We currently are recruiting additional volunteers, to replace TAB members who recently graduated or will graduate in the near future.

If you know of any interested potential board members, please encourage them to reach out to Amy Dickinson at [adickinson@montroselibrary.org](mailto:adickinson@montroselibrary.org).



## E-Spotlight: Scholastic Teachables

**With your library card, you get access to hundreds of downloadable lesson plans and activities...**

The Scholastic Teachables database offers resources for Pre-K-8th grades and can be searched by grade level, topic, or differentiation needs.

Find Scholastic Teachables by visiting [montroselibrary.org](http://montroselibrary.org), clicking on "Kids," clicking on "Library Resources," and scrolling down to the Scholastic Teachables icon.

Just enter your library card and begin searching!

## Upcoming Programs

### A Visit from Author Brandon Mull

Beloved fantasy author Brandon Mull will visit the Montrose Library on the evening of Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30 pm.

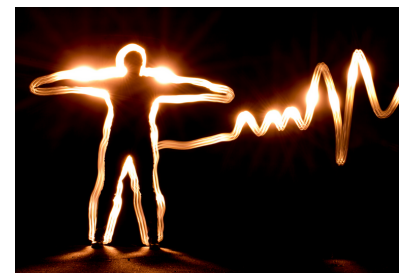
The event is open to all ages, so lovers of Fablehaven, Dragonwatch, The Five Kingdoms, The Candy Shop War, The Beyonders, or Spirit Animals, get ready! The evening will include a talk, Q&A, and book signing. Please note that space will be limited!



### Teen-ish Maker Series: Light Painting

Learn the art of painting with light! This fun and creative workshop will teach teens how to use long exposure photography to create amazing images. Makers will learn how to use different light sources, such as flashlights, glow sticks, and sparklers, to create their own unique works of art.

This program is perfect for teens who are interested in photography, art, or just want to have some fun with light. No experience is necessary.



### Creation Station

Mondays at 4pm, the Montrose Regional Library hosts Creation Station in the story hour room. During this hour-long program, kids will get busy creating crafts, art and science projects to take home with them. Parents are encouraged to stay and facilitate the creation process. This program is designed for kids ages 3-8 years old.



### Chess

Tuesdays at 4pm, the Montrose Regional Library has Chess Club in the story hour room. This weekly program is designed for preschoolers and up, so adults can play too! A variety of chess boards and styles are laid out and participants can play on their own or get some tips from the librarian on-hand to assist in the gaming. Come on out and give it a try!



## We're goin' digital...

If you'd rather save the paper and sign up for our digital newsletter, scan the QR code and take a minute to give us your deets.

The Montrose Regional Library District fosters community by providing resources, encouraging reading, and supporting lifelong learning.

Hey  
There!



I'm the library's new book bike. The Reading Rickshaw. The Rolling Reader-Greeter. The Librarian's Dream Machine.

People call me all sorts of interesting names.

I've been traveling all summer, bringing books to people in need. I've visited parks, libraries, and even a few schools.

I like to meet all the amazing people of Montrose and share my love of books with everyone. I'm so glad that I can make a difference in people's lives. Books and smiles are how I make a difference.

I'm looking forward to this year's school visits. I love seeing the kids' faces light up when they see me roll up and all the books I have to offer. I know that reading can change lives, and I'm so happy to be a part of that.

## I can:

- **Make new library cards**
- **Deliver books**
- **Check out books (with my librarian helper)**
- **I can carry up to 200 pounds of books,**
- **And my top speed is 12 Miles per hour!**

So, I'm kind of a big deal in Montrose right now, in case you didn't know.

Coming soon, I'll be bringing my librarians to a school near you.