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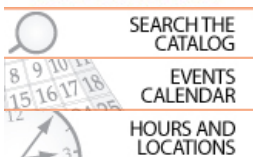
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This summer is flying by, and we are more than halfway through this year's Summer Reading Program at Mesa County Libraries. Time to get your reading in gear so you can turn in your bingo sheets by Aug. 1!

Also, make time to attend any or all of the exciting, fun, and informative events coming up in July at your library. This newsletter summarizes many of the events; for a full list, please visit our online [Event Calendar](#).

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Adult and all-ages events range from opera to fossils

"Variety" is the word for adult and all-ages events at Mesa County Libraries in July. Click any of the events listed below for more information. All events are open to the public at no charge. (Fossil photo credit: [creativecommons.org/Mike Beauregard](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/))



Hansel and Gretel informance, presented in cooperation with High Desert Opera.

6:30 p.m. **Tuesday, July 7**, at the Central Library.

Life Cycle of a Volunteer. Learn how to attract, motivate, and keep volunteers in your organization.

6 p.m. **Wednesday, July 8**, at the Central Library.

The Stories that Dinosaur Fossils Tell. A paleontologist describes what we can learn from dino fossils found in western Colorado.

6:30 p.m. **Thursday, July 9**, at the Central Library.

The Last Unexplored World: What Will the New Horizons Spacecraft Teach Us? Jeff Dershem, who holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Mesa State College, discusses Pluto's

change in status and what mysteries the New Horizons spacecraft hopes to solve.

6:30 p.m. **Tuesday, July 14**, at the Central Library.

Draw the Comic Book of Your Life. Learn how to create your own autobiographical comic book.

6 p.m. **Wednesday, July 15**, at the Central Library.

Images of the West. Photographer Randy Langstraat discusses his photography and the settings of his work. Langstraat's work is featured in the Mesa County Libraries [970West Digital Collection](#).

6 p.m. **Wednesday, July 29**, at the Central Library.

Mesa County Libraries Business Connect. Learn about the library resources available to help you with your business:

- **Walk-Up Assistance with Reference USA** 2-4 p.m. **Wednesday, July 15**, at the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, 360 Grand Ave.
- **Walk-Up Assistance with Library Business Resources** 10 a.m.-noon **Wednesday, July 22**, at the Business Incubator Center, 2591 Legacy Way, Grand Junction.

Tech Table. Bring your laptop, tablet, or e-device for help downloading library materials.

5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the Clifton Branch Library, 590 32 Road. Help is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Dune" screening and discussion. Watch David Lynch's epic 1984 film and take part in a discussion afterward about the film and aspects of science fiction, heroism, and destiny.

12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at the Orchard Mesa Branch Library, 230 Lynwood St. All ages are welcome.

Book Clubs:

- **The Kiva Book Club** discusses "The Signature of All Things" by Elizabeth Gilbert. **6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16**, at the Central Library.
- **The Beyond Words Book Club** discusses "The Hearts of Horses" by Molly Gloss. **10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 22**, at the Central Library.
- **The Clifton Book Club** discusses "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. **3 p.m. Tuesday, July 14**, at the Clifton Branch Library, 590 32 Road.

Poetry Night. Participants will discuss figurative language. **6 p.m. Wednesday, July 8**, at the Central Library.

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Children to end a busy July with Summer Reading finale parties

We're entering the home stretch of the Summer Reading Program! Keep reading, but be sure to turn in your bingo sheets by Aug. 1. The library has planned a lot of great events to keep you interested and motivated to read this summer. Check the list below:



Summer Reading Program Finale

Parties. Celebrate your Summer Reading accomplishments by attending one or more of these parties. They're a great way to end the summer! Entertainers include the always-popular **Salida Circus**, as well as musician Willie DeFord and Jump! Into Reading parties.

- **Musician Willie DeFord.** **10 a.m. Friday, July 24**, at the Orchard Mesa Branch, 230 Lynwood St.
- **Jump! Into Reading.** Bump, jump, read, and make crafts at the library.
 - **11 a.m. Friday, July 24**, at the **De Beque Branch**, 730 Minter Ave.
 - **10 a.m. Tuesday, July 28**, at the **Palisade Branch**, 119 W. Third St.
- **Salida Circus.** With acrobats, jugglers, trapeze artists, unicyclists, stiltwalkers and more, the Salida Circus offers professional, high-quality circus entertainment. Four performances are scheduled:
 - **2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 29**, at the Clifton Branch, 590 32 Road.
 - **10 a.m. Thursday, July 30**, at the Fruita Branch, 324 N. Coulson.
 - **6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30**, at the Central Library.
 - **10:30 a.m. Friday, July 31**, at the Collbran Branch, 111 Main St.

Neighbors Read. Families are welcome to join us for these fun and interesting programs each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Library.

- **Draw Comics with Aaron.** Artist Aaron Farris shows kids how to draw comic book characters. **6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9**, at the Central Library.
- **Magic with Jeff.** Magician Jeff Liddle wows kids with his fun magic show. **6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16**, at the Central Library.
- **Alden and his Puppet, Zemit.** Puppeteer Alden Hislop delights kids of all ages with his fun puppet, Zemit. **6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23**, at the Central Library.
- **Summer Reading Finale Party with Salida Circus.** Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program with an outstanding variety show. **6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30**.

Tall Fun with Tall Tales. Learn about tall tale heroes such as

Johnny Appleseed, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett, and Paul Bunyan, followed by games and crafts.

- **2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8**, at the Clifton Branch.
- **11 a.m. Friday, July 17**, at the De Beque Branch.
- **10 a.m. Tuesday, July 21**, at the Palisade Branch.

Heroes and Villains. Learn about heroes and villains, and make your own superhero that really flies!

- **2 p.m. Wednesday, July 8**, at the Central Library.
- **10 a.m. Thursday, July 9**, at the Fruita Branch.

Fossil Fun. Local paleontologist Josh Smith presents a fun and informative show-and-tell with fossils.

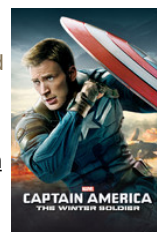
- **2 p.m. Thursday, July 9**, at the Gateway Branch, 42700 Highway 141.
- **4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16**, at the Collbran Branch.

Junior Scientist: Superheroes of the Desert. Dr. Susan Longest of Colorado Mesa University introduces the amazing animals found right here in the desert and the cool ways they find to survive the heat. **6:30 p.m. Monday, July 27**, at the Central Library.

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Movies, meetups, and crafts to round out summer for teens

There's always something going on for teens at Mesa County Libraries. Here are a few events and activities planned for July (events are open to teens 12-18 years of age):



"Captain America - The Winter Soldier" Teen Movie and Craft. Drop in to the Central Library to watch "Captain America - The Winter Soldier" (PG-13) and make your own Captain America mask and shield. Movie snacks are provided! **3-5 p.m. Thursday, July 16**, at the Central Library.

Teen Geek Meetup. This is a monthly gathering of Potterheads, Whovians, Sherlockians, and other fans. It's like a book club, but for any teens devoted to pop culture fandom. **4-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 22**, at the Central Library.

Teen Wordsmiths Creative Writing Club summer workshop. Join local young-adult authors Renee Collins and Tyler Jolley for this special summer intensive creative writing workshop to hone your skills and share your work with fellow teen writers. **10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, July 13**, in the Central Library Community Room.

Clifton Branch Teen Book Club. Join us to discuss the book club pick of the month, "Paper Towns" by John Green. **4 p.m. Tuesday, July 7**, at the Clifton Branch.

Make-It Tuesday. This is a weekly program focusing on DIY awesomeness. Learn a new skill and take home an interesting new project every week!

- **T-shirt crafts.** 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, at the Central Library.
- **Masks and superhero crafts.** 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, at the Central Library.
- **Epic Cosplay Day.** 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at the Central Library.
- **End-of-Summer Crafting Bonanza.** 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, at the Central Library.

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More library news of note

CHECK OUT THE VETERANS ART CENTER EXHIBIT AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY



Stop by the gallery corridor at the Central Library,

443 N. 6th St. in Grand Junction, to see a display of artwork from the Veterans Art Center. The artwork covers a wide range of subjects and will be on display through July 16. The art display is open during [regular library hours](#).

MESA COUNTY LIBRARIES BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 970WEST STUDIO BUILDING

Mesa County Libraries have begun construction of a **digital recording and production studio** that will offer opportunities for the public to learn and perform professional-level audio and video recording.

The studio also will enhance Mesa County Libraries' ability to document and preserve **Mesa County's unique and vanishing cultural assets**.

Approximately 3,000 square feet in size, the studio building is being constructed on vacant land owned by Mesa County Libraries at Fifth Street and Ouray Avenue. As designed and proposed, the studio will include a 654-square-foot **studio/training room** (capable of holding 10-20 people for training), a 436-square-foot control room, a 245-square-foot space for an **artist in residence**, storage space for equipment and materials, and parking for approximately 10 vehicles with access from the alley. Visually, the exterior will resemble the Central Library building.

The facility will be named the **970West Studio**. 970West is a pioneering digital initiative by Mesa County Libraries to provide the community with unique, locally focused online content and the technological tools to produce such content.

[Click here for more information about the studio project.](#)

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