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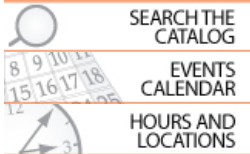
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Whoever said there's nothing to do at the library hasn't seen the lineup of events for June at Mesa County Libraries. This may be one of the library's busiest months ever, filled with programs and events for all ages.

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Learn about thru-hiking the Colorado Trail June 11



Hiker Bill Cooke will present "Thru-Hike of the Colorado Trail," a program about his 482-mile through-hike of the Colorado Trail, at 6 p.m. **Thursday, June 11**, at the Central Library.

In the program, Cooke will describe the challenges of altitude acclimatization, steep ascents, and varied weather along the trail. Since his first backpacking trip in 1977, Bill has hiked thousands of miles on trails long and short, east and west (and central). He finished hiking the 2,180-mile Appalachian Trail in 2005, an effort that encompassed nearly three decades. At 482 miles, the Colorado Trail thru-hike represents his longest continuous trek. He continues to explore trails afar and near his Lexington, Ky., residence, including Kentucky's 300-mile Sheltowee Trace where he hikes and performs trail maintenance.

Bill will also have copies of his book narrating the hike - "Shades of Gray, Splashes of Color - A Thru-hike of The Colorado Trail" - available.

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"A Post-Mortem Education" set

for June 16 at Central Library

Learn more about the "body farm" that Colorado Mesa University operates in Mesa County at this fascinating presentation, set for **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 16**, at the Central Library.

CMU operates one of six facilities in the world that use human remains to study decay. Hear about the type of student who studies there, what is happening at the CMU facility, and the projects CMU students are doing.

The program will be presented by Melissa Connor, Ph.D., CMU's director of the Forensic Investigation Research Station.

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What's that thumping sound? Drum Safari to entertain at several library locations June 16-18

Drum Safari, an acclaimed children's interactive music program, will bring its captivating percussion to Mesa County Libraries June 16-18 with several performances. Drum Safari plays an energetic, family-friendly show that's sure to delight kids and adults alike.



Here is a schedule of performances:

- **10 a.m. Tuesday, June 16**, at the Palisade Branch
- **2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17**, at the Clifton Branch
- **10 a.m. Thursday, June 18**, at the Fruita Branch
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18**, at the Downtown Farmers Market (co-hosted by Friends of the Mesa County Libraries).

BRANDON DRAPER OF DRUM SAFARI PRESENTS HIS LIVE-LOOPING ONE-MAN BAND AT 6:30 P.M. JUNE 17

Brandon Draper, who runs Drum Safari with his wife, Teryn, is an accomplished musician who is on the music faculty at the University of Kansas. On June 17 at the Central Library, he will present a fascinating display of live looping that you won't soon forget. In this rare musical performance, Draper creates "loops" using a collection of exotic instruments, including didjerido from Australia, Kanjira from India, assorted drums, bass guitar, voice, and laptop.

This amazing display of musical talent is set for **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17**, at the Central Library. This is an all-ages event, and seating is limited.

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Kids will stay very busy at the library in June

We have scheduled more kids' events this summer than we can count! From Summer Reading Kickoffs to fun with fossils, kids will find plenty to do at Mesa County Libraries during June.



What follows is just a sample of kids' events. For complete information, please visit the [Events Calendar](#).

SUMMER READING KICKOFF PARTIES CONTINUE

If you haven't signed up for the Summer Reading Program yet, here is your chance. Visit the [Summer Reading web page](#) and sign up online, or drop by any library location to register and pick up your official logbook.

Kickoff parties for Summer Reading continue in early June with some

great entertainment and a lot of fun!

- Magician **Cody Landstrom** entertains families at **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2**, and **2 p.m. Wednesday, June 3**, at the Central Library.
- The library's Jump! Into Reading Party makes a stop at the Gateway Branch at **2 p.m. Thursday, June 4**. If you're in Gateway, join us for a bump-and-jump and some fun crafts!

MAKE A SUPERHERO AT "HEROES AND VILLAINS"

Hear stories about heroes and villains! Kids will make their own superheroes that will actually fly, and they will try to knock over villains in a cityscape. Please join us at one of these times:

- **2 p.m. Wednesday, June 10**, at the Fruita Branch
- **10 a.m. Thursday, June 11**, at the Clifton Branch
- **10 a.m. Friday, June 12**, at the Orchard Mesa Branch
- **11 a.m. Friday, June 26**, at the De Beque Branch
- **2 p.m. Wednesday, July 8**, at the Central Library
- **10 a.m. Thursday, July 9**, at the Fruita Branch.

TALL-TALE HEROES TAKE STORY TIME SPOTLIGHT

During Story Times, we will read about tall-tale heroes Johnny Appleseed, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind Crockett, and Paul Bunyan, followed by games and crafts. For Kids Club, we will read about tall-tale heroes, enjoy activities like Pin the Tail on Babe, and write our own tall tales. Here are the times:

- **2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24**, at the Central Library (Kids Club)
- **4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25**, at the Collbran Branch (Kids Club)
- **10 a.m. Friday, June 26**, at the Orchard Mesa Branch (Story Time)
- **2 p.m. Wednesday, July 1**, at the Fruita Branch (Kids Club)
- **2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8**, at the Clifton Branch (Kids Club)
- **11 a.m. Friday, July 17**, at the De Beque Branch (Story Time)
- **10 a.m. Tuesday, July 21**, at the Palisade Branch (Story Time).

SHOW-AND-TELL FOSSIL FUN WITH AN EXPERT

Local paleontologist Josh Smith will present a fun and informative show-and-tell with fossils! Here's when it happens:

- **10 a.m. Tuesday, June 23**, at the Palisade Branch
- **2 p.m. Thursday, July 9**, at the Gateway Branch
- **4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 16**, at the Collbran Branch.

NEIGHBORS READ FEATURES PUPPETS AND MORE!

Neighbors Read Family Story Times take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings at the Central Library. Each Neighbors Read is presented by a member of the community and features a story and a fun activity. In June, the fun ranges from puppets to yoga. Here is the lineup:

- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4:** Puppet Play with Alice. Juniper Ridge teacher Alice Dussart presents a fairy tale puppet play and talks about Juniper Ridge School's unique Waldorf schooling.
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11:** Be Green with Julie. Grand Valley Peace & Justice Director Julie Mamo reads the children's book "Compost Stew" and talks to kids about the importance of being green.
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18:** Fun with Active Man. Pete "Active Man" Ashman from Grand Junction Parks & Recreation tells kids about all the fun programs they have planned for the summer.
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 25:** Kids' Yoga with Niki. Yoga teacher Niki Fitzgerald leads kids through a fun yoga lesson.

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Teen events range from comic

storytelling to fandom crafts

Teens and tweens will celebrate the Summer Reading Program in style this year, taking part in activities ranging from storytelling through comics to geek meetups and fandom crafts. Read on for a sample of what's happening this summer for teens at Mesa County Libraries:



LEARN TO TELL STORIES THROUGH COMICS

Teens who want to develop their storytelling skills through the creation of comics can sign up for a five-day workshop June 1-5 that will show them how.

"**Storytelling Through Comics**" is a five-day workshop that takes place from **3-5 p.m. daily Monday through Friday, June 1-5**, in the Central Library Community Room, Fifth Street and Grand Avenue in Grand Junction.

This hands-on series of workshops about the nuts and bolts of comic creation will be taught by Sundial Hoffman, digital design instructor for Western Colorado Community College. All levels of ability are welcome! Participants will learn how to create characters, write effective dialogue, and plot the action of a comic, as well as the drawing techniques to put the story in motion.

The workshops are open to teens ages 12-18 at no charge, although pre-registration is required. Register by calling 970-243-4442 or by visiting the online [Events Calendar](#).

This workshop is funded by a grant from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and Dollar General.

ATTEND THE SUPER RAD TEEN ART WORKSHOP

Drop in for a hands-on art workshop focusing on continuous contour line drawing and color theory, set for **4 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 22**, at the Central Library. [Find more information here.](#)

SPECIAL EXTENDED VERSION OF TEEN WORDSMITHS

Join local young-adult authors Renee Collins and Tyler Jolley for two special summer intensive creative writing workshops to hone your skills and share your work with fellow teen writers.

Workshops are scheduled from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, June 8, and Monday, July 13**, in the Central Library Community Room. Drop in; no registration is required. Lunch will be provided!

FANDOM CRAFTS FOR TEENS AND TWEENS

Unmask your inner geek! Join us to make fandom-themed crafts, including buttons, perler bead creations, and bottle cap jewelry. These craft workshops are open to teens and tweens. Here are the dates:

- **4-5 p.m. Thursday, June 4**, at the De Beque Branch
- **4-5 p.m. Thursday, June 11**, at the Orchard Mesa Branch
- **4-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16**, at the Clifton Branch
- **3-4 p.m. Thursday, June 18**, at the Palisade Branch
- **3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23**, at the Fruita Branch
- **3-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 30**, at the Collbran Branch.

MAKE-IT TUESDAYS FEATURE DIY AWESOMENESS

Every Tuesday afternoon in the Central Library Community Room, Make-It Tuesday participants learn new skills and/or take home an interesting project. No experience is necessary; all that's needed is a touch of creativity and a willingness to get your hands dirty. Here is a schedule:

- **3-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 9: Geek Out 2.0.** Honor thy fandom! Make shrinky dinks, bottle cap jewelry, buttons, bookmarks, and other fun crafts in the spirit of your favorite fandom.
- **3-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16: Super Smoothies.** Join us for a hands-on exploration of smoothie making, the more colorful and strange, the better!

- **3-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 23: LED Papercrafts.** Light up your papercrafts and projects using mini LED lights.
- **3-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 30: Videomaking.** Learn some fun techniques for making short and simple video projects. Experiment with green screens and stop motion.

CALLING ALL FANS FOR A GEEK MEET-UP

Calling all Potterheads, Whovians, Sherlockians, and others! Come to this monthly gathering of the fans. It's like a book club, but it's for anyone devoted to pop culture fandoms.

Meetings focus on a different aspect of fandom each month. We discuss our favorite things, our newest discoveries, and our latest obsessions. And, of course, there will be snacks.

Geek Meet-Up happens from 4-5 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Central Library (in June, that would be June 24).

WATCH "THE AVENGERS" AND MAKE CRAFTS

Drop in to watch Marvel's "The Avengers" (PG-13) and make Avengers-inspired bookmarks and perler bead creations. Movie snacks will be provided!

"The Avengers" event happens from **3-5 p.m. Thursday, June 18**, in the Central Library Community Room. Teens only, please!

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Cycle safely, and drive safely

Driving safely around cyclists (and cycling safely in traffic) are important to think about as Mesa County residents dive head-first into summer.

Learn tips on how to ride safely while commuting, and how to drive safely around cyclists, from John Klish, a local professional athlete. Klish is a professional cyclist and has his own company, Mountain and Desert Racing, LLC, aka MAD Racing.

Klish's presentation is scheduled for **6:30 p.m. Monday, June 1**, at the Central Library. Cyclists and drivers of all ages are encouraged to attend.

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"Japan by Bicycle" screening set for June 23 at Palisade Branch

A screening of "**Japan by Bicycle**," a documentary about three friends who bicycled through Japan to raise money to help victims of the 2011 tsunami, is scheduled for **5 p.m. Tuesday, June 23**, at the Palisade Branch, 119 W. Third St. in downtown Palisade.



The film chronicles the 43-day, 3,500-kilometer trek that the trio took through Japan.

The screening is open to the public at no charge.

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World Wide Knit in Public Day to be celebrated June 9 and 13

World Wide Knit In Public Day (WWKIP) celebrates better living through stitching together. WWKIP Day is unique because it's the largest knitter-run event in the world. However, it isn't exclusive to knitters; if you have a fiber project going, please join us at one or

both of these gatherings:

- **9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 9**, at the Palisade Branch
- **10 a.m.-Noon Saturday, June 13**, at the Central Library.

The Central Library event, which is co-hosted by local business Tangle, will be held outside the library's west entrance or inside in case of bad weather.

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Learn how library resources can help your business

Mesa County Libraries offer a variety of useful information and resources for businesses. Learn about tools that you can access through the library as a business owner or manager, and how those tools can help you improve your company's bottom line.



Mesa County Libraries Business Connect helps you explore the rich business resources available at your library. Plan to attend one or more of the following information-packed events during June:

- **Walk-Up Assistance with Library Resources:** 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 17, at the Business Incubator Center, 2591 Legacy Way. *Stop by to learn about the variety of resources available from Mesa County Libraries to help your business succeed. The walk-up format lets us help you individually with your specific questions.*
- **Social Media, Website, and Business Resource Workshop:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at the Business Incubator Center, 2591 Legacy Way. *Pick up the basics of social media and website design – and learn about the wide variety of business resources available at Mesa County Libraries.*
- **Walk-Up-Assistance with Reference USA:** 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, 360 Grand Ave. *Drop in to learn about the powerful market research tool Reference USA and other library resources to help small businesses. The walk-up format lets us help you individually with your specific questions.*

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What the book clubs are reading

Like to read? Get involved in one of Mesa County Libraries' book clubs. Here is what our book clubs are reading in June:



- **Kiva Book Club:** Meets at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 18** (third Thursday of each month), at the Central Library. In June: "**Prayers for the Stolen**" by Jennifer Clement.
- **Beyond Words Book Club:** Meets at **10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24** (usually on the fourth Wednesday of each month), at the Central Library. In June: "**Another Man's War: The Story of a Burma Boy in Britain's Forgotten Army**" by Barnaby Phillips.
- **Clifton Branch Book Club:** Meets at **3 p.m. Tuesday, June 9**, at the Clifton Branch. In June: "**Little Bee: A Novel**" by Chris Cleave.

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Mesa County Libraries and Museum of Western Colorado present new exhibit at

Central Library

Mesa County Libraries and the Museum of Western Colorado have teamed up to provide Central Library patrons with a glimpse of the museum's unique collections.



A newly installed display case in the Central Library's checkout area will host a rotating exhibit provided by the museum. The displays will give library patrons an interesting glimpse into the region's heritage while enriching their awareness of the museum's unique and varied collections.

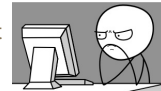
The inaugural display contains a Ute/Navajo wedding basket and a Navajo doll. The items are part of a traveling Navajo basket and artistry exhibit hosted by the museum May 22-Oct. 17.

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Computer classes in June

Here is a list of computer classes being offered at Mesa County Libraries in June. For more information and to register for classes, please visit the individual classes in the online [Events Calendar](#) or click the links below on the classes you're interested in attending. All classes are offered at no charge.



Central Library

- 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 4 – [Basic Computer Skills I](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 10 – [Basic Computer Skills II](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 11 – [Intro to the Internet](#)
- 6 p.m. Monday, June 15 – [Basic Microsoft Excel](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 17 – [Basic Microsoft Word](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 18 – [Get Started with Weebly](#) (web design)
- 6 p.m. Monday, June 22 – [Intermediate Microsoft Excel](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 24 – [Android Smartphones and Tablets](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Thursday, June 25 – [Online Genealogy Research](#)
- 6 p.m. Monday, June 29 – [iPads and iPhones](#)

Clifton Branch

- 2-3 p.m. Thursday, June 4 – [Individual half-hour computer help](#) (Call 970-434-6936 to register.)
- 3-5 p.m. Thursday, June 11 – Tech Table. Drop in with your device and your questions. First-come, first-served.
- 2-3 p.m. Thursday, June 18 – [Individual half-hour computer help](#) (Call 970-434-6936 to register.)
- 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, June 24 – [Individual half-hour computer help](#) (Call 970-434-6936 to register.)

Orchard Mesa Branch

- 10 a.m.-Noon Saturday, June 27 – [Individual half-hour computer help](#) (Call 970-243-0181 to register.)

Palisade Branch

- 3-5 p.m. Friday, June 12 – Tech Table. Drop in with your device and your questions. First-come, first-served.

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