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Apples, pumpkins, and falling leaves are only part of the autumn season. Another indispensable part of fall is a good book, and we have plenty of books at Mesa County Libraries.

Stop by your [nearest library location](#) and find something great to read! We also invite you to check out the many [eResources](#) on our website and to attend any or all of the fun, informative, and enlightening events that we're planning.

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## Star Wars Reads Day set for Saturday, Oct. 10, at Central Library

May the Force be with you for [Star Wars Reads Day](#), which will take place **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10**, at the Mesa County Libraries Central Library, Fifth Street and Grand Avenue in Grand Junction.

Kids, teens, and adults will find many entertaining activities happening at the library for Star Wars Reads Day, including Star Wars storytime, photo opportunities with the 501st Legion stormtroopers, an opportunity to play the Star Wars X-Wing Miniatures game, a drawing for Star Wars prizes, performances of scenes from the movies, snacks, crafts, and more!

Costumes are encouraged, because Star Wars Reads Day includes a costume parade through the library.

Star Wars Reads Day is open to kids, teens, and their families at no charge.

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## Musician Jill Cohn to play Oct. 13 at Central Library

[Jill Cohn](#), a musician specializing in rock, country, and folk, is scheduled to perform at **6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13**, at the Mesa County Libraries Central Library, Fifth Street

and Grand Avenue in Grand Junction.

Cohn has been a full-time musician since 1999 and has released nine critically acclaimed independent albums. She was a top-five finalist in the Lilith Fair Talent Search and has opened for many artists, including Jewel, Dave Matthews, Cheryl Wheeler, and David Bromberg.

Cohn's songs pay homage to artists like Joni Mitchell, Sarah McLachlan, and Counting Crows, with tunes ranging from personal reflections to musical contemplations of a life well-lived.

This special performance is open to the public at no charge.

For more information about Jill Cohn and **samples of her music**, visit her website at [jillcohn.com](http://jillcohn.com).

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## Travel program visits "Slickrock Country" Oct. 19 at Central Library

View a showcase of remote, seldom-seen locations - as well as some that are more familiar - in the colorful sandstone country of southern Utah in "[Adventures in Slickrock Country](#)," an Armchair Travelers presentation scheduled for **6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19**, at the Mesa County Libraries Central Library.

The presentation by Tim and Carrie Cooney will feature pictures and descriptions of slot canyons, hoodoos, goblins, and other unusual rock formations that defy explanation. The Cooneys enjoy the challenges of hiking, exploring, canyoneering, and photography in Utah's slickrock country.

The presentation is open to the public at no charge. Seating is limited.

The Armchair Travelers series is sponsored by Mesa County Libraries and the Grand Junction Newcomers Club.

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## *Indie Lens Pop-Up films* Independent film series presents "Stray Dog" Oct. 21

"[Stray Dog](#)," a documentary film about a motorcycle-riding Vietnam veteran, will be shown at **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21**, at the Mesa County Libraries Central Library, 443 N. 6th St. in Grand Junction.

"Stray Dog" is directed by Debra Granik, the Oscar-nominated director of "Winter's Bone." "Stray Dog" tells the story of Ronnie "Stray Dog" Hall, a Vietnam veteran. Behind the tattoos and leather vest is a man dedicated to helping his fellow vets and immigrant family as he comes to terms with his combat experience.

The film screening will be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m., and it will be followed by a panel discussion. It is open to the public at no charge. Parking is available in the East Lot of the Central Library, just off Sixth and Grand.

"Stray Dog" is part of the Indie Lens Pop-Up film series, sponsored by Mesa County Libraries, Rocky Mountain PBS, Talon Wines, and No Coast Sushi. Indie Lens Pop-Up, formerly known as Community Cinema, embraces the same tradition of entertaining and enlightening local residents by bringing expert panels and average citizens together in an inviting atmosphere to discuss issues of vital importance to today's world.

To view a trailer of the film, visit <http://www.straydogthemovie.com/trailer/>

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## Friends of Mesa County Libraries set Fall Book Sale for Oct. 14-17

The onset of autumn weather has caused Mesa County readers to start asking when the annual Fall Book Sale to benefit Friends of the Mesa County Libraries will happen. Good news! The day is arriving quickly; **mark your calendar for Oct. 14-17.**

The sale will take place at the **First Congregational Church, 1425 N. 5th St.**, across from Grand Junction High School. The sale is a great place to find your winter reading materials and to pick up a few books to give as holiday gifts.

- **A special Early-Bird Sale** will take place from **3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14:** Admission to the Early-Bird Sale is \$10 at the door for non-members of Friends (no charge for Friends members), and early birds get first choice of the sale items.
- **Public Sale: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 15 and 16.** Most items will be priced no more than \$2.
- **Clearance Sale: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.** Remaining books will be sold for \$3 per bag or \$7 per box.

The Friends of the Mesa County Libraries is a nonprofit organization that has provided support for programs at Mesa County Libraries for nearly 50 years.

Programs funded by the Friends include the Summer Reading Program; One Book, One Mesa County; Poetry Night; and Literacy. The Friends have provided funds for various projects at the Fruita and Palisade branch libraries and contributed \$100,000 to the recent Central Library Expansion and Improvement Project. In addition to twice-yearly book sales, Friends operates the Novel Idea Bookstore in the Central Library.

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## Library to launch "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten"

Mesa County Libraries are launching "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten," an ambitious effort to encourage a love of reading in young children.

Because parents are their child's first and best teachers, "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" gives parents a framework for reading with their children. Children who read with their parents extensively in the years before kindergarten are better prepared for school and are more likely to have a solid foundation for future learning.

"1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" is a fun, self-paced, engaging way for parents to read with their young children, and **it launches at all Mesa County Libraries locations the week of Oct. 12, 2015.** Special story times will be held at all locations to kick off the program; times and dates can be found in the online [Events Calendar](#).

**To participate in "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten,"** parents need only visit any Mesa County Libraries location to register online and pick up an attractive logbook in which they can record the titles

of all 1,000 books they read with their child. Special incentives will be offered for reaching milestones along the way, and upon completion, children receive a book. There is no charge to participate.

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## "Clifford's Halloween" puppet show to entertain kids Oct. 27-31

Kids and their families are invited to join Mesa County Libraries for "Clifford's Halloween," a children's puppet show scheduled for several performances **Oct. 27-31 at the Central Library.**

Clifford is having a hard time deciding on a costume for Halloween. What will his costume be? Find out at the puppet show, scheduled for the following times:

- **10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27**
- **2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28**
- **3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28**
- **10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29**
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29**
- **10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30**
- **10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31**

A **special Halloween Trick-or-Treat** in the library will happen after the puppet shows on Friday and Saturday. Kids are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes!

The puppet show is free of charge to children and their families. See you there!

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### Family story time

## Neighbors Read to feature music, stories, and puppets Thursday nights

The weekly "Neighbors Read" family story time at the Mesa County Libraries Central Library will feature music, stories, puppets, and more during October.

Neighbors Read happens at **6:30 p.m. each Thursday at the Central Library.** It is a family-oriented story time in which members of the community read a book and give a fun presentation. Neighbors Read is appropriate for kids of all ages and their families, with no charge to attend.

Topics and special guests scheduled for October are:

**6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8** - Learn about Hispanic heritage with stories read by Anna Stout, a translator and founder of the Foundation for Cultural Exchange.

**6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15** - Listen to fun music with Scott Betts, a local musician and retired music teacher.

**6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22** - Kids' yoga with Niki Fitzgerald, a local yoga teacher who has a special talent for making yoga fun for kids.

**6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29** - Watch the puppet show "Clifford's Halloween."

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## Kids to enjoy "The Big Shout Puppet Show" Oct. 20 and 27

Who wouldn't enjoy scary stories with a funny twist?

That's what you'll get when the Ice Pie Players present "The Big Shout Puppet Show" at Mesa County Libraries. "The Big Shout Puppet Show" is a puppet show for kids, consisting of a funny telling of scary stories with a generous dose of dancing and connections between friends.

"The Big Shout Puppet Show" happens at the following times:

- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20**, at the Central Library
- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27**, at the Clifton Branch.

The show is open to children and their families at no charge.

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## Rosetta Stone language-learning software available for use by Mesa County Libraries patrons

Rosetta Stone, a leading language-learning software product, is now available for online use by Mesa County Libraries cardholders on any Internet-connected computer.

Rosetta Stone offers self-paced, interactive instruction in 30 languages, including Spanish, Russian, Japanese, German, French, Mandarin, Swahili, and English.

It is available to library patrons **at no charge** via Internet-connected computers as well as mobile web devices using iPhone/iPad and Android operating systems.

Patrons can expect lessons designed to build reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills through activities that focus on grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Language instruction is available for various skill levels, from beginner to advanced users. **Users interested in Rosetta Stone may find it by [clicking here](#) and then scrolling down to "Rosetta Stone."** Users may sign in with an active email address and their library card number.

Mesa County Libraries have offered Rosetta Stone as a language-learning option for several years in the Central Library's Language Lab. Because of the product's popularity, the library decided to expand its availability to library patrons via any Internet-connected computer or mobile device.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to learn a language to use one of the most highly regarded learning tools available," said Shana Wade, associate director of Mesa County Libraries. "We are proud to make Rosetta Stone available to our patrons and invite all language learners to give it a try."

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## Find a book club at Mesa County Libraries

The cooler days of fall mean it is time to curl up with a good book. Here is what the book clubs at Mesa County Libraries are reading now:

- **Clifton Branch Book Club:** "Letters of a Woman Homesteader" by Elinore Stewart. Club meets at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Clifton Branch, 590 32 Road.
- **Poetry Night:** Topic is Ekphrastic Poetry. Poetry Night is 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Central Library.
- **Kiva Book Club:** "The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian. Meets 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Central Library.
- **Beyond Words Book Club:** "Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle that Set Them Free." Meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Central Library.
- **Fruita Branch Book Club:** The inaugural meeting of the Fruita Branch Book Club is 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, at the Fruita Branch Library, and book club members will help determine titles to be read. "The Language of Flowers" by

Vanessa Diffenbaugh is the title to read in October to prepare for the November meeting, which is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10.

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## Computer classes offered in October

Mesa County Libraries offer a variety of computer classes. If you're interested in the following classes, please visit the appropriate date on our [Events Calendar](#) and register, or you can register by calling 970-243-4442.

All classes are free of charge, but registration is required for all classes and individual help sessions except Tech Table.

### Central Library

- Basic Computer Skills I – 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8
- Basic Computer Skills I – 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12
- Basic Computer Skills II – 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14
- Build Your Own Website with Weebly – 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21
- Basic Computer Skills II – 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21
- Microsoft Word – 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22
- Microsoft Excel – 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27
- Introduction to the Internet – 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28
- PowerPoint – 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29
- Tech Table every Tuesday at noon. Get individual help with your electronic device. First-come, first-served.

### Clifton Branch

- Half-hour individual computer help – 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, and 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30

### Fruita Branch

- Tech Table: Get individual help with your electronic device – 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22

### Orchard Mesa Branch

- Half-hour individual computer help – 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

### Palisade Branch

- Half-hour individual computer help – 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16

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## Save the dates in November!

You'll want to save the date now for these events in November:

- **Culture Fest.**  
The library's annual celebration of Mesa County's cultural diversity begins with an art reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at the Central Library. The festival happens from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the Central Library, with food, music, and other entertainment representing cultures from around the world. Don't miss this unique and popular celebration!
- **"The Play's the Thing: Why Shakespeare Matters"** will get you excited about Shakespeare by engaging your mind and body in the dynamic language and unforgettable characters of Shakespeare's plays. This presentation, by Shakespeare enthusiast Debra Weller, is set for 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the Central Library.
- **Open House for the 970West Studio.** The brand-new 970West Studio at Fifth Street and Ouray Avenue in Grand Junction (across from the Central Library) will feature the library's first dedicated space for professional-quality audio

and video production. We have tentatively scheduled an open house for Wednesday, Nov. 18. Please watch our website and your email for more details!

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