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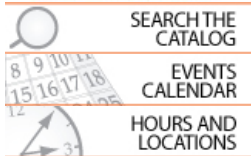
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Spring has sprung, grass grows greener by the day, trees and flowers are in bloom, and a new season is upon us. Take advantage of this fine weather and visit your **local library** to find new books and DVDs on the shelves, as well as a variety of other useful services and exciting events.

This e-newsletter gives you an overview of what's happening at Mesa County Libraries in April, but a full list of events is impossible to squeeze into this space! Check our online **Events Calendar** for a comprehensive list of library events and programs.

Please keep in mind that all Mesa County Libraries will be closed Sunday, April 5, for Easter.

Happy Spring!

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Poetry Contest open until April 15

If you're a poet, and you know it, and even if you don't, now's the time to prepare your entries for this year's Mesa County Libraries Poetry Contest.



Poets who are library cardholders 18 years of age and older are invited to submit as many as two original, unpublished poems by **6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2015**, for a chance to win prizes and have their poems featured during May on the library's website. Authors of the top three poems will win Downtown Grand Junction gift certificates.

Entries must be submitted online using the official entry form [available here](#). No poems will be accepted in person, in any format, at any library branch. Poems cannot exceed 40 lines, and they must be suitable for a general audience. Complete rules are [available here](#). For more information, call 243-4442 or email ask@mcpld.org.

The contest will be judged by Dr. Randy Phillis, professor of English at Colorado Mesa University and author of the poetry collections "A Man Explains His Posture" and "Kismet, Colorado."

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☐ Book clubs have great titles on tap

Book clubs at Mesa County Libraries have some excellent titles lined up for their April meetings.



KIVA BOOK CLUB: "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin is a vividly imagined novel of a complicated marriage, revealing both its dizzying highs and its devastating lows. The Kiva Book Club meets at **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16**, at the Central Library, Fifth Street and Grand Avenue in Grand Junction. All interested adult readers are welcome to attend.

BEYOND WORDS BOOK CLUB: "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell. Ideas, products, messages and behaviors "spread just like viruses do." Behavior can ripple outward until a critical mass or "tipping point" is reached, changing the world. Gladwell's book examines these concepts and more. The Beyond Words Book Club meets at **10:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 22**, at the Central Library, Fifth Street and Grand Avenue in Grand Junction. New members are welcome!

MEET AN AUTHOR AT THE CLIFTON BOOK CLUB: Meet Jim Hale, Palisade resident and author of "An Alaskan Life of High Adventure," at **3 p.m. Tuesday, April 14**, at the Clifton Branch, 590 32 Road in Clifton. Through surviving earthquakes, avalanches, faulty single-engine plane crashes, and the bitter cold, author Jim Hale recounts his adventures as a mountain guide and explorer in the country's most desolate region.

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☐ Travel program ventures to Everest

Outdoor adventurer Michael Adler will present a photo show and talk describing a 15-day trip he took in 2011 to the Everest and Gokyo regions of Nepal.



His presentation is scheduled for **6:15 p.m. Monday, April 20**, in the Central Library Community Room, Fifth Street and Grand Avenue.

Adler's itinerary included hiking to Namache Bazaar and on to Gokyo Lakes at 15,500 feet, climbs of Gokyo Ri at 17,500 feet, up and over the difficult and beautiful Cho La Pass at 17,500 feet, followed by the descent into Khumba Valley, culminating in the Khumba Glacier, which is the normal route to Everest base camp.

The presentation is open to the public at no charge. Please arrive on time; seating is limited.

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☐ Discover Morningstar and Value Line on the library website

It's a fact that successful investors are well-informed investors, and Morningstar and Value Line are two important sources of information that investors use to help them manage their money.

Both Morningstar and Value Line are available to library cardholders on the Mesa County Libraries website. For an introduction to these important investment tools, join two experienced investors – Shanna Rendon and John Tufts – for an overview.

This event happens at **6 p.m. Wednesday, April 22**, at the Central Library, Fifth Street and Grand Avenue. Morningstar will be discussed at 6 p.m., followed by Value Line at 7 p.m.

Morningstar was created to provide comprehensive information to investors for all their portfolio needs. We will look at common stocks and how Morningstar evaluates company fundamentals. We also will

review the information that Value Line provides for companies and what to look for in selecting stocks for purchase.

"Using Morningstar and Value Line" is open to interested adults at no charge.

TO REVIEW MORNINGSTAR AND VALUE LINE ON YOUR OWN:

- 1) [Click here](#) to reach the list of eResources available on the library website.
- 2) Scroll down to find Morningstar or Value Line.
- 3) Click the resource and provide the requested information (including your library card number) to gain access to the resource.

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Business Connect links entrepreneurs to information

Entrepreneurs, business owners, and managers can learn firsthand about library resources available to them that can help them build their businesses. Join Mesa County Libraries, the Business Incubator Center, and the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce for walk-up introductions to rich resources available through the library.

Social Media, Website, and Business Resource Workshop: 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Business Incubator Center, 2591 Legacy Way, Grand Junction. Pick up the basics of social media and website design – and learn about the wide variety of business resources available at Mesa County Libraries – by attending this valuable workshop.

Walk-Up Assistance with Library Business Resources: 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 23, at the Business Incubator Center, 2591 Legacy Way, Grand Junction. 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.

Walk-Up Assistance with Reference USA: 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, 360 Grand Ave., Grand Junction. 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.

All workshops and events are open to businesses and the public at no charge. Mesa County Libraries Business Connect is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant from the Colorado State Library.

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Superhero puppet show to introduce kids to Summer Reading Program

It isn't too early to start planning your participation in this year's Mesa County Libraries Summer Reading Program, and a special puppet show planned for library branch locations during April is aimed at getting kids excited about reading.



The puppet show, "We Are All Superheroes," features interviews with various superheroes who give great advice about how everyone can be a summer reading superhero.

Scheduled performances are:

- 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, at the Palisade Branch Library, 119 W. 3rd St.
- 10 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at the Clifton Branch Library, 590 32 Road.

- **2 p.m. Thursday, April 9**, at the Gateway Branch Library, 42700 Highway 141.

- **10:30 a.m. Friday, April 10**, at the Collbran Branch Library, 111 Main St.

- **11 a.m. Friday, April 17**, at the De Beque Branch Library, 730 Minter Ave.

- **10 a.m. Thursday, April 23**, at the Fruita Branch Library, 324 N. Coulson St.

- **10 a.m. Friday, April 24**, at the Orchard Mesa Branch Library, 230 Lynwood St.

More performances are planned at the Central Library in Grand Junction and will be announced later.

The puppet shows are open to children and their families at no charge.

The 2015 Summer Reading Program officially begins May 26. Online advance registration is scheduled to start in mid-April; watch our [website](#) for the latest information!

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Kids to build and launch rockets April 10 & 17 at Fruita Branch Library

Start the countdown to this year's Junior Rocket Launch at the Mesa County Libraries Fruita Branch!

Registration is now open for kids from kindergarten through 6th grade who want to build and launch their own rockets. Members of the Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Club at the Fruita 8/9 School will help children design and build their rockets and create a storybook about their work.

Rocket construction and story creation are scheduled for **3 p.m. Friday, April 10**, at the Fruita Branch Library in the Fruita Community Center, 324 N. Coulson St. The rocket launch and story sharing will begin at **3 p.m. Friday, April 17**, also at the library and community center.

The event is limited to 30 participants, and registration is required. Register online through the [Events Calendar](#) or call 970-858-7703. You must register for and participate in the April 10 construction day in order to take part in the launch event. Spectators are invited to watch the launch on April 17.

The Rocket Launch will have two age groups: K-3rd grade and 4th-6th grade, with certificates awarded for the top-three highest-flying rockets in each age group.

For more information about the Junior Rocket Launch, call the Fruita Branch Library at 970-858-7703.

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"Neighbors Read" Family Story Time moves to Thursdays starting April 9

The weekly "Neighbors Read" family story time at the Mesa County Libraries Central Library will move to Thursday nights beginning April 9. Neighbors Read will continue to feature fun activities and guests each week, but it will take place on Thursdays instead of Tuesday evenings.

Neighbors Read happens at **6:30 p.m. each Thursday beginning April 9** at the Central Library, Fifth Street and Grand Avenue. 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 April are:

- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9:** Springtime Yoga with Nicole. Have fun with basic yoga!
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16:** Tom and Emily from the Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Department talk to kids about Arbor Day. Learn what Arbor Day is and how it came to be!
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23:** Spare Parts, a local barbershop quartet, sings fun songs for the kids.
- **6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30:** Celebrate Dia de Los Ninos (The Day of the Child) with Mesa County Libraries!

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Get musical with Symphony Storytime at the Fruita Branch

Kids and their families can make a little music and learn about various instruments along the way at Symphony Storytime at **10 a.m. Saturday, April 18**, at the Fruita Branch Library, 324 N. Coulson St.



The Grand Junction Symphony Orchestra and Mesa County Libraries have partnered to present Symphony Storytime. Learn about the history, sounds and instruments of the orchestra through storytelling, music demonstrations by orchestra members, and the Instrument Petting Zoo, which gives children the opportunity to try an instrument for themselves.

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Teen events at library include writing workshop and movies

WORDSMITHS TEEN CREATIVE WRITING CLUB: Join local young adult authors Renee Collins and Tyler Jolley plus special monthly guests to hone your creative writing skills. Learn new writing techniques and share your work with fellow teen writers. No registration required, drop in! 3:30-5 p.m. every second Monday in the Central Library Community Room. The next gathering is at **3:30 p.m. Monday, April 13**.

TEEN MOVIE: "MOCKINGJAY": Watch "Mockingjay" (PG-13) and make Hunger Games buttons. Movie snacks will be provided. Drop in from **3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, April 16**, at the Central Library Teen Center.

TEEN MOVIE AT THE CLIFTON BRANCH: "THE AVENGERS": To celebrate the release of "Avengers: Age of Ultron," the Clifton Branch, 590 32 Road, will host an "Avengers" movie day at **4 p.m. Tuesday, April 21**. Pizza and soda will be provided. Costumes are welcome but not required.

TEEN TIME AT THE CLIFTON BRANCH: Beginning Tuesday, April 7, Teen Time at the Clifton Branch will take place at 4 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Book Club will be on the first Tuesday, and Craft Day will be on the third Tuesday. Drop in and join us for the fun!

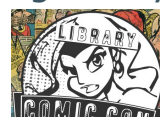
For more teen events at Mesa County Libraries, please visit our online [Events Calendar](#).

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Save the date! Coming in May

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Mark your calendar now for some new, different, fun, and informative events happening in May at



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LIBRARY COMIC CON AND FREE COMIC BOOK DAY, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the Central Library: Like comics? Then you'll love Library Comic Con at Mesa County Libraries! The Central Library is hosting a mini Comic Con, or fan convention, to celebrate comics and the culture that surrounds them. Special events – including table-top gaming, workshops, panel discussions, and a costume contest – are planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You'll also be able to pick up free comics as a part of National Comic Book Day, a national event to promote reading for all ages. This event is open to all ages at no charge.

WHO'S BURIED IN ARLINGTON? 6 p.m. Monday, May 4, in the Central Library Community Room: Tom Tudor, who presented an excellent program last year for the library about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is back with "Who's Buried in Arlington?," a collection of fascinating stories about people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Learn about Dashiell Hammett, Ludwig Bemelmans, Thomas E. Selfridge, Dan Sickles, Constance Bennett, and Spottswood Poles, to mention just a few. This event is open to the public at no charge.

FIRST FRIDAY OPENING RECEPTION, TIED FLY PHOTO EXHIBIT, 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 1, in the Central Library Community Room: Join us for a reception to open a display of photos honoring the artistic aspects of fly-tying. Photographs of flies tied by several experts in the region will be on display. The photos are part of 970West Digital, a new online collection of photos and videos under development by Mesa County Libraries. The show will be on display in the Central Library Gallery Corridor until approximately mid-June.

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Computer classes in April

Here is a list of computer classes being offered at Mesa County Libraries in April. 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. Wednesday, April 8: Basic Computer Skills I](#)

[9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 9: Basic Computer Skills II](#)

[6 p.m. Monday, April 13: Basic Microsoft Excel](#)

[9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15: Microsoft Word](#)

[9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 16: Introduction to the Internet](#)

[6 p.m. Monday, April 20: Intermediate Excel](#)

[9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 22: Social Media](#)

[9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 23: Build a Website with Weebly](#)

[6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28: iPhones and iPads](#)

[9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 29: Android Devices](#)

Clifton Branch

[3 p.m. Friday, April 10: Tech Table](#) (walk-in assistance with your electronic device. Help is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.)

[3 p.m. Wednesday, April 29: Half-hour individual computer help](#) (please pre-register)

Collbran Branch

[2 p.m. Tuesday, April 14: Half-hour individual computer help](#) (please pre-register)

[2 p.m. Thursday, April 23: Microsoft Access](#)

Orchard Mesa Branch

[10 a.m. Saturday, April 25: Half-hour individual computer help](#) (please pre-register)

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