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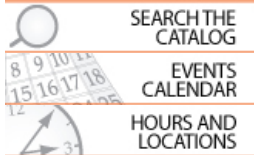
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Author/cartoonist Roz Chast to speak Saturday, Feb. 21, at Avalon Theatre

Roz Chast, an accomplished author and illustrator known for her work in The New Yorker magazine, will speak at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Avalon Theatre to discuss her book, "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" She also will sign copies of the book.



Her book is the 2015 selection for the One Book, One Mesa County celebration. In "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" Chast uses humor and sensitivity to tell the story of watching her parents age and die. The book, written in the style of a colorful graphic novel, uses cartoons, photographs, and text to tackle the difficult issue of dealing with aging parents who eventually become unable to care for themselves, a topic that hits home for many Mesa County families.

The presentation and book-signing are open to the public at no charge. (Photo above by Bill Franzen)

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Do you own or manage a business? Find out how the library can help your company succeed

Through the Mesa County Libraries Business Connect service, local small businesses can receive one-stop assistance in navigating the many business resources available from the library.

At these Business Connect events, learn how Reference USA and other business resources at Mesa County Libraries can help your

company.

• **2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, and Wednesday, March 18,** at the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, 360 Grand Ave.: Walk-up assistance with Reference USA, a powerful market research tool, and other library resources to help small businesses.

• **6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23,** at the Business Incubator Center, 2591 Legacy Way: Workshop about library electronic resources, social media, and website assistance for businesses.

• **10 a.m.-Noon Thursday, Feb. 26, and Thursday, March 26,** at the Incubator Center: Walk-up assistance with library resources for business.

• **1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4,** at the Central Library Community Room, 5th and Grand: "Pumping Up the Dream," a 2 1/2 hour overview of everything you need to know to start and grow your company, including business licensing requirements, the business planning process, and business financing options. Presented by Julie Morey, Small Business Development Center Director. Pre-registration required on the [Events Calendar](#). Walk-up assistance with library resources for business will be available from 3-5 p.m. after the workshop.

All 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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Palisade Branch to host author reading and book-signing March 14

The Palisade Library Auxiliary and the Western Colorado Writers Forum will sponsor an **Author Reading and Book-Signing** from **2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 14,** at the Mesa County Libraries Palisade Branch, 119 W. Third St. in Palisade.

Authors expected to attend are:

- **George Sibley**, Gunnison author of numerous essay collections about life in western Colorado and the Rocky Mountains, and author of "Part of a Winter" and "Dragons in Paradise."

- **Randy Phillis**, Grand Junction poet and author of "Plots We Can't Keep Up With."

- **Kyle Harvey**, a Fruita poet whose published collections include "July" and "Hyacinth."

- **Charles McLeod**, Grand Junction author of fiction and short stories, including "American Weather" and "National Treasures."

The event is open to the public at no charge.

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Explore Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador as they were in 1982

Join Terry Adcock, a retired exploration geologist who has traveled extensively around the world, for a presentation about Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador in 1982. The event is scheduled for **6:15 p.m. Monday, March 16,** at the Central Library.



Visit the capital cities, hike in the Andes Mountains, cruise the Amazon River headwaters, sail Lake Titicaca, go underground in massive tin mines, visit with the native Aymara Indians, and more in this presentation. It is open to the public at no charge. (Photo above by Terry Adcock)

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Screening of "Cowspiracy" set for March 3 at Central Library

A screening of "Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret" is set for **6 p.m. Tuesday, March 3**, in the Central Library Community Room.

In this feature-length documentary, filmmaker Kip Andersen looks at animal agriculture and presents the case that the industry is responsible for many global environmental problems. He also looks at why many of the world's top environmental organizations seem too afraid to talk about the subject.

The screening is open to the public at no charge.

For more information about "Cowspiracy," visit the [Internet Movie Database](#) or the film's [website](#).

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Community Cinema to highlight thought-provoking films on Feb. 18 and March 18 at Central Library

Monthly Community Cinema presentations in February and March at the Central Library are certain to provoke thought and discussion among those who see them.

"American Denial" is set for **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18**, at the Central Library. Follow the story of foreign researcher and Nobel Laureate Gunnar Myrdal whose study, *An American Dilemma* (1944), provided a provocative inquiry into the dissonance between stated beliefs as a society and what is perpetuated and allowed in the name of those beliefs.

"The Homestretch" is scheduled for **6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18**, at the Central Library. The film follows three homeless teens as they fight to stay in school, graduate, and build a future. Each of these smart, ambitious youths - Roque, Kasey, and Anthony - will surprise, inspire, and challenge audiences to rethink stereotypes of homelessness as they work to complete their education while facing the trauma of being alone and abandoned at an early age.

All Community Cinema presentations are preceded by a reception at 6 p.m. Please enter the Central Library through the east doors facing 6th Street. The films are open to the public at no charge.

Community Cinema is sponsored by Mesa County Libraries, Rocky Mountain PBS, Talon Wine Brands, Alpine Bank, KAFM 88.1, and Bin 707 Foodbar.

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Library offers help with IRS website and completing online forms

From job applications to tax returns, it seems like everything involves filling out online forms. Mesa County Libraries are offering **two workshops and an open lab time** where local residents can find help with online forms.

- **"Navigating the IRS Website"** is scheduled for **6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23**, at the Central Library. This class will show you where to find the tax forms and instructions you need on the IRS website, IRS.gov. This year, the IRS is not providing libraries with printed copies of instructions for Forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ. If you need those instructions, you can download them from the IRS website. This class, "Navigating the IRS Website," will help you find them online. Please [preregister for this class](#).

- **"Frustration-Free Forms"** is scheduled for **6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26**, at the Central Library. This class is intended for adults who

need help filling out online forms of all types, such as employment applications, tax forms, and account setups. You'll learn tips and tricks for filling out online forms correctly, efficiently, and without the frustration that these forms sometimes create. Please [preregister for this class](#).

- Open lab times for assistance with online forms of all kinds are scheduled from **4-6 p.m. each Thursday from March 5 through April 9** at the Central Library. Please keep in mind that Mesa County Libraries staff cannot and do not offer tax advice. Library staff are limited to helping you navigate the IRS website, find and download forms and instructions, and efficiently fill out those forms.

The classes and lab times are open to interested adults at no charge.

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Understanding introverts and extroverts

Are you outgoing and can't get enough of being around other people? Or would you rather curl up on the couch and skip the next party invitation? Either way, plan to attend "[How to Understand Introverts and Extroverts](#)" at **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10**, in the Central Library Community Room.

Dr. Katrina Katen, a clinical psychologist, will explain how to make the most of your temperament at home, work, and play. She will explore the core differences between introversion and extroversion and how each type affects the way you recharge, relate to others, and succeed. When you understand your temperament, you can design your life so that you are always "padding downstream."

The presentation is open to the public at no charge.

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Plenty of events in store for children at Mesa County Libraries

There is certainly plenty for kids to do at Mesa County Libraries in February and March. Here is a sample:

– **Puppet show: "Peter and the Wolf"** at:

- 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Clifton Branch;
- 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Collbran Branch;
- 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Palisade Branch;
- 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, at the Fruita Branch;
- 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at the De Beque Branch;
- 10 a.m. Friday, March 6, at the Orchard Mesa Branch.

– **Puppet show: "Henry and the Red Stripes"** at the Central Library. The times and dates are:

- 10 a.m. Friday, March 20;
- 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24;
- 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 25;
- 10 a.m. Thursday, March 26;
- 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28.

– **Puppetry Celebration** from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Central Library. Rocky Mountain Puppets will perform and conduct a puppet-making workshop, followed by a Puppet Parade through the library.

– **Little Artist Cafe**, 10:45 a.m.-noon Monday, March 9, at the Central Library. [Click here](#) for more information.

– **"Frozen" interactive screening**, complete with fun, games, and a movie! 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Central Library. [Click here](#) for more information.

NEIGHBORS READ - EVERY TUESDAY!

Check out the variety of talented local guests who entertain at **6:30 p.m. every Tuesday** at Neighbors Read at the Central Library. Here

are the upcoming special guests:

- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17:** Story Time with Cheryl: "A Parrot in the Family," based on the children's books written by One Book, One Mesa County author Roz Chast about her pet parrot, Marco.
- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24:** Irish Dance with Deborah. Learn some fun Irish dance moves!
- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3:** Willie DeFord and the North 17th Street Family String Band. Fun country, blues, and bluegrass music for kids and families.
- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10:** Pie for Pi Day! March 14 (3.14) is Pi Day. Celebrate by reading stories about, and eating, pie.
- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17:** Dance with Connie Monroe and students from Salt Wash Dance Theater.
- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 24:** Puppet show: "Henry and the Red Stripes."
- **6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31:** Reptile Mania with the Children's Nature Center. Visit with live lizards and snakes!

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Art submissions sought from teen artists in Mesa County

Mesa County Libraries and Super Rad Art Jam are seeking art submissions **in all mediums and subjects** from teen artists in Mesa County.

Work will be collected **February through May 2015** and displayed in the Central Library Teen Area during one of the following months: April, May, June, July, August, or September 2015.

Any student in grades 6-12 is eligible to submit work. Work is to have been completed in the past two years. All work should be original in concept, design, and execution. All submitted entries must be ready to display, matted with a hanging device, or based for three-dimensional work (display space is limited for 3-D work). Artwork will be shown for one month.

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Like to read? Join a book club!

If you like to read and want to discuss what you've read with other people, look no further than your local Mesa County Libraries location. The library hosts a variety of book clubs for every age group!



KIVA BOOK CLUB

The Kiva Book Club is intended for adults and reads a different selection each month. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Central Library. Titles coming up are:
 - **6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19:** "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe. This is the inspiring true story of a son and his mother who start a "book club" that brings them together as her life comes to a close.
 - **6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19:** "The Poisoner's Handbook" by Deborah Blum. A beguiling concoction that is equal parts true crime, 20th century history, and science thriller, this is a page-turning account of a forgotten New York.

BEYOND WORDS BOOK CLUB

For daytime reading enthusiasts, the Beyond Words Book Club meets at 10:30 a.m. at the Central Library, usually on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Please drop in!

Coming up at **10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25**, is a discussion of "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl."

At **10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25**, the club will discuss "Love in the Time of Cholera" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

CLIFTON BOOK CLUB

The Clifton Book Club meets at 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Clifton Branch Library, 590 32 Road.

At **3 p.m. Tuesday, March 10**, the club will discuss "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" by Muriel Barbery. Please stop by and check out the club!

KIDS' BOOK CLUB AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

The Kids' Book Club meets at 4:30 p.m. each Thursday in the Central Library Children's Center. Beginning March 5, the club will read Gary Paulsen's "Hatchet," the story of a 13-year-old boy named Brian who must fend for himself alone in the wilderness.

At the **March 5 gathering**, Dr. Bruce Bauerle of Colorado Mesa University (who recently taught "Survive Like a Yeti" for the library's Junior Scientist Program) will give a presentation on outdoor survival skills, including how to start a fire and other tips for making it in the wild.

Book club participants will receive a copy of "Hatchet" to keep at no charge. Participants should feel comfortable reading at the 4th- to 5th-grade level.

Space is limited, and those planning to participate in the Kids Book Club should preregister by visiting the **Events Calendar**, calling 970-243-4442, or signing up at the registration desk in the Children's Center.

ELEMENTARY KIDS' BOOK CLUB AT THE FRUITA BRANCH

The Elementary Kids' Book Club at the Fruita Branch, 324 N. Coulson St., meets from 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Participants meet other kids who like to read, and each week they have activities that enhance the selected title.

This book club is designed for ages 8-11 and favors strong readers. Sign-up is required, and the group is limited to 10 readers. Please call 970-858-7703 or visit the Fruita Branch to sign up!

TEEN BOOK CLUB AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

The Teen Book Club at the Central Library meets from 4 to 5 p.m. each Wednesday. The club is a great way to learn about the latest and greatest teen books!

This is a book group just for teens. Each week, teens meet to share their reviews on new books, enjoy refreshments, and see the latest books added to the teen collection. Drop in!

TEEN BOOK CLUB AT THE CLIFTON BRANCH

Looking for something to do after school? Do you love to read and explore different types of media? Join us at the Clifton Branch for Teen Book Club! Discuss your favorite books, movies, and fandoms with other teens!

The Clifton Branch Teen Book Club meets at 3:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB AT THE FRUITA BRANCH

The Middle School Book Club at the Fruita Branch, 324 N. Coulson St., meets from 3 to 4 p.m. each Wednesday. Participants meet other kids who like to read, and each week they have activities that enhance the selected title.

This book club is designed for ages 11-13 and favors strong readers. Sign-up is required, and the group is limited to 10 readers. Please call 970-858-7703 or visit the Fruita Branch to sign up!

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