

THE NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 AND OUR LIBRARY

This past month has been one of the longest in my life. I've had to make hard decisions and scrap complete ideas overnight to adjust to the news in the morning.

Presently, I am writing to you from my home. I wish I could tell you that the next newsletter will be written from the library but it's still too soon to know.

Our library, the building and the people inside, have become such a part of our community. Even though our doors are closed and our staff are working at home, we remain here for you!

How are we meeting our communities needs? One day at a time.

Our Website



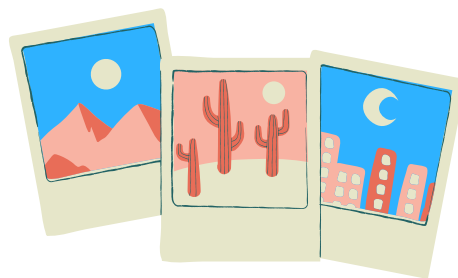
For those who find themselves in situations of unemployment or financial hardship, we have collected resources on a new webpage from DWD and our library system's Workforce Development & Lifelong Learning Consultant.

www.monticellopubliclibrary.org/employment-resources

Our Website (cont.)

If you're feeling a bit of cabin fever, try going on a virtual tour. We have cultivated some of our favorites from around the world. Whether it's museums, zoos, or natural parks, we got a bit of everything!

<https://www.monticellopubliclibrary.org/virtual-tours>



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Every person, organization, and even society reaches a point at which they owe it to themselves to hit refresh -- to reenergize, renew, reframe, and rethink their purpose. If only it were as easy as punching that little refresh button on your browser. Sure, in this age of continuous updates and always-on technologies, hitting refresh may sound quaint, but still when it's done right, when people and culture re-create and refresh, a renaissance can be the result.

~ *Hit Refresh* by Satya Nadella

FOR THE KIDS



Many of our thoughts are with the parents and teachers in our community. We want to help them tackle balancing online learning with offline activities.

Website

We have cultivated new pages under our Kids page to help stave off boredom without driving adults crazy with lack of supplies or time. These pages are packed with free resources.

We are also launching a new collection of resources and activities on a separate site for a one-stop-shop of fun. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website next week.

Newsletter - Stories Abound

We have a second newsletter just for families that has been running since the beginning of the year. In each issue we highlight early literacy tips, free activities, and upcoming programs. This can also be found on our Kids page.

Remember: Our WiFi is always on at our library building!



VIRTUAL CARDS

Want to access our digital library Overdrive and our databases but don't have a new library card yet?

Apply for a virtual card via our website today!

Just look for the yellow card on the right side of our website.



THE FUTURE

We are always looking towards the future especially during times like these. We are making plans to move our Summer Reading Program online in case we need to run the program virtually or for those who are unable to come to the library when we open.



We are also looking at strategies to safely arrange curb-side pick-up of materials when we are allowed to. (Currently this is prohibited by the "Safer at Home" Order.)

As always, our community's safety is at the heart of what we do. Please stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for the most up to date information.