



Here's to a better year!



We've all heard it and probably said it ourselves, let's just forget 2020 and move on to 2021. Here's hoping for a better year. But here's what I've decided, we have a lot to learn from 2020 and in spite of the many difficulties, we've also seen good. Good in the way folks pulled together, supporting each other and standing up for each other. Folks who don't agree accepting that and moving forward in their relationships. People finding new ways of doing things, innovations. And also, I think, we've found new appreciation for each other, for being together sharing good times and bad.

Am I looking forward to 2021? Absolutely, and just like everyone else, we at the Library are experiencing Covid fatigue. We miss seeing so many of our patrons. We miss the chaos of Wednesdays and kids engaging in our programs. We miss personal conversations about what you're reading and watching.

But here's the good news. We're still here, serving you, our patrons. We love seeing those who have ventured in and we look forward to seeing many, many more of you in the coming months. We're planning programs for the spring and summer and hope that they will be in-person. We're planning to utilize the wonderful shaded area in front of the library for a block party, and for family programs. We're looking forward to sharing food and music and good times with all of you. And in the meantime, please give us a call, let us know how we can help you get through the next few months. We're happy to do curbside service and we've rolled out a new service; Materials by Mail, for those who are unable or are choosing not to come inside. Whatever your library needs, please let us know....and above all...be safe, be well, and stay in touch!

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Happy New Year to you and yours. Stay safe!



January 2021 Newsletter

Ignacio Community Library



Homebound delivery

Take-and-make Kits

For the first 5 months of 2021

we are offering our patrons

Take-and-make Kits! With it

being winter and having some

extra time inside it makes it a

good time to do crafts. Each

kits comes with instructions

and all the supplies you'll

need to make the projects.

Pick up your kit at the entry

area of the library or get your

kit delivered by calling us!

(970)563-9287

Could you or someone you know
benefit from this program?

Reach out to us!

We understand if you or someone you know don't want to go out into public places right now, and we want to offer you a way to still enjoy your library while doing so!

Homebound delivery is designed to send you library materials through the mail. It's available to all ages for anyone who lives within a 10 mile radius of the library, it's no contact and it's completely free!

All you need to do to enroll in the program is fill out our form!

Please call (970)563-9287 to learn more
or email Andrew at ahutchinson@ignaciolibrary.org

From the Director

As we roll into 2021, I wanted to update our patrons on the state of the Library. We have experienced another cut in funding due to the decrease in oil & gas revenues. We have been able to function well without too drastic cutting of services, programs and materials and I believe we continue to offer an outstanding value to Ignacio and the surrounding community. We are able to do this in part due to the excellent fiscal planning by past and present board members. The Ignacio Community Library Board of Trustees is made up of seven individuals from a variety of backgrounds who are committed to helping ICL be a hub for the community, a driver of literacy and education, and a connecting point for its citizens. These people donate their time and energy to making ICL the best it can be. I and the ICL Staff would like to acknowledge each of our board members and the service they provide and to say a big heartfelt THANK YOU! to each of them. Dayna Talamante-Montoya, Lovvis Downs-Glass, Clark Craig, Pearl Casias, Jennifer Basa, JoAnn Sloan, and Matt Littleton help to guide the library's direction and focus and to meet the needs of our patrons. Please say a warm thanks to them when you see them about town.

Another group that does a wonderful job of supporting the library is our local Friends of ICL group. This group focuses on raising funds for the library and has purchased many items that are popular and useful for families and our younger patrons. Computers, books, and program support comes at a steep price and the Friends helps the library to offer all of these. They do this by holding book sales, selling Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory candy bars (available at the service desk), and helping with programs. You can help the Friends help the ICL by joining the Friends group. Check with the service desk staff to find out how.

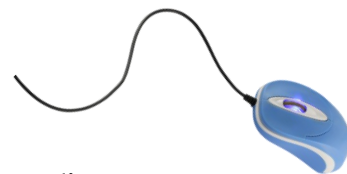
Pat Knight, Janie Herrera, Kate Lehman and Jan Chopra are the officers of the Friends and we're always looking for more members. A "thank you" and "we couldn't do it without you!" to you all.

Last, but not least, a shout-out to all those who have donated their time, materials and funds to the library over the past year. You make such a difference to the community by your support of ICL. Your presence, your encouragement and your donations keep us moving forward. And for those of you who might be interested, please touch base with a staff member if you would like to volunteer here, or to make a donation to the library. Books and materials as well as financial support create a lasting legacy for our community.

- Marcia Vining



Available online



40,000 early modern maps now freely available online

The British Library is making available 40,000 maps dating between 1500 and 1824, which will be freely available online for the first time. They are part of the Topographical Collection of King George III (K. Top), and include maps, atlases, architectural drawings, cartoons and watercolors. The first batch of 18,000 images are now available for anyone to view online via the British Library's digital

[Flickr Commons collection](https://www.flickr.com/photos/tags/georgeiii/topographicalcollection),

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Maker' New Year's Resolution



The start of a New Year often comes with the opportunity to make a resolution to improve on the life we have by committing to a new action. ICL is inviting you to make this your best year yet by resolving to add a new arrow to your quiver of skills and talents.

Is there a new device or software at your place of work with which you would like to show proficiency? Do you own your own business and would like to design your own logo? Or are you looking for a new hobby or ways to enhance your expertise in familiar activities?

Your Community Library has resources on par with or exceeding many libraries located in large metropolitan areas or university campuses. This is especially true when it comes to the possibilities offered in the IDEA LAB, the library's makerspace and digital media lab. Make movies, learn to code, study electronics, practice science and so much more. Patrons can access the IDEA LAB by making a reservation with the service desk. If you need coaching in a specific area Library Staff will assist you in scheduling a meeting.

Maker 2021 to be your most successful year yet!

***The ICL is partnering with Pine River Library, Durango Public Library, and Southwest La Plata Library District to bring you the following program:**



How to Find Happiness in the Age of COVID-19

With Dr. Brian Burke

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to question how we are living and everything we hold dear. Explore the psychological science of what we know about how to live a good life for the era we are living through!

Email darcy@prlibrary.org for Zoom login information.

**Monday, January 25
6-7 pm**

Coming the entire month of January!

An exhibit from High Country News in honor of their 50th anniversary will be on display at the ICL all month!

"A Retrospective Exhibit Celebrating 50 Years of HCN: This exhibition, jointly developed by The Autry Museum of the American West and High Country News, examines the publication as not only an institution, but as a window into the past, present, and future of the West."

You can learn more about them by visiting their website at: <https://www.hcn.org/events/exhibit>