

# Hello January



- ICL's Monthly Newsletter -



## Happy New Year From the Director

State of the Library,

It seems to be the thing to do, a recap of the past year. And oh, what a year. But as I look at this past year, I must say I'm proud of our library community, our staff and our patrons. From being closed briefly to numerous restrictions on how and when we gather, we've taken some hits. The good news is that we've come through it quite well. We managed to continue to offer services when many others were still closed. Our patrons were thoughtful, considerate, and understanding of any restrictions we imposed for the safety of our staff and patrons. Many of our programs were still held; we hosted summer reading, adult book clubs, and continued to offer our many business services. Families picked up hundreds of the Take & Make kits to work on at home and participated in numerous maker events and contests. It was wonderful to have groups come to the library and be able to gather outside. It was so heartening to see renewed friendships and relationships as folks gathered during the music series over the summer months. Materials went flying out the door! Books and movies, audio books and children's materials came and went in rapid succession. Our courier was busy bringing books in from all around the state and folks were reading, reading, reading! At this time, we're already looking forward to spring and summer, to getting together and hosting all manner of events. We hope to help you weather the coming winter months with plenty of good reading and viewing material to cozy up with when the weather outside is indeed frightful. As we put 2021 behind us and gaze into 2022 it is my hope that we continue on with grace for each other, a helping hand when we need it, and a chance to be even more of what community truly is...

- Marcia Vining

## Night Sky Party Friday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m.

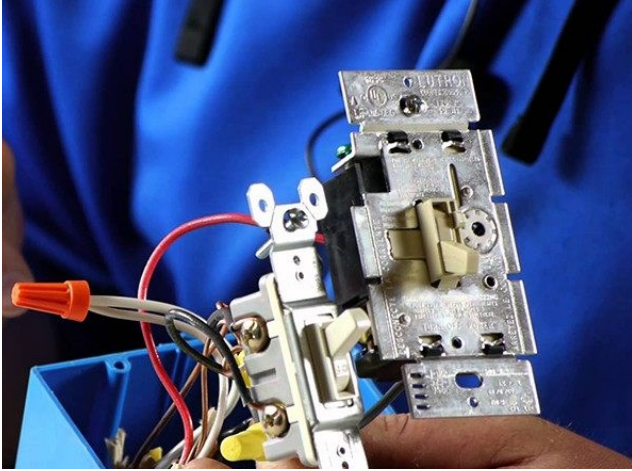
Join us for our fourth Night Sky Party! This party's focus will be on Mercury. We'll start with an indoor program and activity then move outside for telescope viewing. **Make sure to bring warm clothing!**



DID YOU KNOW...your weight on Mercury would be 38% of your weight on Earth.

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# January Idea Lab and Makerspace!



## Idea Lab Classes of the month

STEM classes continue with a focus on electronics. Classes are for all ages and lesson plans are adjusted in difficulty to the experience of the student. Learn the basics of creating circuits, switching, wiring, and soldering with personal instruction and hands on practice. Each class is presented twice a week, once on Wednesday and repeated again on Saturday.

Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. | Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

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## Take & Make Kits

With the New Year comes new Take & Make Kits! To start us off we've got balloon powered car kits.

Take and Make Kits are craft kit packages for all ages to take home and enjoy. All supplies are included in the kit unless otherwise posted on the front of the kit. So come in and see us each month for a new craft to try out!

## Also available this month!

An adult style Take & Make Kit that will include a notepad project!

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## Contest of the Month

Like we said above, come get a Take & Make kit this month! Especially because it can help you to win our contest this month. For our Balloon Car Contest all you need to do is come in and pick up a kit, follow the instructions for creating your car and bring in the finished product!

Entries will be judged on how well your car functions as well as the design and construction. Entries are due by the end of January and winners will be announced in early February.



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## Did you know?

Did you know that when the Library was first established in 1991 it's building was only 1,800 sq. ft?  
Now in 2021 our building is 11,000 sq. ft!





## Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 17

The library will be closed this day, but come in this month and checkout our books, documentaries and more that highlight Mr. King like:

*A Call to Conscience: the Landmark Speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr* by Martin Luther King

*Let the Trumpet Sound: a Life of Martin Luther King, Jr* by Stephen B. Oates

*History Kids: From Selma to Montgomery: Marching with Martin Luther King Jr* by Fred Gallo

The DVD *Citizen King*

And more!

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## Vision Boards Class Sunday, January 9 at 1:00 p.m.

In this class you'll get to make vision boards—a collage of images and words that remind you of your goals, values and dreams that will help to motivate you this year!

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## Family Game Night! Friday, January 21

What a better way to bond and spend time with your family than over a good game! And to add the cherry on top—we've got free snacks!

So join us because we'd love to see you and laugh and smile together on Friday, January 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

-Games provided or bring your own-



# The Library Youtube Channel

Did you know we have our own Youtube Channel? It's true! We're getting ready to make new videos for you to enjoy on it was well. We currently have previous ICL virtual classes like the Immune System Boost Talk and the Historic Tiffany Church Talk as well as several Storytime videos! So check it out and let us know what videos you'd like to see from us like tutorials, book readings, staff recommendations and more!

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## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a program designed to foster reading as a life-long pleasure activity. Its benefits aren't limited to reading and literacy: reading together is a great time for parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters to spend time together. Any child under age 5 who is not currently enrolled in Kindergarten is eligible to participate. Families may enroll all their eligible children at the same time. Reading logs are kept and submitted for each child. Prizes are awarded for reading 200, 500, 800 and 1,000 books; children receive stickers for each reading log submitted.

- To sign your child up for the program, ask at the ICL Circulation Desk -

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## The YouTube Phenomenon Revisited

There has been much written about YouTube in the past few years. How YouTube democratized video production, how it has changed our notion of what is acceptable and what is watchable, and the way major media companies create and disseminate videos. Yet, what I find most interesting is how it can affect us as individuals.

I have owned my own tools and been making things since the 7th grade, just short of 50 years now, and lately I keep asking myself why it seems that in the last few years I have learned so many techniques that I wish that I had known earlier in my life. Then it dawned on me that the difference between the first 40 years and the last 10 has been the addition of watching YouTube instructional videos. Not only can you find tutorials for just about any skill you need to complete a project, if you refine the search you can probably find instructions for the particular tool or product you are using.

Ofentimes there are multiple videos to choose from and the trick becomes finding the instructor that best fits your purpose. I like instructors who don't use a lot of time explaining what they are going to teach before actually teaching. As an example, when learning to use the free design program *Inkscape*, I found an instructor who uses the tag "Logos by Nick". By watching his tutorials at the same time I have the *Inkscape* program open, I can follow along and practice. In this way I have gained the use of many new design techniques.

Next time you need to tackle a project, even one you have done before, consider taking the time to find a YouTube tutorial you can learn from and you might gain from this method of learning and adding skills to your resume for both work and play.

# Regular Programs to attend this month!

## Storytime

Where we make learning fun by using songs, stories, dancing, crafts and more to encourage literacy in our young patrons!

**Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Kids Zone.**

## Mystery Book Club

The second Monday of every month we come together for a good mystery and some even better conversation! The book for January is *State of Terror* By Louise Penny and Hillary Rodham Clinton. The library will also be providing lunch for this month's meeting.

**Monday, January 10 at 11:30 a.m.**

## Books & Brews

I mean we all like books and we definitely like coffee, so it should be a no brainer that we all like the book club Books & Brews! You can join us the first Friday of every month to spill the beans on a good book with some good people. The book of the month is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

**Friday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m. meet us at Ignacio's coffee shop Creme de la Creme!**

## Knitters Group

Every week you can join our lovely group of knitters for a beverage and a chat. Knitting, crotchet, fiber art and more are all welcome!

**Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in our Community Room.**

## Open Art Studio

Come work on your art projects, receive help and advice, and enjoy conversation and good times with other local artists every week. Guests and new members always welcome!

**Fridays starting at 10:30 a.m. in our Community Room.**

## Veteran Services

Greg Dotson, the La Plata County Veteran Services Officer holds regular office hours at our library once a month for our local veterans. Appointments in Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117, or 970-382-6150, and walk-ins are welcome.

**Wednesday, January 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

## Free Legal Clinic

Did you know the Ignacio Community Library offers four free 15 minute video conferences to seek legal advice from a legal professional once a month? Please call on the first day of each month to reserve your space!

**Friday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m.**



# Escape Room at the Library!

## January 27, 28 and 29

Ready for Ignacio Community Library's monthly challenge? Test your skills with Escape the Crate's 13th mission: Escape: Murder in the Forgotten Tomb. In the 1920's the excavation of ancient tombs was all the rage in the Valley of the Kings. We've been called back to check on the whereabouts of a team of explorers who have gone missing while on the search for one of the biggest archaeological discoveries of all time. You have heard that the tomb was cursed, for many who enter meet grisly ends soon after. Upon entering it yourself, you begin to believe it. The professor in charge of the search has been murdered, his body mummified in the depths of the tunnels...



Sign up for one of the 9 time slots available Thursday and Friday 10:00 am, 12:15 pm, 2:30 pm; and Saturday 10:30 am, 12:45 pm, 3:00 pm Plan on 2 hours total to solve the murder mystery, and groups of 4-6 people can sign up in advance by calling the ICL and taking an available time slot. There will be a \$10 deposit for holding your spot.

Recommended adults only – this is a tough puzzle!

If you are signed up and no longer able to attend, please let the ICL know as soon as possible so that we can make sure every slot is filled!



### Did you know?

January was partly named after Janus – who was the two-faced god. He was also known as the 'god of doors', as well as transitions. Pretty fitting given the transition into a new year, then!



# Staff Reviews & Recommendations!



## Dorothy Williams – Service Desk Manager

*Trafficked*, a movie on Kanopy in regard to human trafficking which is a growing problem in the states as well as all over the world. Did you know that an estimated \$150 billion in profits is made in a year. January is Human Trafficking Prevention and Awareness month in the U.S. According to the Polaris Project, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. The movie *Trafficked* starring Ashley Judd, Elisabeth Rohm, Jessica Obilom, Kelly Washington and Sean Patrick Flanery is inspired by real characters, three girls attempt a daring escape from an elaborate human trafficking network. Without giving any other details, this movie brings awareness to this small town girl.

## Cheyenne Munns – Marketer/Social Media Manager

This month I'd like to recommend a favorite children's book of mine, *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Guy Parker-Rees and Giles Andreae. Not only do I love reading it to my daughters but I love the message it gives them as well! "sometimes when you're different you just need a different song."  
- *Giraffes Can't Dance*



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## Friends of the Library

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Friends of Ignacio Community Library! Who are the Friends of ICL? We are community members who want to support our library, which in turn supports our community in so many ways. The library has tools and information for people of all ages; tots, students, youth and adults, parents and grandparents. A good library makes a strong and healthy community, and we are lucky to have such a good library here, with capable and dedicated staff. The Friends of the Library work with the director and staff, raising money for the great programs that the library offers, like fun literacy kits for kids, a new 3D printer(?) (materials) for MakerSpace, computers, and other special programs and materials. We raise funds in a variety of ways; Rocky Mountain Chocolate bar sales, Amazon Smiles, book sales, silent auctions of special pieces displayed in the library, membership drives and dues, and grant writing. We also raise interest in the library by putting on and helping with fun community events at ICL. These events help bring our community together. Some of the Friends serve on the FOL board and some volunteer for events. Most of the Friends are supporters. These folks pay dues with a variety of membership types, and renew their memberships every year. For all you who are Friends of the Library already, is it time to renew your membership? You can do that at the front desk, and we thank you. If you're not a Friend yet, consider joining. Staff members at the front desk are happy to help you sign up.



## New Friends of the Library Board

We are happy to welcome three new people to the board. Chris Walker is our new President. Sheri Figgs is our Treasurer, and Rosanna Vazquez is Secretary. We thank these new members for their time, energy and skills they bring in service to our community. Also on the board, JoAnn Sloan is Vice President and Jan Chopra is Book Sales Chair. Kate Grayson and Kathleen Reilly work on Membership.

# January 2022

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