MUSEUM ON MAINSTREET EXHIBIT
April 29 - June 2
Don't miss out on our new exhibit showcasing the rich history of our community. Join us this month at the library to experience the awe-inspiring display, we'll also be offering several workshops and classes during the stay of the exhibit. It's an opportunity that you don't want to miss. Some of the free events include: Thursday, May 9th, at 5:00 pm Ties to Land and Place. Friday, May 17th, 1:00 pm Community Celebrations and Traditions! Tuesday, May 21st, 5:00 pm Ignacio’s past, present, and future. And Friday, May 31st, 5:00 pm Grand finale event: Voices, Views, and Visions.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m.
Come create lasting memories with your family over dinner and a story! You'll even get to unleash your creativity during craft time in this perfect family bonding experience. $10 deposit is required to secure a spot. The deposit will be returned when you attend the program, otherwise it will be a donation to the library.

MOBILE EARTH + SPACE OBSERVATORY
Saturday, May 4 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Get ready to embark on an extraordinary journey with the Mobile Earth + Space Observatory – a science center on wheels like no other! With a range of interactive science activities, visitors can discover the mysteries of the universe in a whole new way. Witness the sun like never before through our solar telescopes, capture yourself in a new light using an infrared camera, and explore the Martian surface with 3-D maps. These are just a few of the exciting experiences that await you on board.

GARDEN TO KITCHEN
Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.
Come down to the library and attend an excellent gardening class! In this class, you will learn how to grow vegetables in containers at home and gain skills for incorporating them into your meals at a low cost. You will also get the opportunity to build a container garden that you can take home with you. Additionally, you will get to sample and take home recipes featuring the crop you'll grow. Preregistration is required for this class. visit the banner section on our website, ignaciolibrary.org, to find the registration link!
WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS
Last month we hosted a workshop with the Wildfire Adapted Partnership, called Wildfire Preparedness. If you missed it then you should check the county’s new website dedicated to all things wildfire and mitigation, it’s a great place to help prepare your home and family for wildfires.
https://www.co.laplata.co.us/livingwithfire.php.

SUMMER READING RETURNS!
June 5 - July 24
Join us every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for a fun-filled day of crafts, games, special guest entertainers, and more! Join the Summer Reading Program this year and unlock the chance to win amazing prizes all summer long! Don’t miss out on this incredible opportunity to dive into great books, expand your knowledge, and win big.

LITERACY BLOOMS
AVAILABLE NOW!
“A book is a gift you can open again and again” - Garrison Keillor | “Books are a uniquely portable magic” - Stephen King
During the month of May the Ignacio Community Library invites the community to purchase, for only $1.00, a paper flower to support literacy in our community. The Flowers will be available at the library and businesses around town and funds raised will be used to support literacy programs in our community.

SUPPORT YOUR LIBRARY,
BECOME A FRIEND
The Friends of the Ignacio Community Library is a group of library lovers who volunteer at the library and raise money for the library. The dues are only $10/year for an individual and $20/year for a family. These funds help the library expand programs. In the past, funds have been used for the 3 D printer, equipment for the bookmobile, and supplies for children’s summer programs. Community support is essential for our being able to continue to apply for special grants for library needs. The more members we have, the more we can do for our library. Please consider joining the friends. With your membership, you receive a $5.00 gift certificate to the bookstore. Membership forms available at the library checkout desk. If you’re already a Friend, please don’t forget to renew your annual membership.

LIBRARY BOOKSTORE

INDULGE IN ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHOCOLATE BARS, AVAILABLE EVERY DAY FOR $3.50 EACH, AT THE LIBRARY CHECKOUT DESK.

COMING SOON TO THE IDEA LAB
Another successful Repair Cafe was held the first Saturday in April. Since its inception, the Repair Cafe Repair Volunteers have put quite a number of items back into service. I should be able to tell you exactly what the Repair Cafe has done but we are behind in our paperwork, which could serve as a reminder that we can still use more volunteers to help in all aspects of the Repair Cafe. There will be NO Repair Cafe in May, but catch us next on the first Saturday of June.

This is in part because on May 4 ICL will be visited by the Mobile Earth and Space Observatory from 10am to 4pm. MESSO will also be visiting local schools but if you miss it or you are not on their schedule, here is another chance to interact with this exciting experience.

The first three weeks of May are also time for Mr. Ron’s scheduled vacation. Access to the IDEA LAB will be limited during this time so if you have an upcoming project or need to use the facility please make arrangements as soon as possible. Electronics Hour will be on hold during this time also but all the other regular maker groups will meet as scheduled.

Fortunately there is always plenty to do at the library and the month of May is no exception. May will see ICL host a Smithsonian Museum Exhibit. With a grand opening on April 29, the Museum on Mainstreet Exhibit will run throughout the month of May. The Exhibit is all about “Change is Rural America,” and includes interactive displays set up inside the main level of the library. There will be weekly programs exploring different topics related to the theme.

Then, before you know it, Summer Reading will be here. ICL’s summer reading program is all about halting the slide in education that usually occurs with the summer break and having fun doing so. Starting the first week of June, with the theme of Adventure, the staff will host age-appropriate weekly programs for local youth on Wednesdays. Also, the Beanstack App will have challenges for both Adults and Youth.

You can continue with your self-directed summer education in the IDEA LAB. Open makerspace is Fridays and Saturdays from 1 to 3pm and other times by appointment. Make a stop animation movie, build a robot, practice electronics, code your own games and much, much more.

Make this a special summer and commit to filling your brain with nutritious and delicious information that can make your life more enjoyable and satisfying. This summer, find time for yourself and take a short vacation to the library to find a holiday of the mind.
VETERAN SERVICES
First Wednesday of the month 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. Greg Dotson, the La Plata County Veteran Services Officer, holds his regular office hours with us.

TEEN NIGHT
Third Monday of the month 6:00- 7:45 p.m. Are you a middle or high school student looking for a fun and engaging program to attend? Our library offers a monthly program with exciting new themes and activities, along with dinner! Not only will you have the opportunity to enjoy delicious food, but you’ll also have the chance to make new friends and connect with peers in your community.

REPAIR CAFE
NO CAFE THIS MONTH - CATCH US AGAIN ON SATURDAY, JUNE 1st FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

SEWING GROUP
Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Whether you're a beginner or an expert you're invited to join us every Monday for some fun around sewing projects and crafts.

STORYTIME
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Looking to help your little ones develop a lifelong love of reading? Join us for interactive sessions filled with songs, crafts, and stories. Our program is designed to engage and inspire our youngest library patrons. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to create cherished memories with your child while also setting them up for a lifetime of learning and exploration.

OPEN ART STUDIO
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Unleash your creativity and join a community of passionate artists! Get inspired, work on your art projects, and receive valuable feedback and support from your peers. Whether you’re a seasoned artist or just starting, our doors are always open to new members and guests. Join us for some fun, good conversation, and a chance to connect with other local artists!

ELECTRONICS HOUR
THE PROGRAM WILL ONLY BE ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 AT 12:00 P.M. THIS MONTH
Discover the exciting world of circuits, robots, and computers with our electronic-based projects at the Idea Lab! Join us every Wednesday for this free program that’s open to all ages.

ICL KNITTERS GROUP
Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. Are you a fan of knitting? If so, we invite you to join our lovely group of knitters every Thursday in our Community Room. Work on your latest project and socialize with fellow knitting enthusiasts. We hope to see you there! A perfect place for a chat while enjoying some crochet, knitting, or whatever your fancy may be!

DONUTS FOR BOOKS
Fridays at 9:00 a.m. Join us for a morning of coffee and doughnuts! Get a sneak peek into upcoming events and programs that we have in store and what new books we have. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to stay informed about all the amazing resources available to you at the library!

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB
Monday, May 6 and 20 at 11:30 a.m. Are you a seeker of thrills and chills? Join our book club to meet people with the same interest and love of books! Our book of the month: The Mystery Guest by Nita Prose. Please bring your lunch this month.

THE KIDS BOOK CLUB
Book Club Day: Thursday, May 16 at 4:15 and Movie Day: Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 p.m. Looking for a fun and exciting way to make new friends and expand your reading list? Join our book club! Not only will you have the opportunity to explore new books, but you’ll also get to watch the movie adaptation of each one. This club is open to anyone 18 and under who can read the book!

SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB
Monday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m. Books hold the power to transport you to new worlds and eras, allowing you to experience life through someone else’s eyes. This book club, in particular, will take you on a journey beyond your wildest imagination! Book of the month: Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir.
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**THEY DID WHAT?!**

Our Summer Reading theme this year may be "Adventures in Summer Reading," but it seems that our Miss Helen and Miss Dorothy took that theme a bit too seriously. Last month, the pair travelled together to Moab, UT, and decided to go skydiving! Yes, you read that correctly - they jumped out of a perfectly good aeroplane! We have included some pictures of their adventure below.

**There are 195 recognized countries in the world! Can you guess which ones are in our word scrambles?**

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AGDLHENASB
MSIAAOL
OWRYAN
IREUAKN
EOZMIMQABU
ATUILHAIN
OASNIET
DBAMIACO