

Fall 2023

**Lifelong Learning
Lecture Series**

FREE- no registration required.

Thursdays 6:00-7:15 P.M.

October 5 – November 9, 2023

Lectures are held at the Ruby Sisson Library in the large meeting room.

Attend as many lectures as you'd like to continue your lifelong learning journey.

See you soon at Ruby Sisson Library!

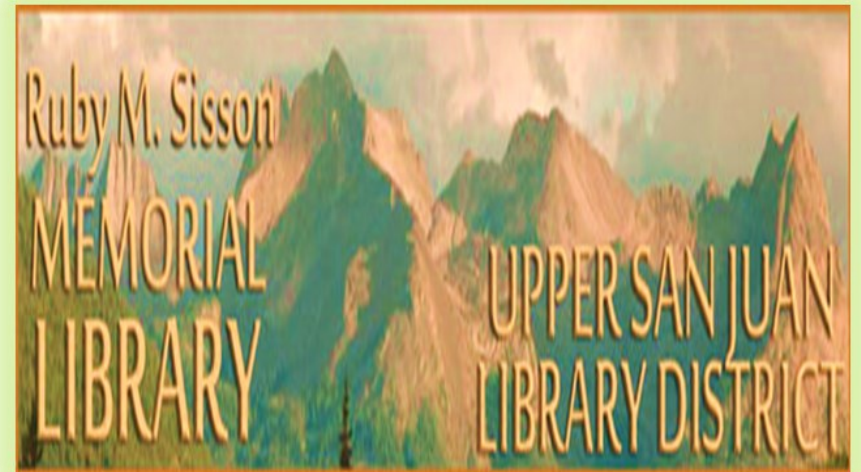
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Thursday, October 5

Water Fluency 101: Developing a Water-fluent Community

Josh Kurz

Josh will discuss the recent local water supply graphic that he created for the San Juan Water Conservancy District. The graphic illustrates our local water supply and summarizes water-related variables like snow, precipitation, streamflow, drought, and fire conditions. He will discuss threats to our water supply, the future of our water supply, and ways our community can conserve water. The overarching goal of the presentation is to help our community connect our landscape and our water usage to our climate and water infrastructure."

Josh Kurz has a B.S. in watershed science and an M.S. in science education. He has taught middle school and high school science for the Archuleta School District since 2003. Throughout his career, he has worked in the private and public sectors developing and teaching natural resource-related curricula. Josh is passionate about providing opportunities to engage and educate the community about the issues affecting our natural resources, especially our water.

Thursday, November 9

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Program for Disabled Veterans and Wounded Warriors

Paul Wilson

Paul is the Program Lead for the Four Corners Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Program. He will present a brief history of the nationwide program and describe the local activities of the Four Corners program.

Project Healing Waters programs meet regularly throughout the year with volunteers teaching the basics and advanced techniques while building long-term relationships. It is much more than a one-time fly fishing trip.

Paul is a retired Wildlife Biologist, with degrees from Michigan State University (B. S. in Wildlife Biology and Management) and Iowa State University (M. S. in Animal Ecology). He has conducted field studies in Nepal, Chile, Canada and western Iowa. Paul served as a Peace Corps Volunteer from 1975 through 1977 in the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Department of His Majesty's Government of Nepal.



Thursday, October 19



Communicating with Sexual Abuse Survivors

*Using Trauma Informed Responses
for the Public and Professionals*

Kathleen Davis

Survivors of sexual abuse are impacted by three normal neurological reactions (triggers, disassociation and remembering) which often interfere with communication. Scenarios on how to respond in a trauma-informed manner will be offered to develop confidence and improve communication. All concerns may not be addressed. Information from community programs, agencies, and organizations is available on the resource table in this room. *Outcry Response: What Educators Need to Know about Sexual Abuse* (Kathleen's resource book) and other library items can be checked out to learn more about sexual abuse.

Kathleen Davis, BSN-RN, Licensed Professional Counselor, National Board of Certified Counselors, Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, Author, and Nurse.

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Thursday, October 26

Ruby's Writers Guild

Dr. Janice McIntyre & Santos Ocanas

Come discover the ghouls and spirits who make up Thursday mornings, 9:00-11:00,- the Ruby's Writers Guild (R.W.G.)

We will discuss our writing projects, interests, and a few spooky circumstances. Join us for "howl" to get started and/or a share time with your projects. And yes, an eerie opportunity for all participants to create a seasonal draft/writing.

The R.W.G. is a welcoming coalition for all writers of all genres. The Guild provides camaraderie and support for all writing activities such as planning, drafting, reading, editing, and publishing opportunities and guest speakers. The Guild is hosted by the Ruby Sisson Library of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, and endeavors to support the area's educational and cultural organizations.



Thursday, November 2

Upper San Juan Search & Rescue

Donna Wynn

Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR) trains and organizes volunteers in search, rescue, and other emergency services as described herein. USJSAR volunteers respond only when activated and provide these services so that others may live.

Although Upper San Juan Search and Rescue (USJSAR) operates under Archuleta County Sheriff's office. We also respond to calls in Hinsdale County, Mineral County, and into La Plata County.

We are often closer to some areas of these counties and are therefore able to respond quicker. We also participate with other county SAR organizations if additional resources are required.

Donna and her husband Greg, who are residents of Pagosa Springs, are long-standing members of Upper San Juan Search and Rescue. Donna also has EMS training.



Thursday, October 12

Emergency Medical Services

Connie Cook, Deputy Chief

As the sole EMS provider in the area, we are excited to interact and engage with all members of the community and look forward to telling our story and painting a picture of who we are and what we do.

- What is the Pagosa Springs Medical Center Emergency Medical System?
- How to properly activate the 911 system and what information should I provide?
- Equipment demonstration.
- Classes offered and local resources provided.
- Ambulance tour and questions.

Connie began her EMS career in 2005 and have worked for the Upper San Juan Health Service District since 2006. She started as an EMT Basic and currently serves as the department's Deputy Chief and as an Advanced EMT. I work on local, regional, and state level groups and committees to improve and sustain Emergency Medical Services.