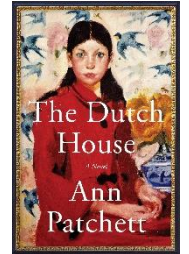
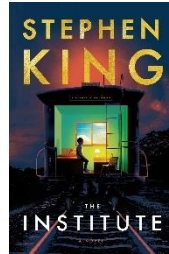
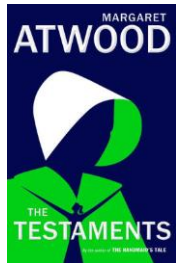


September means back to school – and more time to read! The month of September brings some great new titles to enjoy, including the long-awaited sequel to “The Handmaid’s Tale”:

- The Testaments by Margaret Atwood
- The Dutch House by Anne Patchett
- The Institute by Stephen King
- Vendetta in Death by J. D. Robb
- The Titanic Secret by Clive Cussler
- Sins of the Fathers by J. A. Jance
- The Timepiece by Beverly Lewis
- Permanent Record by Edward Snowden

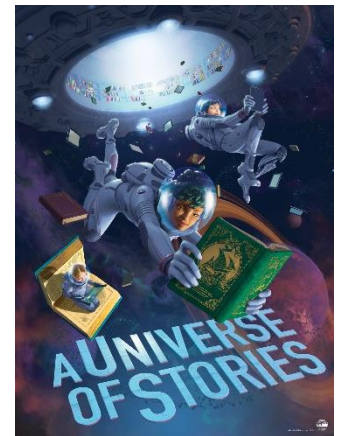


- New DVDs for September:
- “John Wick: Parabellum”
 - “Aladdin” (live action)
 - “Booksmart”
 - “X-Men: Dark Phoenix”
 - “Men In Black International”

This year, we had 165 children and teens complete reading logs for **Summer Reading** and over 1300 people attended 25 programs this summer. But, outside of the statistics, the most important part is the fun and learning gained from reading and from interacting with the wealth of talent in our community. Special thanks and kudos to:

- Elizabeth Landis, Park Elementary principal
- Jerry Bachman, Park School custodian, and his staff
- Jack Gamby and the Lions Club
- Ryan Bridge
- Chris Ivey
- Matthew Dodd
- Chief Jack Brommer
- Lisa Sanchez
- Officer Amy Dittmann
- Officer Brent Keyser
- Illusionist Ran D Shine
- Mark DeRose
- Family Stages
- Renee Christiansen, Youth Services Manager, Library System of Lancaster County

- Jesse Rothacker
- Fred McNaughton
- John Andrews
- Chief Doug Kemmerly
- Dan Sahd
- Matt Martsolf
- Neil Hartley
- Steve Henry, Jr.
- Denise Strawser
- The North Museum
- Beth Putt, Park School secretary



Summer Reading 2019 could not have happened without you!

September means back to school and that means I shift my focus from Summer Reading to my **classroom read alouds**. Some of the groups I plan to work with this year:

- Head Start Columbia Branch (with Bookmobile Visits)
- Our Lady of the Angels PreSchool classes
- LutherCare PreSchool classes
- Teachers who are interested in visiting the library with their class are encouraged to contact me at 717-684-2255.



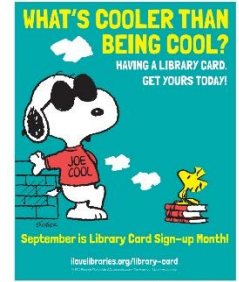


Is there a first grader in your life? September is the month for **Mission Grade One** (“Mission GO”) where first graders may receive their first library card. If your child is in first grade at Park School or Our Lady of the Angels, a packet will be coming home in September if you would like your child to have a library card. Just fill out the form and we will get your child’s card ready! If you child already has a card or you don’t want them having their own card, there’s a spot to note that as well. Applications will be coming home with your child and the **MUST** have a caregiver’s signature to process the cards. Cards will be taken to Mrs. Bucks or Mrs. Williams for distribution.

Thanks to Kelsey Bucks, Park librarian, and Marie Williams, Our Lady of the Angels first grade teacher for their assistance with this important milestone.

You don’t have to be a first grader to get a library card. **September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!** Anyone over five years old can get one and there is no charge for your first card. All you need to bring is a photo ID with your current address and we’ll take care of the rest. Lost cards do incur a \$1.00 replacement charge. With your library card you can:

- Check out books, music CDs, audiobooks, and movies
- Use our public access computers
- Use our wi-fi
- Access Tumblebooks and Tutor.com for your children
- Read e-books on your tablet or other device (e-book downloads are also free of charge!)
- Access free databases, ranging on subjects from test preparation through the Learning Express Library to health information from Consumer Health Complete.
- Order books from across the state at no charge



The Young Adult book club will once again begin in **September 11, meeting in the high school library**. There will be two discussions: one for middle school and one for high school. The first meeting is usually spent suggesting books to read for the upcoming year. Students must sign a behavior contract and also inform their last period teacher (middle school only) that they are attending book club. **Middle school club begins at 1:50 and continues until 2:35 dismissal. High school club meets 2:35 to 3:30 PM.** Exact schedule will be determined in conjunction with Mr. White, high school librarian. Adult leaders are Patti Fischer, Lisa Greybill, and Michael White. See Mr. White for more information and to pick up contracts.

Kelly Skiptunas and Tommy, our Reading Education Assistance Dog, are working with Park Elementary School to schedule class visits at this time. Tommy will also be doing some public visits this year as it suits Kelly’s schedule. Please stay tuned!



PreSchool Pals Returns on September 9! Miss Susan is excited to meet a new group of preschoolers this year as many of our pals are now attending kindergarten or first grade! A special puppet show with Hank the Health Hero will be featured **Monday, September 23, at 10:30 AM.** Are you brushing those pearly whites?

Hank’s interactive show presents not only the importance of teeth brushing but the proper technique as well. PreSchool Pals will **NOT** be held on September 30 or October 14. All preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome for stories and a simple craft. Caregiver must stay. Ages 18 months to 4 years old.



A Community Program will be held on **Monday, September 9, at 6 PM with Police Chief Jack Brommer**. Chief Brommer will be providing an update on the Columbia Borough Police Department – its staffing, planned initiatives, and how the Crime Watch program is progressing. The Chief is also joining us in surveying what people would like to see in our community programming. Which leads to:

We are having difficulty in getting attendance for our adult-level programs (Community programs and Prime Timers). I have attached a survey to the email blast for both Prime Timers and Community programming. The survey questions not only day and time, but what TOPICS you would like to learn more about. What would get you to participate in an adult-level program? These surveys are not only attached to the email blast, but paper copies are available at the library as well. This is YOUR library. We want to provide the kind of programs YOU want – but we need to know what that is!



Speaking of programs, Patti Fischer, a retired librarian who also works our front desk, is interested in starting an ADULT level Book Club. She would need to know what day and time works best for participants. Please contact Patti by **texting** 717-615-0987 or email pfisch732@aol.com if you are interested and what day/time is good for you.



This month's Prime Timers features "Meet the Mayor" Leo Lutz. If you have compliments, concerns, or questions about Columbia Borough, this is the perfect opportunity to ask! The program will be held at 6 PM on Wednesday, September 25. The time was moved to encourage attendance and because of the street closure for school dismissal.

Yarn arts groups continue or return through the Fall. Cathy Rideaux will be starting her "Plarn" (plastic bag yarn) group once again beginning September 5 at 1 PM and continuing every Thursday at 1. Gaile Morrison will be holding her knitting class beginning September 19 after a two week hiatus. Knitting is on Thursday nights at 7 PM. And Kasey Patterson will be starting a new crochet-along project: "Shell-V Comin' Round the Mountain" baby blanket. She will be teaching participants how to do the shell stitch beginning Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 PM and on the following Tuesdays. No knitting or crochet classes the weeks of September 2 and September 9.



An additional evening program will be held on September 18 – we are showing a Family Movie in our community room. It is "The Secret Life of Pets 2" and it will show at 6 PM. The film is appropriate for all ages. No unaccompanied children please!



We have begun a rotating display in our display case next to the circulation desk. This past summer we displayed some pottery made by the Columbia Senior Center with the assistance of the Columbia Creative Factory.

Our current display features the works of Lloyd Mifflin in celebration of his September 15 birthday. We plan to

feature other Columbia entities – such as student artwork, veterans' groups, local churches, Scouts, etc. – in a rotating monthly display. If you would like your service group to be featured for a month and have collection items to share, please contact 717-684-2255 and ask for Lisa – or email lgreybill@columbiapubliclibrary.org.



The Columbia Public Library is located on 24 S. 6th Street, next to Park Elementary School. (Cattycorner to CVS Pharmacy and across the street from St. John's Lutheran Church) Phone number is 684-2255 and web address is www.columbiapubliclibrary.org. Find us on Facebook. Come in and see what new worlds await for YOU!