

Unfortunately, December is a slow publishing month for books. Here are some new releases to enjoy during December:

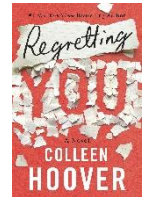
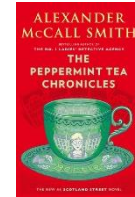
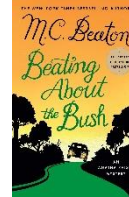
Genesis by Robin Cook

The Peppermint Tea Chronicles by Alexander McCall Smith

Beating About the Bush: an Agatha Raisin mystery by M. C. Beaton

The Attack by W. E. B. Griffin

Regretting You by Colleen Hoover



New DVD releases for December:

“Abominable”

“It: Chapter Two”

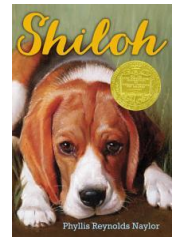
“How To Train Your Dragon: Homecoming”

“Rambo 5”

“Overcomer”

“Downton Abbey” (feature film)

We have been getting a great group of students for our **Middle School book club** which meets at **Columbia High School Library at 1:50 PM**. Next club meeting is very early in December - **December 4**, to be exact - and the chosen title is the Newbery Award-winning **Shiloh**.



For more information on the Young Adult book clubs, please see Mr. White, high school librarian.



Also early in December, we will be having a program on railroad travel in our conference room. Juliette O'Connor, of the **Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania**, will present “**The History of Passenger Travel – Philadelphia to Pittsburgh**”.

Beginning with the stagecoach, the slide show traces the evolution of passenger travel across the Keystone State until the current day. How amenities have evolved on passenger trains through the years will also be featured. **Thursday, December 5, at 6 PM** in our conference room.

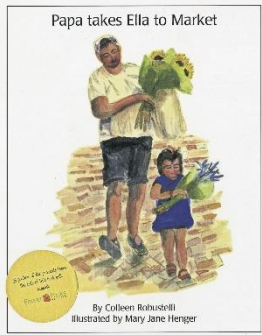


The 2020 Census is coming and Lancaster County hopes to employ hundreds of people to ensure a complete and accurate count of everyone. Get a head start on these opportunities, by attending a **Census job fair at the Columbia Public Library on Monday, December 2, from 3 to 7 PM**. Learn more about the available positions and the application process. Computers will be available on site to apply, and the application works with mobile devices such as cell phones. Please share this job opportunity with anyone who may be interested in attending.

A special program on retirement planning will be held on Monday, December 9, from 10 AM to 2 PM in our conference room. Hosted by the Richardson Group, this free program is open to anyone getting ready to retire or who has recently retired.

Retirement Seminar

Preschool Pals is currently on hiatus but it will return on January 7, 2020 at 10:30 AM. Kathie Ingoglia will be sharing stories and crafts with preschoolers and their pals until Miss Susan returns.



Monday, December 16, has two events for the entire family. First is an **author visit from Colleen Robustelli and her mother Mary Jane Henger**. Colleen is the author of **Papa Takes Ella To Market** – a picture book featuring Lancaster’s Central Market House. Mary Jane did all of the artwork for this charming book. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of **Papa Takes Ella To Market** are donated to the Power Packs Project – in which both Columbia



Borough School District and Our Lady of the Angels participate. Colleen and Mary Jane will be delighted to meet students, teachers, and parents – books will be available to purchase and sign. Date is **Monday, December 16, from 5 to 7 PM**. This time will make it easier for teachers, students, and families to attend the author visit / book signing – and also participate in our Family Fun Night! Homeschoolers and educators from other districts are also welcome – please tell your friends.



Our second event for **Monday evening on December 16** is **“Make a Holiday Gift for Someone Special”**. **This Family Fun Night will offer two sessions: one for our Preschool Friends (ages 3 to 5) at 5:30 PM and one for our school-age friends (ages 6 to 12) at 6:30 PM**. Each session will offer the opportunity to make a holiday gift for someone who is special to you. There is a limit of 12 children per session, so please register: 717-684-2255. All children must be accompanied by caregiver. Walk-ins accepted, IF SPACE AVAILABLE. We hope you can join us on December 16!



The Prime Timers round out their 2019 sessions with **Artist Diana Thomas**. **“It Takes a Village to Paint Our Bridge”** is a hands-on painting project. Each artist will paint a pre-drawn section of canvas and those painted sections will be pieced together to create a giant mosaic of the Columbia Wrightsville Bridge. No special artistic talent is necessary and all are welcome. Event will take place at **Trinity House Apartments (400 Mill Street) at 11 AM on December 18**.



There are two more smoking cessation classes in December. Lancaster General Health Wellness **Smoking Cessation classes continue through Monday, December 9 from 6 to 7 PM**. This six week free course covers preparing to quit, planning for lifestyle changes, forming coping strategies, and dealing with recovery symptoms. For more information (or to register) call 717-544-3811 or visit <http://www.lghealthevents.org/#/?i=4> (you will need to scroll ahead to November 4).



Also here to help is Tammy Garza, our Career Link Columbia representative. Tammy periodically offers informational sessions and job fairs here at the library, but she also does lots of one on one counseling to help you in your job search. In the month of October alone, she assisted 43 job seekers right here in Columbia! Why not contact her at tgarza@jobs4lancaster.com – she has helped many people here in Columbia and she is ready to help more!



This year's **Mitten Tree** campaign **continues through Friday, December 13**. We welcome donations of mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, and socks. Items can be store-bought or, if you're handy, can be hand knitted or crocheted. Some folks work throughout the year preparing items for this community service activity – we've already received some hand-made items. All donations stay here in Columbia: they are taken to the Columbia Clothing Bank and our winter shelters. Our community always responds with great kindness



to this campaign – each year, our library is near the top of the list for total items donated. Special thanks to Kasey Patterson, Gaile Morrison, and their dedicated knitters and crocheters who meet here Tuesdays and Thursdays – we appreciate all of their donations for the community.



Our Podcasts are currently updating every two weeks. Visit www.columbiapubliclibrary.org/storytime

- Week of December 2 = “Puss in Boots”
- Week of December 16 = “Little Red Riding Hood”
- Week of December 30 = “Cinderella”

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for our **Holiday Book Sale coming in December!**

Holiday hours for the Columbia Public Library:
 Tuesday, December 24: 10 AM to 2 PM
 Wednesday, December 25: Closed. Merry Christmas!
 Tuesday, December 31: 10 AM to 2 PM
 Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Closed. Happy New Year!

The Columbia Public Library – where New Worlds Await – for you. We are 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! Please stop by and visit often!