

Columbia Public Library Newsletter – September 2020

Over 500 new materials for adults and children have arrived at your library over the past six weeks! They are ready and waiting for you to read and watch them!

September's New Releases

The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante

The Book of Two Ways by Jodi Picoult

The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline

The Return by Nicholas Sparks

Shadows in Death by J.D. Robb

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

Chaos by Iris Johansen

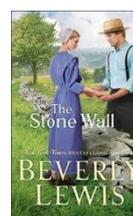
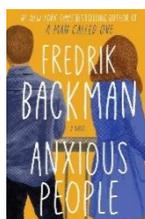
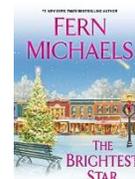
Christmas Cupcake Murder by Joanne Fluke

Robert B. Parker's Fool's Paradise by Mike Lupica

The Brightest Star by Fern Michaels

Dreaming Death by Heather Graham

The Stone Wall by Beverly Lewis



New DVD Releases for September – very few feature films for adults have been released for September. We do have two adult television series and some new children's movies coming:

Outlander, Season 5

Endeavour, Season 7

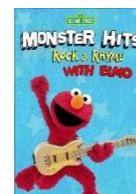
The King of Staten Island

Paw Patrol: Jet to the Rescue

Blue's Clues and You

Sesame Street Monster Hits: Rock and Rhyme with Elmo

Looney Toons Holiday Triple Feature



Our operations manager Heather **keeps our library sanitized exceeding the CDC guidelines!** We want to be certain to keep a safe environment for all of our patrons, staff, and volunteers. I'll try to give a few updates regarding COVID19 and library materials:

- Books continue to be quarantined
- Items still must be returned to the book drop (instead of giving to a staff member)
- Sadly, donations still cannot be accepted – but we will announce when we can accept them!



There is a new virtual resource for both students of all ages and job seekers on our online resources lineup. **Brainfuse HelpNow** provides live tutoring, writing assistance, and homework help for students from 1st through 12th grade. For adults, Brainfuse HelpNow offers high school equivalency prep, prep for the citizenship test, and assistance with all Microsoft Office programs. Brainfuse HelpNow is available every day from 2 PM to 11 PM. It replaces the former resource Tutor.com.

Brainfuse JobNow provides all sorts of resources for job seekers – such as resume writing assistance, job interview coaching, and expert assistance with job searching, applications, and preparing for a new job. And please don't forget **Tammy Garza is Columbia's Career Link representative** – even though she cannot do group meetings,



she is happy to meet you one on one on the library terrace. Tammy's email is tgarza@jobs4lancaster.com. Please reach out to her if you are looking for a job – she is very happy to help you!



I will still be doing read alouds at local schools, homeschools, and daycares – except through virtual platforms! Smartboards in the classrooms allow all students to be able to see and hear the story. This technology is a godsend during a time when personal visitation is not possible. Our Reading Therapy Dogs, Tommy and Jaeger, will also be joining in some Zoom sessions as well. If you are a teacher (homeschool counts too!) or work with a daycare class and would like to schedule a time for me to read virtually to your class, please call 717-684-2255 or email lgreybill@columbiapubliclibrary.org. I can choose my topics based on your current lessons!

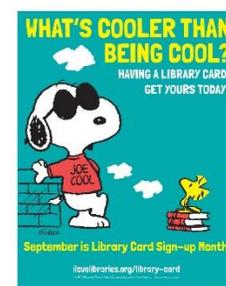


Is there a first grader in your life? September is the month for **Mission Grade One** (“Mission GO”) where first graders may receive their first library card. If your child is in first grade at Park School or Our Lady of the Angels, a packet will be coming home in September if you would like your child to have a library card. Just fill out the form and we will get your child's card ready! If your 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.

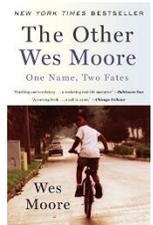
Cards will be taken to Mrs. Bucks or Mrs. Williams for distribution. Thanks to Kelsey Bucks, Park librarian, and Marie Williams, Our Lady of the Angels first grade teacher for their assistance with this important milestone.

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



This month, our **Adult Book Club** has chosen its first nonfiction title: The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates. Two boys were born in Baltimore named Wes Moore. They were the same age and had the same impoverished background. One Wes Moore ended up a Rhodes scholar, author, and social activist – the other died after spending years in prison. What made the difference? The two Wes Moores corresponded to find out. The group will meet on either the terrace or Park (weather permitting) on **Wednesday, September 9, at 4:45 PM**. For more information, email Patti: pfischer@columbiapubliclibrary.org.



Book Bingo for Grownups! Stop by the library for your bingo card. Each time you read a book that matches the square's description, mark it off. Categories include: classics, childhood favorites, a place I'd like to visit, biography or memoir, a book with a one word title, and so on. Book Bingo runs from **September 1 to November 30** to allow time for reading. When you get five in a row (you can fill the card if you like!) drop off your card at the front desk. You'll be entered in a drawing for some great prizes from local merchants!



If you're like me, you can always use another **tote bag**. The Columbia Public Library is selling heavy canvas tote bags with custom embroidery of our logo. Cost is \$15 and benefits the library. Thanks to Kelly Skiptunas and her friend Jane at "Stitchin Witch". You can see more of our logo items at <http://www.columbiapubliclibrary.deco-apparel.com/>.

Computers are available! Three public machines will be available. **You must call 717-684-2255 for an appointment** beginning at 10 AM each morning. Appointments must be for same day. Each computer user is limited to one hour per day and stations accommodate one individual only due to social distancing requirements. To ensure safety of all, the computers will close for 30 minutes between appointments to allow for sanitizing and disinfecting. Just like all other library patrons, computer users must wear a mask.



Monday, September 21st marks the return of Tiny Tales!!! This program begins at **10:30 AM** and is for our littlest friends ages 0 to 18 months with their caregiver. Join us outside in Locust Street Park for stories, songs, and fun! Since we are meeting outside, please bring a blanket for your family to use. Masks are required for adults and any siblings over age 2. Families will be socially distanced for safety of everyone. Rain date is Monday, September 28, also at 10:30 AM.



At this time, group gatherings in places such as public libraries are still a no-go. Our **TERRACE** is always an option for one on one meetings and small groups. Sadly, meetings cannot be held in the library at this time. Of course, I will keep all posted with any updates regarding ANY of our services and their safe reinstatement!

