

Is anyone sorry to see 2020 go? Here at the library we continue to hope for better things in 2021! I will keep everyone posted as things change – but, sadly, that is not yet!

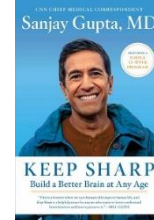
We are still open for express visits to check out books! Here are some arriving in January:

The Russian (Michael Bennett) by James Patterson

Before She Disappeared by Lisa Gardner

Neighbors by Danielle Steel

Spin by Patricia Cornwell



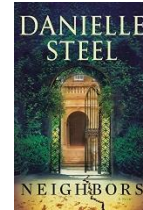
The Lost Boys (a Decker/Lazarus novel) by Faye Kellerman

Robert B. Parker's Someone To Watch Over Me by Ace Atkins

The Scorpion's Tail by Lincoln Child

All the Colors of Night by Jayne Anne Krentz

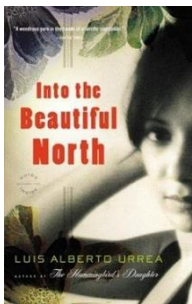
The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin



American Traitor (a Pike Logan novel) by Brad Taylor

Pianos and Flowers: Brief Encounters of the Romantic Kind by Alexander McCall Smith

Keep Sharp: Build a Better Brain at Any Age by Dr. Sanjay Gupta



Our Adult Book Club returns on Wednesday, January 20. January's title will be "Into the Beautiful North".

Nineteen-year-old Nayeli works at a taco shop in her Mexican village and dreams about her father, who journeyed to the US to find work. Recently, it has dawned on her that he isn't the only man who has left town. In fact, there are almost no men in the village -- they've all gone north. While watching the movie *The Magnificent Seven*, Nayeli decides to go north herself and recruit seven men -- her own "Siete Magnificos" -- to repopulate her hometown and protect it from the banditos who plan on taking it over.

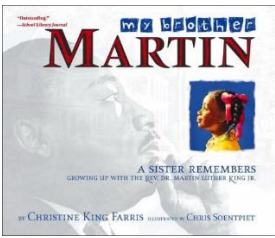
Into the Beautiful North is the story of an irresistible young woman's quest to find herself on both sides of the fence. We will be meeting using Google Meet on **Wednesday, January 20, at 4:45 PM**. Please email Patti at pfischer@columbiapubliclibrary.org and she will help you get set up to join the discussion.

Many of you remember Kala Denlinger's "Simply D'Cluttered" class held here at the library – it drew over 60 people! Until we are able to safely gather again, Kala is offering this option:

Such a great time of the year to declutter! Though decluttering together is looking different this year I can still help you regain your space and LOVE living with less! Call or email me today for your free virtual consultation and 20% off virtual decluttering coaching. 10% off in person decluttering and masks must be worn. Offer expires 01/31/2021



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“Read Alouds with Miss Lisa” are continuing through the use of Google Slides. This technology allows static pictures from the book while I read aloud on linked audio for each slide. This option has proved to be quite popular with teachers, as they can present the story at their convenience. I also alter the stories based on the time of year and current events. It does require you to have a Google Drive account. I need to be able to share the presentation with you via Google Drive. This part is important, as I must ensure my read alouds are going to private classroom or homeschool gatherings due to copyright law. If you would like me to share my Google drive account stories with you for your class, I will need your email address. And a very special thank you to Kelsey Bucks, Park and Taylor librarian, for tutoring me in this technology!



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The library is a place for people to gather, socialize, and learn. It is very frustrating to not be able to have group presentations. One important service needed especially at this time is assistance in job searching. Tammy Garza, Columbia’s Career Link representative, reminds everyone that she is still offering her services via Zoom. Please contact Tammy at 717-415-7517 or at tgarza@jobs4lanaster.com. Please reach out to her if you are looking for a job – she is very happy to help you!

GED update: we plan to continue to host classes once group meetings are allowed. **Please contact Jenny at jenny@literacysuccess.org (717-295-5523) as she continues to take registrations for future classes.**



Be sure to visit our Calendar page at www.columbiapubliclibrary.org for **Giant nutritionists’ virtual January offerings!** From healthier eating to Junior Chef Creations to Snack Crafting to grocery shopping guidance, simply click any event you are interested in and you will be taken to a page to register for the activity.

No need to worry about germs in our library! 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!
- We are sorry to report that the uptick in cases has **forced the closing of our public computers.** We will reopen their access as soon as we may safely do so.



We are trying to think of family activities that do not involve Zoom or social gatherings. One that is appropriate in all types of weather are Take and Make bags.

We have begun a “Take and Make” activity for each month. **January’s Take and Make is a dangling cardinal.** Children aged 12 and under may pick up a bag with a simple craft to make at home. Materials are included – you must supply glue sticks, scissors, and crayons or markers.



The Library System of Lancaster County tech department is doing a computer upgrade to our circulation software on **Wednesday, January 13.** This means the library will be closed for that day only. We apologize for any inconvenience. **Other closures for January are Friday, January 1 and Saturday, January 2.**

