

Daylight Savings time has left us, meaning an extra hour of darkness each evening. Chase away the winter blues with one of these good books released in November:

NYPD Red #6 by James Patterson

Hush-Hush (a Stone Barrington novel) by Stuart Woods

Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley

Fool Me Twice by Jeff Lindsay

The Wrong Family by Tarryn Fisher

Wrong Alibi by Christina Dodd

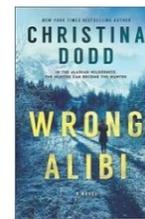
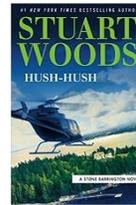
Jolene by Mercedes Lackey

Under the Alaskan Ice by Karen Harper

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

The Last Days of John Lennon by James Patterson

Help Yourself Now: a Practical Guide to Finding the Information and Assistance You Need by Jan Yager



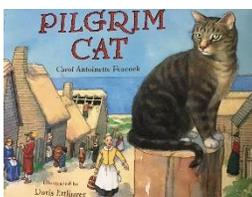
Thank you to all who supported our Fall Fund Drive and the Extra-Ordinary Give. Fall Fund Drive netted over \$10,800 and Extra-Ordinary Give brought in over \$5,900. We appreciate the generosity of each and every person who supports your public library.

Children’s Holiday Give-Away! Beginning November 16, every child who checks out a book will have the opportunity to enter to win a storybook character plush and book basket. Choice of Llama Llama or Curious George. Winners will be drawn on Friday, December 17. A very special thanks to Mary Frances Kreiser for her donation of the plush characters and books.



Attention teachers!! I now have TWO options of sharing stories with your class during this period when I cannot enter the buildings.

First are actual **read alouds live through Google Meet or Zoom**. 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!



Second are **read alouds using Google Slides**. This technology allows static pictures from the book while I read aloud on linked audio for each slide. This option requires 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!

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 option is to have a virtual presentation by providing links to participants. There is a weekly program held virtually that I would like to make everyone aware of:



Tabitha Carbaugh is a licensed doTerra representative. **DoTerra is a leading provider of essential oils** (www.doterra.com). **Each Tuesday evening at 7 PM**, Tabitha offers a ZOOM program on the basics of essential oils. There is **NO SALES PITCH**; it is strictly informational. You even get a free gift! **Contact Tabitha at punnyoilmom@yahoo.com to register**. She will email you the link to join the virtual presentation.

Tabitha will also be doing live classes here at the library once we are permitted to have gatherings indoors again



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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!

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.**



Mini Chef Mornings
Mondays at 10:30 am

Be sure to visit our Calendar page at www.columbiapubliclibrary.org for **Giant nutritionists' many offerings for December!** From holiday baking to Junior Chef creations to Mini Chef Mornings to Seasonal Self-care they offer many virtual experiences for all ages to make the holiday season more fun (and tasty!) and less stressful.

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.

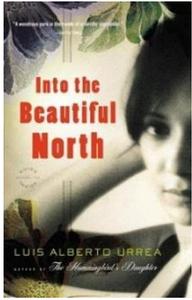
We are trying to think of family activities that do not involve Zoom or social gatherings. One that is appropriate in all types of weather are Take and Make bags.

We have begun a "Take and Make" activity for each month. 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. **December's Take and Make is a reindeer paper bag puppet.**



The StoryWalk is on hiatus until Spring. Thank you to all who enjoyed the Story Walk!

You can also support the library AND do some Christmas shopping by purchasing **Holiday Book Bundles!** Beginning Friday, November 27 we will have Holiday book bundles available for purchase. Books for all ages! Great selection of books at GREAT prices! This sale will run **through December 23**. All proceeds benefit the library. Thank you!



Our Adult Book Club is taking a break for December, returning in January 2021. **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 bandidos 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.

Congratulations to our "Book Bingo For Grownups" winners!!:

Robert Herr: Hinkle's Gift Card

Evelyn Baer: Andy's Markets Gift Card

Diane Anderson: Kleen-Rite Car Washes

Genine Antonelli: Giant Gift Card

Kathryn Arndt: AJ's Grocery Gift Card

Joyce Wertz: Giant Gift Card

Lehman Herchelroth: Reuzit Shop Gift Card

We will be awarding gift cards from Columbia Pizza and the Black Olive Diner at a future contest!

And thank you to these generous local merchants who have so generously offered prizes in support of our library's Book Bingo for Grown Ups:

- AJ's Discount Grocery
- Black Olive Diner
- Columbia Pizza
- The ReUzit Shop
- Hinkle's
- Giant
- Kleen-Rite Car Wash
- Andy's Market





Christmas gift idea! 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.columbialibrary.deco-apparel.com/>. What perfect Christmas gifts!

Holiday hours:

Thursday, December 24: 10 to 2 PM

Friday, December 25: closed

Saturday, December 26: closed

Thursday, December 31: 10 AM to 2 PM

Friday, January 1, 2021: closed

Saturday, January 2, 2021: closed

The Columbia Public Library wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday season!