Columbia Public Library Newsletter – August 2021



Summer Reading continues to be in full swing for the first weeks of August. But first, let's have a look at some new books releasing this month:



<u>The Madness of Crowds</u> by Louise Penny <u>Blind Tiger</u> by Sandra Brown <u>A Slow Fire Burning</u> by Paula Hawkins <u>Billy Summers</u> by Stephen King <u>The Noise</u> by James Patterson <u>Class Act</u> by Stuart Woods <u>Vortex: an FBI Thriller</u> by Catherine Coulter <u>Bloodless</u> by Douglas Preston <u>Complications</u> by Danielle Steel <u>Another Kind of Eden</u> by James Lee Burke <u>Night Music</u> by Jojo Moyes Viral by Robin Cook



Summer Reading is now wrapping up! Completed logs (if you're not using the Beanstack app) must be brought in by August 13. We still have some upcoming programs for children in August before they return to school:



A new presenter to our Summer Reading lineup for this year is **ZooAmerica!** In their program *Tales of Tails*, you will meet ambassador animals from ZooAmerica. Explore several books and meet some of the animals starring in these stories. Read and learn about the amazing tales the animals' tails have to tell. **Wednesday, August 4, 10:30 AM – Park / Gazebo.**

Enjoy the live music of Mark DeRose on Thursday evening, August 5, at 6 PM. Mark at one time played bass for Steven Courtney's band. He found he liked working with children so much that he started working as a solo artist. His show combines his love for the visual arts with his love for songwriting. Mark's songs, art work, videos and the show's activities all complement one another in an effort to communicate a message that encourages his listeners to embrace and enjoy life to its fullest, be creative individuals, and most importantly, confidently be themselves.





Character Juggler Chris Ivey joins us for an evening program on Thursday, August 12, at 6 PM. Chris starts out with basic juggling balls, but ends his show with knives, axes, and a sword. Don't try this at home! Chris' show is appropriate for the whole family and is a thrill to watch.

Our Snapology program for August is "Animal Robotics". Animal lovers will create animal inspired robotic models. Students will learn about gear ratio, sensors, simple machines, and programming. You will receive guided instruction. Please register for this program on Snapology's website. http://tiny.cc/CPL16821 Monday, August 16, at 10:30 AM.



Poor **Ryan Bridge!** The **bug program** has been rained out twice now! We are hoping the third time is the charm on **Monday, August 16, at 6 PM at the Gazebo**. Ryan will bring his insect friends along and you can hold LIVE bugs if you so choose! Fun for all ages.





And lastly, **Hank the Health Hero puppet** will present another puppet show for August: **"Hank's Sense-sational** Day". Learn how our five senses help us to experience the world around us. For ages 2 through 9. Locust Street Park Gazebo, Tuesday, August 17, at 10 AM

We hope you enjoyed our programs this summer and are always looking for feedback. Did you like having evening programs over the summer? We tried to make things more accessible for those who are not available during the day. Do you have any different ideas for programs? Please email <u>lgreybill@columbiapubliclibrary.org</u> with any feedback you may have!

For our littlest library friends! "Tiny Tales" will be held on every other Monday: August 2, 16 and 30th. Time is 10:30 AM, ages birth to 18 months. Stories songs and playtime. August 16 is planned as a "splash day" with water activities outdoors. Please dress your child for water play and bring along a towel.

Music in the Park for the month of August features the "Mama Tried" band. Music begins at 6 PM on Friday, August 20, at the Gazebo. At dusk, the film "Toy Story 4" will be shown. Both are sponsored by the Columbia Lions Club.



The **Bibliomaniacs Book Club** will be discussing <u>Girl by Edna O'Brien on Wednesday</u>, September 15, at 4:45 PM. I am sharing now so that those interested have time to read the book.

I was a girl once, but not anymore. Thus begins *Girl*, Edna O'Brien's shocking portrayal of young women abducted by the terrorist organization Boko Haram. Set in the deep countryside of northeast Nigeria, this is a story of incarceration, horror, and hunger; a hair-raising escape into the manifold terrors of the forest; and a descent into the hostility awaiting a victim who returns home with a child. *Girl* is an unforgettable story of one victim's astonishing survival, and her

unflinching faith in the redemption of the human heart.

Our Classics Club will be reading a Sherlock Holmes classic: "The Hound of the Baskervilles". Returning to his family's manor house on the lonely moors after his father dies under mysterious circumstances, Sir Henry Baskerville is confronted with a mystery: a supernatural hound that supposedly takes revenge upon the Baskerville family. Holmes and Watson delve into the family history in order to solve the case and prove the father's true cause of death. The Classics Club will discuss this book on Wednesday, September 1, at 6 PM here at the library.



A book both children and teens will enjoy is **"The True Meaning of Smekday"** by Adam Rex. Mr. Robert Kedney and Dr. Jodie Parkinson, CBSD principals, brought boxes of these books to the library that are now available free of charge to all students! Look for the cart in the lobby. Columbia High School is also showing the **Dreamworks movie "Home**", which is based on the book. "Home" will be shown at the **high school auditorium on Friday, August 13, from 6 to 8 PM**. Admission is free.









Kasey's crocheters will be crocheting on Tuesday evenings: **August 3, August 17, and August 31, at 6:30 PM.** August's project is a **Pocket Shawl** – perfect for storing your sunglasses and that favorite book! We will meet inside the library if the weather is too hot or rainy. We can also obtain printed instructions for you for this project.

The **Prime Timers** will be meeting at two locations again since that worked so well for everyone in July. On **August 24 and August 25**, **Mayor Leo Lutz** will present a program on Columbia's latest happenings and projects – as well as taking questions and concerns from the attendees. **Times are 10 AM on Tuesday, August 24 at Trinity House Apartments and 11 AM on Wednesday, August 25 at St. Peter's Apartments**. You do not have to be a resident to attend – this program is designed for adults.





A reminder: school reopens on Tuesday, August 24th. Starting and Dismissal times have changed this year. Starting times do not affect the library (except in snow delays) but dismissal has now been moved to 3:05 PM. It is my understanding that the street will still be closed for dismissal surrounding this time period. I am GUESSING 2:50 to 3:20 PM but I honestly am not sure. The Columbia Borough Police Department often assists at dismissal time and they can help you with any questions or concerns.

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 <u>www.columbiapubliclibrary.org</u>. Find us on Facebook. Come in and see what new worlds await for YOU!

