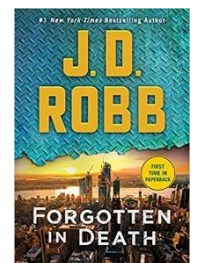
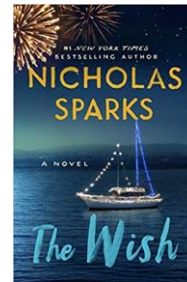
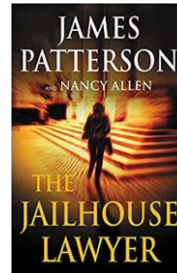
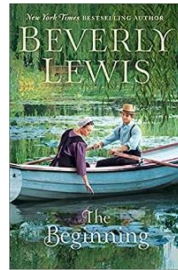


September means back to school – and more time to read! The month of September brings some great new titles to enjoy:

- Hemlock by Susan Wittig Albert
- Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead
- Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty
- The Wish by Nicholas Sparks
- High Stakes by Iris Johansen
- The Jailhouse Lawyer by James Patterson
- The Burning by Jonathan Kellerman
- Forgotten in Death by J. D. Robb
- The Night She Disappeared by Lisa Jewell
- Robert B. Parker’s Stone’s Throw by Mike Lupica
- The Unknown by Heather Graham
- The Beginning by Beverly Lewis
- Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr



Some Summer Reading totals: 169 children registered for reading logs, with 143 of them completing them. That’s an 85 percent completion rate! And over 1400 people attended our 27 programs this summer. Special thanks to:

- Columbia Lions Club
- Columbia Public Grounds committee
- All of our presenters (and attendees!)
- Columbia Public Library staff and board
- Columbia Borough School District
- Sunrise Kids Day Care

All of you helped make this summer a memorable one!

The Columbia Public Library’s first **Art Auction** is finally here! Items up for bid include historical and contemporary local art and books. Preview begins on **Sunday, September 19th at 12:30 pm and bidding at 2:00 pm**. Buy-it-now tables of art and literature will also be available. Spend an afternoon with friends at the library - view the art while strolling through our beautiful library. Then attend the auction on the lawn between the library and park while enjoying some light refreshments.

Proceeds will help us preserve paintings and collections in the library's permanent collection. We hope to see you at the auction!





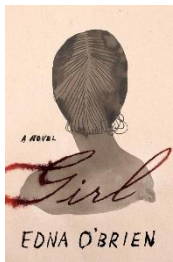
Have you met our newest employee, **Jack Kirchner**? Jack is a senior at Hempfield High School where he is president of the student council and maintains a 4.0 GPA! Jack is bilingual; he also speaks Spanish. Jack hopes to study political science at George Washington University. He also volunteered at Garden Camp this summer. In the little spare time he does have, Jack likes to cook, draw, read, and hike. Jack is excited to work in the Columbia community. He usually works evenings, being in school. Please be sure to welcome Jack the next time you see him!

For our littlest library friends! **“Tiny Tales”** will be meeting on **September 13 and September 27 at 10:00 AM** (Note time change). Children ages birth through 18 months with a caregiver are welcome for stories, songs, and playtime! Caregivers are welcome to arrive at 9:50 AM to get settled before the program begins.

Many of you have been asking about read alouds for older children. **Beginning September 21**, Miss Lisa will be doing **“Reading on the Lawn”** for preschoolers on **TUESDAYS at 10:30 AM**. Stories are designed for ages 2 through kindergarten. In case of rain, program will be held inside the library.

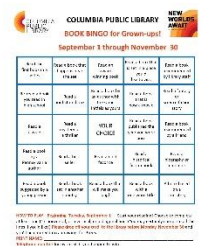


The Bibliomaniacs Book Club will be discussing **Girl** by Edna O’Brien on **Wednesday, September 15, at 4:45 PM**.



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.

Book Bingo for Grownups! Begins September 1. 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 our local merchants!



Also on September 15, “Homeschool Happenings” returns! First session is **Wednesday morning at 10:30 AM** in the children’s room. Kelly Ford, environmental educator from the Sam Lewis State Park, will be reading the story “In a Nutshell”. Then we will walk outside to Locust Street Park to admire the trees and learn a bit about the amazing things they do for all of us. All homeschoolers aged 3 through 12 are welcome for this program.

Kelly Ford is also hosting a **Homeschool Parents Meeting on September 22 at 6:30 PM**. Kelly wants to know: how can her programs help meet your homeschool curriculum? This is your chance to let her know what you need for your students to succeed!



Additional **Homeschool Happenings** will be held twice per month with a **Snapology** teacher. Dates for September are **Tuesday, September 7, at 10:30 : “Robotic Battering Ram” (ages 7 through 14) and Tuesday, September 28, at 10:30: “Animal Explorers” (ages 5-10)**. Both programs last for 1 hour and have

a limit of 14 children. Registration can be done on the Snapology website. We thank our friends at D. H. Funk Excavating for funding the Snapology programs.



Did you know we now have **ABCMouse** on our children's computers? Just go to Google Chrome, type "abcmouse.com" and it starts automatically. No log-ins, no pop-ups – just a safe and fun program for our kids! A screen shortcut is coming soon. Special thanks to Heather for researching this and getting a free download available to public libraries!



Many families have also been enjoying our new board books and children's audiobooks. Did you know they were paid for by the Williams Corporation? We received this grant shortly before the 2020 shutdown and are finally able to use it. Thank you, Williams, for your generosity!



Kasey's crocheters will be crocheting on Tuesday evenings: September 14 and 28 at 6:30. In September, we will be finishing the pocket shawls and also completing the last of the veterans' blankets to be sent to Bayada Hospice Care. Coming up in October: crocheted pumpkins!!

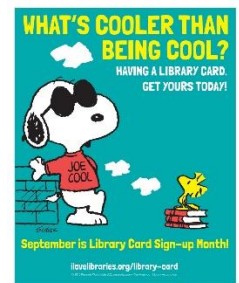


Is there a first grader in your life? September is the month for **Mission Grade One** ("Mission GO") where first graders may receive their first library card. If your child is in first grade at Park School or Our Lady of the Angels, a packet will be coming home in September if you would like your child 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





With school now reopened, 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. The street will still be closed for dismissal surrounding this time period. The official times received from the school office are 2:45 to 3:20 PM. 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 www.columbiapubliclibrary.org. Find us on Facebook. Come in and see what new worlds await for YOU!

