

December is a slower month for new book releases as budgets must be used up by the end of the year. However, there are some authors releasing new titles in December to enjoy:

Criminal Mischief (Stone Barrington novel) by Stuart Woods

Curse of Salem by Kay Hooper

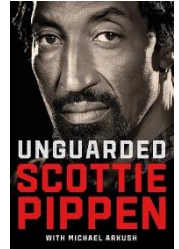
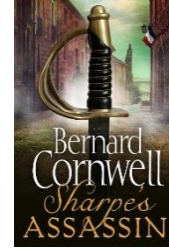
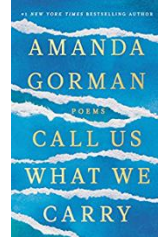
City of Shadows by Victoria Thompson

Sharpe's Assassin: the Occupation of Paris by Bernard Cornwell

Call Us What We Carry: Poems by Amanda Gorman

Unguarded: an Autobiography by Scottie Pippen

The Defense Lawyer: the True Story of Barry Slotnik by James Patterson



The Prime Timers event, “Senior Cats for Senior Laps” presented by Tammy Jalbert of the Columbia Animal Shelter, has been rescheduled for January 2022. Check out the upcoming January newsletter for exact date and time!

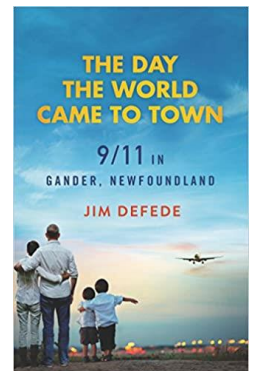


We are beginning a monthly craft series at the library! **Bertha Cressler** will be leading monthly instruction on **card making**. December actually has two classes: **on December 6 we will be making Christmas cards and on December 20, we'll be making gift tags. There is a small cost for materials: \$5.00 for three cards, with \$1.00 going to the library as a donation.** For the gift tags, you will be able to make __ tags for \$5.00, as they are a faster project. **Time is Monday, December 6 (cards) and Monday, December 20 (tags) at 11 AM.** No prior experience is needed and these are easy projects for beginning crafters. For all ages of adults – come out and join us! We are considering moving the spring classes to the evening hours, if there is enough interest.

The Bibliomaniacs next meeting is Tuesday, December 14, at 3 PM. Note the time change – since it gets dark much earlier. The Bibliomaniacs had many good suggestions but they settled on *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by **Jim DeFede**.

When 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada on September 11, the population of this small town on Newfoundland Island nearly doubled. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of friendship and goodwill.

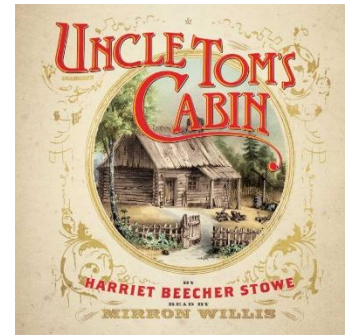
As the hungry and distraught passengers stepped from the airplanes, they were greeted with a feast prepared by the townspeople. Local bus drivers transported the passengers to the various shelters set up in local schools and churches. A middle school provided showers, as well as access to computers, email, and televisions, allowing the passengers to stay in touch with family and follow the news.



Over the course of the next four days, many of those passengers developed friendships with Gander residents that have lasted for the past two decades. As a show of thanks, scholarship funds for the children of Gander have been formed. This book recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill.

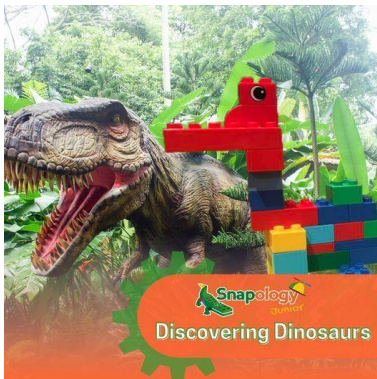
The **Classics Club** is tackling both a challenging AND controversial book for January: “**Uncle Tom’s Cabin**”. Many have heard things about this book but few have actually read it! Some facts:

- Harriet Beecher Stowe was a confirmed abolitionist. She wrote this novel to tell the world what slavery was truly like.
- Book sales skyrocketed after the release and the book contributed to the opening of the Civil War.
- Despite being “anti-slavery”, many Northerners of this time still carried prejudice – perhaps more so than parts of the South.



This book is especially timely in the midst of the deconstruction of racism that is currently happening in our nation. Come find out for yourself! You may not agree with all characters and their decisions, but it is certainly some good food for thought and discussion. **Wednesday, January 12, at 6 PM.**

Crochet Along with Kasey will be meeting on December 7 and December 21 at 6:30 PM. Due to the busyness of this time of year, projects are “crafter’s choice”. Those who wish to may continue to work on scarves, hats, and mittens for the Mitten Tree.



Because of the holidays, Snapology will once again be back to back weeks in December. On **Tuesday, December 7, at 10:30** we have a program for children ages 5 through 10. In “**Discovering Dinosaurs of the Jurassic Period**”, students will travel far back in time and explore the world of the stegosaurus, tyrannosaurus, and raptors. They will identify basic body parts, habitats, and diets of some of their favorite dinosaurs, all while practicing counting and colors, and having fun! There is a limit of fifteen students and registration is required. Visit the Calendar Page of our website to sign up! Children under age 5 will enjoy Story Time with Miss Lisa.

On **December 16 at 10:30 AM** there will be a Snapology program just for preschoolers aged 3-5! “**Junior Scientists: the Butterfly Life Cycle**” introduces vertebrates and invertebrates. Do you know what mammal is the largest on Earth? Or how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly? In this program, we invite little zoologists to analyze the differences between vertebrate and invertebrate, construct their way through the butterfly and frog life cycle, build reptiles, and examine the differences and similarities between insects and arachnids using Kid K’NEX® pieces. Since this program is for smaller children, there is a limit of ten students. Visit our Calendar page at www.columbiapubliclibrary.org to register.



“Mrs. Claus” will be making several appearances in December after her story telling and participation in the Tree Lighting on Small Business Saturday. She will be reading at a party for the Elks Club and also visiting school classes at Park and Our Lady of the Angels.

On Sunday, December 19, Mrs. Claus will visit Miss Alison’s studio (Columbia Kettleworks, second floor)



for some stories as the children are completing their gingerbread snow globe painting projects. Time is from 1 to 3 PM for painting, with stories at 2 PM. For more information, visit <https://www.missalisons.com/event-details/gingerbread-snow-globe-paint-event-at-columbia-kettle-works>.



A WINTER reading challenge for children courtesy of the Reading Royals hockey team! Slapshot, the team mascot, invites all children ages 5 to 15 to pick up a reading log at the library. After 600 minutes of reading are completed (20 days for 30 minutes per day, 30 days for 20 minutes per day) the log is returned to the library and you will receive a voucher for a free kids' ticket. Grownups in the child's life will be able to purchase tickets at \$18.00 each and be able to sit with their child. There are 20 games to choose from, beginning



December 11 and ending April 10. A link for the reading log can also be found on our website on the Calendar page. You must bring in a completed log to the library to receive your ticket voucher. The Reading Royals GPS address is Santander Arena, 700 Penn St., Reading, PA 19602. For other questions please call 1-610-898-7825.



Holiday Book Bundles are back! Stop by any time through December 23 for pre-packaged book bundles at great prices. Our Book Nook is open for browsing as well. The bundles consist of books for kids, books for adults, and movies (comedies, chick flicks, family movies, etc.) Book Bundles are located in the fiction wing next to the

elevator.

The Mitten Tree continues through December 15. Items may be handmade or bought. Those who donate can enter to win a personal care package. Winner will be chosen December 17.



There is also a Children's Holiday Giveaway. This begins on Friday, November 26. Children who check out a book(s) may enter to win a stuffed book character (Clifford or Biscuit) with some books to go with them. Two winners will be chosen on December 17.



Jingles the Library Elf has returned from the North Pole this holiday season. Last year, Jingles got himself into some jams! We might need your help to come find him. Check our Facebook Page for more information. There will be a sign on our front door on the days when Jingles has gone missing!



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!