

Baby, it’s cold outside! Stay in and keep warm with one of these new January titles.

Reminders of Him by Colleen Hoover

The Horsewoman by James Patterson

Invisible by Danielle Steel

Quicksilver by Dean Koontz

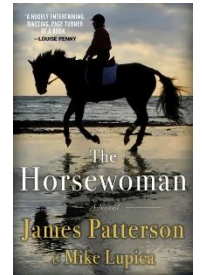
One Step Too Far by Lisa Gardner

Robert B. Parker’s Bye Bye Baby by Ace Atkins

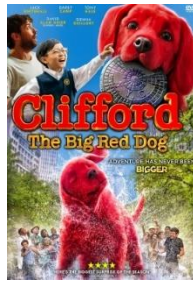
Lightning In a Mirror by Jayne Ann Krentz

Violeta by Isabel Allende

Seasonal Work: Stories by Laura Lippman



Our regular readers have been noticing: why is the library getting some recently released books a month late? Two reasons: the company that ships the books (based in Indiana) is understaffed AND like everything else, the supply chain issues. Be assured that once the book reaches us here at the library, it is released to the public the same day. We thank you for your continued understanding and patience.



New DVDs coming in January:

Dune

Addams Family 2

Clifford the Big Red Dog

Thank you to all who donated hats, scarves, and gloves for our **Mitten Tree** in December. **208 items** were collected and taken to Columbia Borough School District and Hands Across the Street Clothing Bank and Shelter. Thank you to Kasey Patterson and her crochet team for their hand made contributions!

Kasey Patterson has come up with a new project for her crocheters to begin the New Year. **“Toque Beanie Hat and Picot Ear Warmers”** are a lot easier to make than they look! You will need any worsted yarn (your color choice) and an 1/5.5 mm hook. **Class will meet on Tuesdays – January 4 and January 18 – at 6:30 PM.** (Will cancel if the





weather is bad). All crocheters – both beginners and experts – are welcome. Kasey provides complete and clear instructions!!

January’s Take and Make Craft is the “Rockin Snow Buddy”. Pick yours up at our front desk beginning January 3.

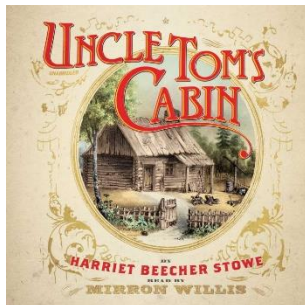
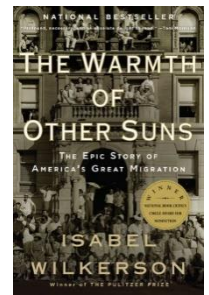


The **Prime Timers** event for January is “**Senior Cats for Senior Laps**”. It will be held at **St. Peter’s Apartments on Wednesday, January 12, at 11 AM** and presenter is Tammy Jalbert, of the Columbia Animal Shelter. I personally can attest to the joys of cat ownership – but there are many things to think



about before making that decision. Tammy will explain in detail the responsibilities of owning a cat – and she will also talk about some of the kitties at the Shelter who are still waiting for their forever homes! The event is held at St. Peter’s, but it is open to all in the community.

The **Bibliomaniacs**’ title for the month of January is “**The Warmth of Other Suns: the Story of America’s Great Migration**” by Isabel Wilkerson. One of the great untold stories of American history is the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South between 1915 and 1970 to northern and western cities, in search of a better life. Wilkerson interviewed over 1,000 people as part of her research. She describes the treacherous and exhausting cross-country trips by car and train, new lives in colonies of fellow blacks, and the unique food, faith, and culture these black citizens brought to cities such as New York and Chicago. The group will discuss this fascinating book on **Tuesday, January 25, at 3 PM** here at the library.



Tying right in with “The Warmth of Other Suns”, 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.**



Some good news for both of our book clubs and the community: **the Friends of Lancaster County Public Libraries have given us a donation** from their recent David Baldacci author visit. The Friends are going to be **paying for books for each book club member** for both the Classics Club and the Bibliomaniacs. **They are also funding our Servant Stage program for 2022!** Mark your calendars now: Servant Stage's **"Rock Around the Clock" will be Tuesday, July 12, at 7 PM.**



Due to the generosity of our local businesses, we are doing **Book Bingo for Grownups** again January through March. 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 **January 3 through March 31** 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! Spring prizes all feature food and eating out:

- Black Olive Diner
- Columbia Pizza
- Half Nuts Popcorn Company
- Hinkle's Restaurant
- Andy's Markets Sub Cards



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.



Bert Cressler is back with **"Birthday Cards with Bert"**. These classes are really a lot of fun. All the pieces are pre-cut and the glues and tapes are quite easy to work with. You'll make three birthday cards for a \$5.00 materials cost - \$1.00 of which will be donated to the library. Date is **Monday, January 10, at 11 AM.**





Bert will be adding in some evening programs when the evenings get longer and the weather warms up.



Thanks to the generosity of D.H. Funk, **Snapology** programs will continue throughout 2022. *As of this writing I am still waiting to hear finalization of programs.*

Tuesday, January 11, at 10:30 AM will be for ages 5-10. The program will either be “Robotic Pets” **OR** “Pokemon Habitats”.

**Robotic Pets** involves building simple animal models that teach the basics of robotics and coding. You will learn about sensors, gears, wheels, and axles while building a robotic dog, alligator, fish, or frog.



“**Pokemon Habitats**”. All wild creatures, including Pokemon, need a safe place to live. Design a habitat for your Pokemon – will it be a woodland forest? A desert? A northern tundra? Discover the biomes of our earth while having fun!

Tuesday, January 25, at 10:30 AM will be for ages 7-14. The program will be either “The Floating Boat Build” **OR** “Star Wars Astronomy”.

The **Floating Boat Build** stimulates creativity by building a boat from LEGO bricks that actually floats! We will also learn how surface tension of the water affects buoyancy for your boat. Anchors aweigh!



“**Star Wars Astronomy**” involves building a Mars rover that can be controlled by writing simple code on the provided tablet. A Bluetooth hub is attached to each child’s model that syncs to the tablet.

As you can see, the latter two programs are definitely for ages 7 and older. Children six and younger are invited to the Children’s room upstairs for Storytime with Miss Lisa on Tuesday, January 25, at 10:30 AM.

Any delayed openings, early closings, or full day **closings** for the Columbia Public Library will be **posted on WGAL, our webpage, and the community Facebook pages**. Here is hoping for a mild winter!



**The Columbia Public Library – where New Worlds Await – for you.**

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