

Warm your heart and build your mind with a good book from the Columbia Public Library! Here are some titles releasing in February:

The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley

City of the Dead (Alex Delaware) by Jonathan Kellerman

Steal by James Patterson

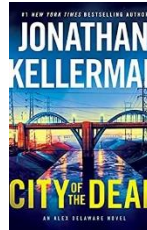
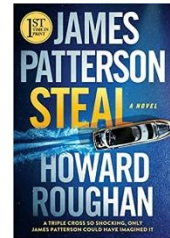
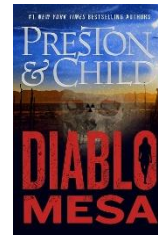
Abandoned in Death by J. D. Robb

Nothing to Lose by J. A. Jance

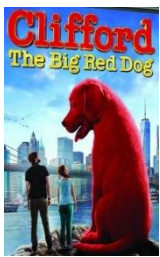
Caramel Pecan Roll Murder by Joanne Fluke

Diablo Mesa by Douglas Preston

Gwendy’s Final Task by Stephen King



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 February

Clifford the Big Red Dog (2/1)

GhostBusters: Afterlife (2/1)

Encanto (2/8)

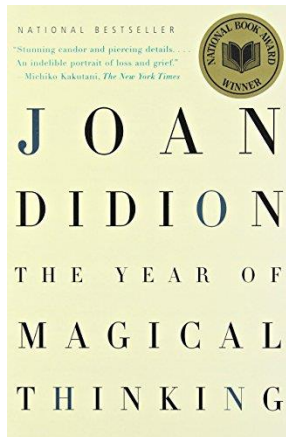
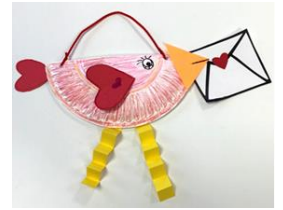
Marvel’s Eternals (2/15)

Everyone enjoys a warm beverage with their book or movie on cold evenings. **Kasey Patterson’s February project is a “Valentine Mug Cozy”.** Materials needed are 100% cotton yarn (Hobby Lobby’s cotton yarn is Kasey’s favorite), a 3.5 or 3.75 mm hook, one button and stitch markers. All crocheters – both beginners and experts – are welcome. Kasey provides complete and clear instructions!! You can also work on finishing the beanie hat and era warmers as well. **Class will meet on Tuesdays – February 1 and February 15 – at 6:30 PM.** (Will cancel if the weather is bad).



Everyone loves Kelly Skiptunas and her Reading Education Assistance Dogs! Sadly, Tommy had to retire. But I am pleased to introduce Jager as our newest Reading Therapy dog. Jager will be visiting Park School library beginning February 3. Classroom teachers and Mrs. Bucks will be selecting students to read aloud to Jager during his time at Park School library. Jager plans on making several visits each month through the end of the school year – so if your child isn’t chosen for the first visit, there will be many more opportunities coming up!

February's Take and Make Craft is "Valentine Val – a Love Dove". Pick yours up at the circulation desk beginning February 1.



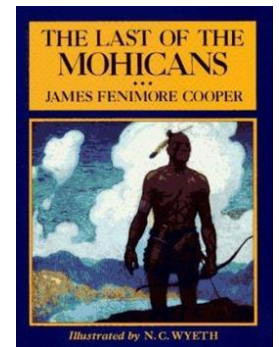
The Bibliomaniacs' title for March 8 is "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion. Several days before Christmas 2003, John Didion and her husband, John Gregory Dunne, saw their only daughter, Quintana, fall ill. It seemed at first flu, then pneumonia, then complete septic shock. Quintana was put into an induced coma and placed on life support. Days later, the Dunnes were just sitting down to dinner after visiting the hospital when John Gregory Dunne suffered a massive, fatal coronary. Instantly, this close, symbiotic partnership of forty years of marriage was over. Four weeks later, Quintana pulled through. Two months after that, she underwent six hours of brain surgery to relieve a massive hematoma.

This powerful book is Joan Didion's attempt to make sense of the "weeks and then months that dispelled any fixed idea I ever had about death and illness ... about marriage and children and memory ... about the shallowness of sanity, about life itself."

Joan Didion herself passed away only a month ago: on December 23rd. The Bibliomaniacs have decided to remember her by reading together one of her most powerful books. **The club meets Tuesday, March 8, at 2:45 PM in our Board Room.**

On March 2, the Classics Club will be discussing the book "Last of the Mohicans". The club meets at 6 PM in our Board Room and all are welcome! Here's a little about the book:

"The Last of the Mohicans" is set in the British province of New York during the French and Indian War. It concerns the rescue of two sisters, Alice and Cora, who are the daughters of British commander Colonel Munro. The girls are escorted by are escorted by frontiersman Natty Bumppo, Major Duncan Heyward, and the Native American Uncas. Uncas is the sole surviving member of the Mohican tribe – which is how the book got its name. A fantastic tale of adventure set during the middle of the 18th century, "The Last of the Mohicans" is a true American classic.



Looking for a job? Ten-hut! **A Resume Writing Workshop and a Job Fair Boot Camp will be held here at the library on February 9 and February 16 at 6 PM.** Both training workshops will be led in-person by **Tammy Garza**, Columbia's Career Link representative.

February 9 at 6 PM: "Resume Writing Workshop".

Gain a better understanding of how to develop a resume that best represents your skills, focusing on keywords to improve the chances of having your resume more compatible with ApplicantTrackingSystems and to get noticed at the February 24 Job Fair at the Columbia High School.

February 16 at 6 PM: "Job Fair Boot Camp"

Come and learn WHY you should prepare for the February 24 Job Fair, HOW to prepare and understand how to FOLLOW UP after the job fair!





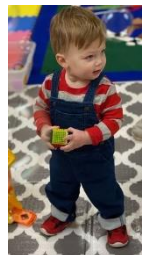
Due to the generosity of our local businesses, we are doing **Book Bingo for Grownups** again January through March. Stop by the library for your bingo card. Each time you read a book that matches the square's description, mark it off. Categories include: classics, childhood favorites, a place I'd like 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



Next to reading, many folks enjoy tackling a **jigsaw puzzle** during long winter evenings. It's a great family activity as well. Did you know the Columbia Public Library has a "**Puzzle Swap**" area? You will find this area downstairs in our Book Nook. Feel free to come in, take a puzzle, leave a puzzle, or both! We ask that all puzzles have all the pieces. Please make sure that puzzles are in good condition to allow solvers to easily fit them together.



Tiny Tales for February meets on Monday, February 10 and Monday, February 24. Songs, stories, playtime, and bubbles. **Ages birth to age 2. Begins at 10 AM** and caregiver *must* wear mask.



PreSchool Pals is back! Join us for a **Valentine Themed storytime and simple craft for ages 2 to 5.** Registration is required, and caregivers *must* wear masks. **Limit of 10 children. Thursday, February 10, at 10:30 AM in our Community Room.**

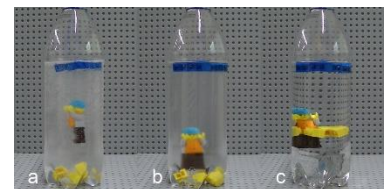
If you haven't tried our **paper crafting classes** with Bert Cressler, you are really missing out! These classes are really a lot of fun. All the pieces are pre-cut and the glues and tapes are quite easy to work with. February is focusing, of course, on Valentine's cards. You'll make **three Valentine cards** for a \$5.00 materials cost - \$1.00 of which will be donated to the library. Date is **Monday, February 7, 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. **February programs will be:**

Tuesday, February 8, at 10:30 AM - "Junior Scientists – Chemistry".

Ages 7 to 14. Participants will cultivate their love of science and experience different domains of science & nature. Today, we will engage in concepts from chemistry using LEGO® bricks and other interactive learning tools. We make science fun at Snapology! This class is now filled – sign up for the wait list!!





Tuesday, February 22, at 10:30 AM - “Exploring Habitats with Pokemon”. Ages 5 to 10. Join Snapology for Pokemania! Participants will build and explore the world of Pokemon as they create their own gyms, battles, and even their very own generation of Pokemon. You will also learn about real world science as they learn about the habitats of the Pokemon. Have a blast becoming the best Pokemon trainer ever! Maximum of 15 students.

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.



Miss Lisa will be sharing another story time on Sunday, February 13, at 2 PM for participants in Miss Alison’s painting class. The event will be held on the second floor of Columbia Kettleworks and is called “I Love You a Laxotl”.

Registration link (and to find out what a laxotl is!) is:

<https://www.missalisons.com/event-details/i-love-you-a-laxotl-kids-paint-event-columbia-kettle-works>.



Miss Alison is also planning a **Valentine’s Day event in Locust Street Park on Saturday, February 12, from 3 to 6 PM.** Dress warmly and wear red! Find more details at:

<https://www.missalisons.com/moversandshakerssociety>

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. We are 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! Please stop by and visit often!