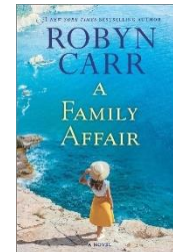
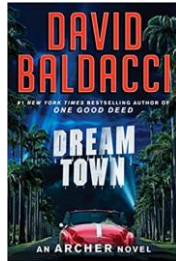


Spring into Spring with these great new books for April:

- Dream Town by David Baldacci
- The Investigator by John Sandford
- Death of the Black Widow by James Patterson
- Beautiful by Danielle Steel
- The Good Left Undone by Adriana Trigiani
- The Baxters by Karen Kingsbury
- A Family Affair by Robin Carr
- The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth
- Sister Stardust by Jane Green
- The Candy House by Jennifer Egan
- Crimson Summer by Heather Graham
- Three Debts Paid by Anne Perry

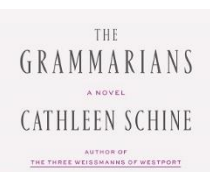


New DVDs coming out in April:  
 “Death On the Nile”  
 “Scream”  
 “Spiderman: No Way Home”

Easter and Spring always brighten everyone’s spirits and Bert Cressler has come up with some awesome Easter designs for her card-making class! **“Easter Cards with Bert”** will be held on **Monday, April 11, at 11 AM**. There is a five dollar charge for materials, with \$1.00 being donated to the library. No experience necessary – this is a fun and relaxing class! In order to prepare supplies, please call 717-684-2255 to let us know you are coming.



The **Prime Timers** are back! The event for April is **“Senior Cats for Senior Laps”**. It will be held at **St. Peter’s Apartments on Wednesday, April 6, at 11:30 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. She will probably bring along a furry friend or two! The event is held at St. Peter’s, but it is open to all in the community.



The **Bibliomaniacs’** title for **Tuesday, April 12** is **“The Grammarians”** by **Cathleen Schine**. The group meets at **2:30 PM** in the library board room. Laurel and Daphne Wolfe are identical twins who share an obsession with words. They spoke a secret “twin” language of their own as toddlers. Now as adults making their way in 1980s Manhattan, their verbal infatuation continues. But their love for language, which has always bound them together, now begins to push them apart. Daphne, a copy editor and grammar columnist, devotes herself to preserving the dignity of Standard English. Laurel, a poet, is drawn instead to the lyrical nature of the written and spoken word. Their fraying twinship

finally shreds completely when the sisters go to war over custody of their most prized family heirloom: *Merriam Webster's New International Dictionary, Second Edition*. This amusing and charming book won several awards when it was published in 2019. It explores not only the importance of language, but the evolving feelings of sisterhood throughout a lifetime.

**On Wednesday, May 4, the Classics Club** will be discussing the book **“Around the World in 80 Days”**. The club meets at **6 PM in our Board Room** and all are welcome! Here’s a little about the book:

Phileas Fogg is a wealthy English gentleman who lives with his valet. He enjoys the 1872 British version of the Elks Club, which is known as the Reform Club. The men at the club are discussing an article in the local paper which details a new railway being built in India. The article claims that now a person could circumnavigate the earth in only 80 days. Phileas places a bet of 20,000 pounds that he will be able to accomplish this feat. Phileas begins his journey on Wednesday, October 2, 1872 – with his due date to return being Saturday, December 21. Will he (and his valet) make it? This adventure story is also a great read aloud for children or grandchildren.



Congratulations to our Book Bingo for Grownups winners! Kristen, Kari, Kevin, Martina, Dwan, Evelyn, Joyce, and Michele will all be enjoying meals from:

- Black Olive Diner
- Parma Pizza
- Columbia Kettleworks
- Half Nuts Popcorn Company
- Hinkle’s Restaurant
- Columbia Pizza



Once again Kasey Patterson and her crocheters reach out into the community to those who need them most with their March project – **prayer shawls** to be given to **Hospice and Community Care**. Prayer shawls warm the body, heart, and soul! You will need medium weight worsted yarn in your choice of colors and a J/6

mm or K/6.5 mm crochet hook. This worthwhile and needed project continues into April. **Crochet Along with Kasey** is held on **April 5 and April 19 at 6:30 PM**.



**Gaile Morrison and her knitters**, like the crocheters, are engaging in a worthwhile endeavor to help our neighbors who need it most. Off the Streets Susquehanna provides housing and shelter for the homeless. An important item many need when setting up a home is dishcloths! **Off the Streets is in great need of dishcloths and Gaile has decided the project for April will be knitting dishcloths.** This is an easy project for beginners and a great way to help others in need. Some of Kasey’s crocheters are also making dishcloths in addition to the prayer shawls. Both those completely new to knitting and those who are experienced are welcome! **The class will meet Thursdays here at the library on April 7, April 21, and April 28 at 7**



**PM. No class April 14. Here is your chance to learn to knit – Gaile is an excellent instructor!**



## Snapology Programs for April focus on castles and robotics.

In the **Castles & Kingdoms program (April 5 at 10:30 AM)**, you will have the opportunity to use LEGO® bricks to design your own medieval fantasies while also bringing the real history to life! You will build your understanding of the unique historical elements that make the medieval time period such a fascinating point in human history. This program is for ages 5 through 10 years old.



In **“Real World Robotics: the Robotic Arm” (April 19 at 10:30 AM)** you will create a model arm using real life robotic technologies. You will learn about gear ratio, sensors, simple machines, and programming. You will have a blast exploring the world of robotic technologies as you build, learn, and play. This program is for ages 7 through 14.

Be sure to register for the Snapology programs on the Calendar page of our website.

**PreSchool Pals, for ages 2 through 6, will be held on Wednesday, April 6 and Wednesday, April 20, both at 10:30 AM.**

For our littlest library friends, **Tiny Tales will be held on Monday April 4 and Monday April 18 at 10AM.** Songs, stories, playtime, and bubbles!!

**Your Library in the Community** features read alouds and opportunities to read to a loveable dog!



**On Sunday, April 10, at 2 PM Miss Lisa will read aloud during Miss Alison’s Splashful Stick Figures painting event.** For ages 6 and up, second floor of Kettleworks. Register here: <https://www.missalisons.com/event-details/splashful-stick-figure-family-paint-event-ages-6>

**On Friday, April 22, Miss Lisa will read “The Lorax” at Sahd’s Earth Day celebration.** Time is 4:30 to 7 PM. 1045 Lancaster Avenue, Columbia. Everyone welcome! For more information: <https://recycleyourmetal.com/earth-day/>



**And on Monday, April 25, Jager the reading Therapy Dog will make his first visit to Our Lady of the Angels.** Pre-K, kindergarten, and first graders will have the opportunity to meet and read to Jager! Jager will make additional visits to both Park library and Our Lady of the Angels in May.

**Take and Make craft project for April is “Ava, the Easter Chick”.** Pick up yours at the Circulation Desk beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Don’t forget our Art Auction coming up on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>! We have many more art pieces for sale and this is a perfect opportunity to help your library while placing some Columbia history in your home. Preview begins at 1:30 PM and the auction begins at 3 PM. We will once again have a “buy it now” table, light refreshments, and entertainment from the Columbia School of Music students. Visit our website in the coming weeks and click on the “Art Auction” tab for more details!



I have been working hard on scheduling Summer Reading programming and getting everything for the summer calendared – both on our webpage and on monthly printable calendars. These will all be available beginning the month of May. Our printable calendars include not only the library events, but Garden Camp, activities at the River Park, and the monthly Music in the Park dates and performers.

**The Columbia Public Library Board of Directors** will meet on Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 PM in our conference room.

**The Columbia Public Library – where New Worlds Await – for you.** We are located on 24 S. 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.columbiapubliclibrary.org) Find us on Facebook! Please stop by and visit often!