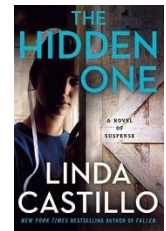
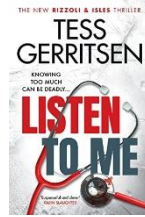


Many exciting things are happening at the library this summer! But let’s begin with some of those new bestsellers releasing in July:

- Shattered (Michael Bennett) by James Patterson
- The 6:20 Man by David Baldacci
- The It Girl by Ruth Ware
- Portrait of an Unknown Woman by Daniel Silva
- Listen to Me (Rizzoli and Isles) by Tess Gerritsen
- The Big Dark Sky by Dean Koontz
- Sugar and Salt by Susan Wiggs
- Chrysalis by Lincoln Child
- The Hidden One (Kate Burkholder) by Linda Castillo
- The Best Is Yet to Come by Debbie Macomber



July begins with the library being closed, of course, on July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day. But we hit the ground running on July 5<sup>th</sup>!



**The Bibliomaniacs** will be meeting on **Tuesday, July 5, at 2:30 PM**. They have decided on “**The Personal Librarian**” by Marie Benedict as their next title. This book has been lauded by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Good Morning America*, and National Public Radio.

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection for his Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and in art and literary circles, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating as she builds a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret that must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle’s complexion isn’t dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American.



*The Personal Librarian* tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for both her intellect and style, and shares the lengths she must go to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

Upcoming Bibliomaniacs titles are “The House on the Cerulean Sea” by TJ Klune and “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett.



**The Classics Club** will gather on **Wednesday, July 6, at 6 PM** to discuss “**The Scarlet Pimpernel**”.

Sir Percy Blakeney leads a double life: he seems nothing more than a wealthy playboy, but in reality he is a formidable swordsman and a quick-thinking escape artist. During the Reign of Terror in revolutionary France, he assists many French aristocrats in escaping the guillotine. The band of gentlemen who assist him are the only ones who know of his secret identity. He is known only by his symbol: a simple flower called the scarlet pimpernel. The novel began its life in 1903 as a stage play by a French baroness. It later evolved into a novel and several film adaptations were made.

And July Summer Reading Programming includes:



Wednesday, July 6, at 10 AM at the Gazebo – **“Workin’ On the Railroad”** with Juliette from the Railroad Museum of PA. The hands-on approach to learn about rail travel long ago and today! Program is for all ages.

Tuesday, July 12, at 7 PM – **Servant Stage Productions** returns to our community with **“Rock Around the Clock”**. Get ready to twist, shout, and rip it up! Paying tribute to the greatest hits of 50s and 60s Old-Time Rock ‘n’ Roll, it’s the ultimate in feel-good summer fun! Featuring a live rock band, the iconic dances of days gone by, and wailing vocals sure to bring down the house, you’ll want to get up and sing and dance along to this all-new original revue. Fun for all ages – held in the Gazebo and Locust Street Park. Free will collection will be taken.



Wednesday, July 13, at 10 AM at Park School Gym: **“Build a Bug”** with **Sam Lewis State Park Ranger Kelly Ford / Read Aloud to Jager**. Hear a bug story – then learn the parts of a bug by building your own! Great preparation for Ryan Bridge next week. Jager, our READ dog, visits today as well – bring along a book to read to him! Ages 5-12.



Thursday, July 14, at 10 AM at Park School Gym: **“ Pirates! Lost at Sea!” / Read Aloud to Jager**. Ahoy! Set sail with us on a thrilling action-packed adventure about a crew of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island. With mutiny and high-tide looming, they must rescue their salty captain and find a way to repair their ship before all hope is lost! Throughout the story, volunteers from the audience will help us explore the incredible science behind clouds, combustion, air pressure and more through amazing science experiments. Fun for all ages. Presented by TaleWise. Jager, our READ dog, visits today – bring along a book to read to him after the show!



Friday, July 15, at 10 AM at the Gazebo: **“Life In the Water”** with Lisa Sanchez, Lancaster County Parks. What is living in our local waterways? You will touch and see live critters that came from a local creek or river. Through microscope use and identification activities, you will learn about the life cycles of each specimen and how to determine the health and quality of the water in which they live.



Monday, July 18, at 10 AM at the Gazebo: – **Kilene Knitter, Giant Foods Nutritionist**. Join Kilene as she shows us how to make a healthy (and yummy) Very Veggie Pasta Salad. Ages 3-11.

Tuesday, July 19, at 6 PM at the Gazebo – Evening Family Program - **“Ryan Bridge the Bugman”**. The bugs are back! Even though an insect’s respiratory system does not allow it to survive in saltwater (without being eaten by a fish!), there are plenty of aquatic insects that love FRESH water. Come out and meet them! There will be opportunity to hold live insects for those who choose to. All ages.



Wednesday, July 27, at 6 PM at the Gazebo– Evening Family Program - **“Jesse Rothacker’s Reptile Explorers”**. Laugh and learn with Jesse Rothacker and his merry band of castaway critters. You’ll meet snakes, lizards, turtles, and crocs from around the world, and they’ll all be

in one place – at your local library – so you won't have to cross the seven seas! Make sure to pick up a free reptile bookmark, and check out some reptile books from the library the day of the show!

Friday, July 29 at 10 AM at the Gazebo - **"I've Got Rhythm" with Tammi Hessen.** Do you have rhythms in your hands? In your feet? In your heart? We believe that there are rhythms to express, join in, and play together inside us and all around us. Come join us to explore your rhythm as we take a trip to West Africa to a village where rhythms are part of everyday living! Please Join Tammi and Jami as we lead you through the how-to of drumming, and the how-to of fun! Drums and fun props provided, you just bring your smiles, hands, and hearts.



While the July programs are highlighted here, we have **full Summer calendars available**, along with more detailed descriptions of all programs! Copies are attached if you are receiving this newsletter via email. Or you can pick up your calendars **at the library circulation desk.**



**Summer Reading 2022** once again features a **Scavenger Hunt.** Look in the windows of Columbia businesses for pictures of sea creatures. When you find one, write down the business name on your Scavenger Hunt paper. Those who finish the hunt get a free book, courtesy of Scholastic! Scavenger Hunt Papers, as well as paper reading logs, may be picked up at our circulation desk.

There are two formats to the logs – Paper (we will have some on hand for each age group) and “Beanstack” which is a mobile phone/tablet app. We will supply instructions for installing and using Beanstack.



Age groups for Summer reading include:

- Birth to age 4 – “Read Aloud”
- Ages 5 through 9 – “Junior”
- Ages 10 through 12: “Tween”
- Ages 13 through 19: “Teen”

Each age group has a different amount of minutes to read over the summer, as well as additional activities on their logs. **Last day to complete your logs is August 13.**



Of course, we must thank everyone who make our Summer Reading family programs possible! In addition to the presenters/performers themselves, special thanks goes to:

**Scholastic Book Clubs** – for providing free books for children through their Literacy Partnership program.

**The Old Columbia Public Grounds Company** – for usage of Locust Street Park

**The Lions Club:** for use of the Gazebo

**D. H. Funk Excavating:** for paying for many of our Summer Programs!

**Park Elementary School** – for hosting programs in the gym until waxing.

**St. John's Lutheran Church** – for hosting programs after the waxing begins.

Lily Strange, my teen assistant! Last year's helper, Jack Kirchner, is here until he leaves for college, but he'll be working inside the library at the front desk and volunteering at Garden Camp.





Once again, I am coordinating all summer programs with Grace Julian (Edible Classroom Gardening Camp) and Sophia Varansky (River Park events “Junior Ranger” and “Tadpole Time”). Garden Camp runs the week of July 11 through 15, then again August 8 through 12. It is open for children going into grades 1 through 6. Details have been shared with your children when school ended – or you can call 717-449-8049 for more information.

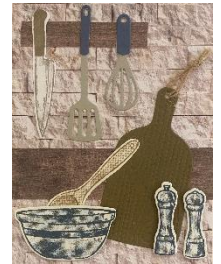
Tadpole Time is held on alternate Wednesdays, beginning June 8. And Ranger Hour is always at the River Park: every Thursday, beginning at 10:30 AM.

**Tiny Tales** will meet on **Monday, July 11 and Monday July 25 at 10 AM. If the weather cooperates, plan on Water Fun Days!** Please bring a towel, and water clothes for your child. In case of rain, Tiny Tales will be held in the community room. Tiny Tales is for ages birth through age 2.



And **PreSchool Pals** meet on Wednesday, July 13 and Wednesday, July 27 at 10:30 AM. These will also be a Water Fun days, so be sure to bring a towel and water clothes. In the event of rain, PreSchool Pals will not be held in July. PreSchool Pals is ages 2 to 5, with a limit of 10 children. Please register by calling 717-684-2255 or email [info@columbiapubliclibrary.org](mailto:info@columbiapubliclibrary.org).

**Bert Cressler’s cards for July** have a variety theme: cooking, a thank you note, and an ocean-themed birthday card. Cost is \$5.00 to make three cards, with \$1.00 going to the library. **Monday, July 11, at 11 AM.** All are welcome – including teachers on their summer break!



Another card making opportunity in July happens at St. Peter’s Apartments on Wednesday, July 20, at 11 AM. Rhonda Kleiman will present “Short & Sweet Stamping”. Please call 717-684-2255 if you are interested in either stamping program, so that materials can be prepared.

Our **Take and Make for July** is the “Jiggling Jellyfish”. Pick yours up at the Circulation Desk any time in June.

**Keep Calm and Yarn On** (our knitting and crocheting classes) will be meeting on **Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 PM** (no July 26 meeting). Project for this month is the “Summer Daze Cardigan”. Materials needed are Worsted or Sport weight cotton or cotton blend yarn. Recommended yarns are Lion Brand Comfy Cotton yarn (Joanne’s or Walmart) or I Love This Cotton Yarn (Hobby Lobby) or Caron Cotton Cakes (Michaels). You will also need a size K(6.5mm) crochet hook, scissors, and a yarn needle. Yardage will depend on size of garment- the average sized adult will need at least 1,500 yards.



The Columbia Public Library is 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. Come in and see what new worlds await for YOU!

