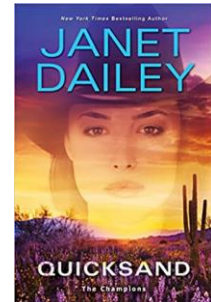
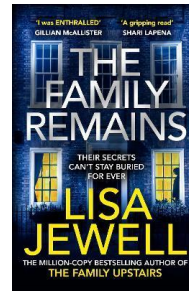


Summer Reading is winding up, National Night Out returns on August 2, and some of you are already back to school shopping! But let's begin with some of those new bestsellers releasing in August:

Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid  
Overkill by Sandra Brown  
The Family Remains by Lisa Jewell  
The Ninth Month by James Patterson  
Reckoning by Catherine Coulter  
The Hunt (Decker & Lazarus) by Faye Kellerman  
The Challenge by Danielle Steel  
Tick Tock by Fern Michaels  
Black Dog by Stuart Woods  
Fox Creek by William Kent Krueger  
Girl, Forgotten by Karin Slaughter  
The Housekeeper by Joy Fielding  
A Dark and Stormy Tea by Laura Childs  
Babysitter by Joyce Carol Oates  
Quicksand by Janet Dailey



Summer concerts and a mystifying illusion show will dominate August here at the library!



Servant Stage was able to reschedule “Rock Around the Clock” in Locust Street Park! Monday, August 1 at 7 PM. Please bring a lawn chair.

Illusionist Ran’D Shine will be joining us on Monday, August 15, at 6 PM. This is an Evening Family Show in the Gazebo. Everyone who sees this illusionist walks away wondering “How did he do that?” Absolutely amazing fun for kids, teens and grownups!



Music in the Park features “The Maxwell Project” on Friday, August 5 and “Pocketful O’ Soul” on Friday, August 19. Music plays from 6:30 to 8 PM and the bands are sponsored by the Columbia Lions Club.

More Music in the Park will happen on Wednesday, August 24! Steven Courtney and the Suitcase Musicians will play at the Gazebo at 6 PM. Please bring lawn chairs. This program is sponsored by the Columbia Public Library and paid for by D. H. Funk.





**The Bibliomaniacs** will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 16, at 2:30 PM** to discuss **“The House on the Cerulean Sea”** by **T. J. Klune**. This New York Times and USA Today bestseller is a contemporary fantasy with surprising touching moments.

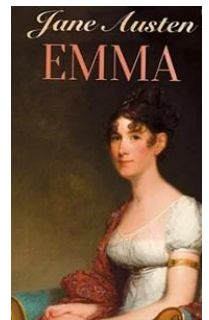
Six dangerous fantasy children live in the Marsyas Island Orphanage. They have the power to bring about the end of the world – and it is up to Linus Baker to stop them. The children are protected by Arthur Parnassas, who will do almost anything to ensure their safety.

When Linus travels to Marsyas Island, he discovers the children are not as bad as what he has been led to believe. As Linus develops a relationship with Arthur and the children, he comes to realize that “the things we fear the most are often the things we should fear the least.” Linus also finds what he has been searching for all along – a family. Families come in many different dynamics but they all have one common denominator: LOVE.

The Bibliomaniacs title for September is “The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett.

**The Classics Club is taking a break during August, but will return on Wednesday, September 7 with a discussion of “Emma”.**

Beautiful, clever, rich—and single—Emma Woodhouse is perfectly content with her life and sees no need for either love or marriage. But nothing makes her happier than interfering in the romantic lives of others! When she ignores the warnings of her good friend Mr. Knightley and attempts to arrange a suitable romance for up-and-coming matchmaker Harriet Smith, her carefully laid plans soon unravel and have consequences that she never expected. With its imperfect but charming heroine, *Emma* is often seen as Jane Austen's best work. Emma has also been made into quite a few films: starring Gwyneth Paltrow (1996), Anya Taylor-Joy (2022), and even “Clueless” (1995) is a teen adaptation of “Emma”.



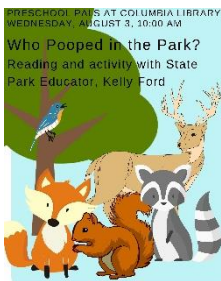
**The Classics Club will meet on Wednesday, September 7, at 6 PM here at the library.**

Summer Reading Programming for August finishes with:



**Monday, August 1, at 10 AM – “Octavia Lamb”** is a new performer to me. She is well known for her skill on the harmonica and blues guitar and plays several local venues. When she called and said she also does children’s music, I decided to find out more. Octavia will be playing in the **Fellowship Hall of St. John’s Lutheran Church right across from the library**. Enter at the door on the Sixth Street side, then down into the lower level. The school gym and cafeteria are now being waxed, so they are currently off limits.

**Tuesday, August 2, at 10 AM** bring everyone’s favorite juggler: **Chris Ivey!** Chris will also be performing in the **Fellowship Hall of St. John’s Lutheran Church**. Chris’ skills have taken us on a trip around the world, balancing axes and swords, and juggling knives. It’s an incredible performance; make sure not to miss it!



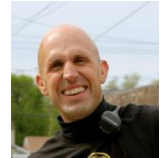
Sam Lewis State Park Ranger **Kelly Ford** joins us again on **Wednesday, August 3, at 10 AM** in the library’s community room. Her topic for August is **“Who Pooped in the Park!”** For ages 2 through 5. Kelly will continue to participate with our Preschool Pals in the Fall. Stay tuned for dates and times.



There's a lot of love and rewards in being a "pet parent" – but it does bring responsibility! **“Are You Ready to be a Pet Parent”** is co-presented by **Tammy Jalbert (Manager of the Columbia Animal Shelter)** and **Kelly Skiptunas (Reading Education Assistance Dog owner)**. **Thursday, August 4, at 10 AM in the Gazebo.** Tammy and Kelly will talk about things you need to keep in mind before adopting a new pet – such as supplies you will need, and commitments you must make to your four-legged family member. And yes, some furry friends will come along as well! Bring a book to read to Jager after the program.



**And Friday, August 5, at 10 AM brings the field trip to Sahd's Metal Recycling.** See metal being crushed, welded, and carried on the magnet crane! **MUST** have closed toe shoes – no Crocs, flip-flops, or sandals. For all ages. **Meet at Sahd's (1040 Lancaster Avenue) at 10 AM on Friday, August 5.**



**National Night Out returns to Columbia! Event is Tuesday, August 2 from 6 to 8 PM at Glatfelter Field.** The library is trying something new this year – yard games. We will have a ring toss and beanbag throw. Join us for the chance to have fun and win **PRIZES!** This event is sponsored by the Columbia Borough Police Department.

**Financial planners from the Richardson Group are hosting a free retirement seminar on Thursday, August 4, at 10:30 AM in the library's Community Room.** Retirement is exciting—but it can be stressful to plan for your future! Learn ways to manage your income and enjoy your well-earned freedom!



**Snapology Summer Camp runs from August 8 through August 12 from 10 until noon. Camp is now filled, but there is a waitlist.** Visit our Calendar tab on our website, and click on “Snapology Summer Camp”. Choose “register now” to be added to the waitlist. Theme of the Camp is “Inventors: Robotics Club” and it is for ages 7 through 11, with a maximum of 25 children. Children must be signed in at drop-off. For more information, call 717-719-4154.



**Last Day to turn in Summer Reading Logs is Saturday, August 13.**



Of course, we must thank everyone who made 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.

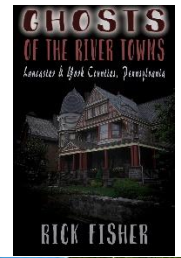
**St. John's Lutheran Church** – for hosting programs after the waxing begins.

And of course, this year's Teen Assistant and photographer, Lily Strange.



**Crafty Cards with Bert happens on Monday, August 15 at 11 AM.** This month's theme is **“Sunflowers”** because everyone loves these cheery plants. There is a \$5.00 charge for materials, with \$1.00 donated to the library. Please come out and join us – this class is really a lot of fun and you do not have to be super crafty!

Another local author among us is **Rick Fisher**. Some of you may know Rick as “the ghost story and Albatwitch guy”. And that is a pretty fair description. **Rick’s latest book is called “Ghosts of the River Towns”** and features many little known stories about familiar landmarks in Columbia, Marietta, and Wrightsville. **Rick will be signing his new book between 10 AM and noon on Tuesday, August 16 here in the library lobby.**



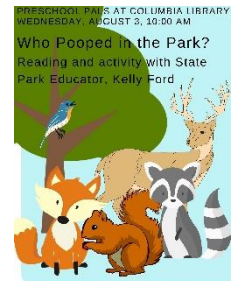
Rick expands his new book with a PowerPoint presentation that he will be presenting at St. Peter’s Apartments as part of our Prime Timers programming. **Chris Vera will be joining Rick for the visual version of “Ghosts of the River Towns”.** Date is **Wednesday, August 24, at 11 AM at St. Peter’s Apartments** (the community is welcome to come too.)



Rick and Chris both have fascinating (and spooky!) stories to tell. They will also be doing Albatwitch programming for us in the Fall.

Tiny Tales will feature water play on Mondays: August 1, August 15, and August 29. Time is 10 AM for ages birth through age 2. In the event of rain, an activity will be held indoors in the Community Room.

PreSchool Pals will join **Kelly Ford in the community room on August 3 for a program “Who Pooped in the Park?”** and resume water play activities on Wednesday, August 17, at 10:30 AM. In the event of rain, water program will be cancelled. Which leads to an announcement regarding our “Hank” puppet shows with St. Joseph Children’s Health. “Hank” has taken another job in the middle of July! Management for St. Joseph Children’s Health will keep me posted as to future learning events. Thanks and best wishes to Matthew Martsof for the many years of bringing “Hank” to life!



Before August 15, be sure to stop in and say goodbye to Jack Kirchner. Jack works evening shift with Renee and Jonna. Jack will be heading off to George Washington University to major in international studies. He is a young man who is really going places and of course we all wish him the best.

Keep Calm and Yarn On continues with the Hazy Days cardigan for August – along with Maker’s Choice – where each crocheter or knitter chooses their own project to work on! **Keep Calm and Yarn On will meet on August 9 and August 23 at 6:30 PM.**



Take and Make for August is Sparky the Shark – will he catch his fish? Pick yours up at the circulation desk starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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!