

October is a traditional month for lots of **new book releases!** Here are some of them:

It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover

No Plan B (Jack Reacher) by Lee Child

The Boys From Biloxi by John Grisham

Triple Cross (Alex Cross) by James Patterson

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult

Long Shadows by David Baldacci

Righteous Prey by John Sandford

Endless Summer by Elin Hilderbrand

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

Distant Thunder by Stuart Woods

Livid (Kay Scarpetta) by Patricia Cornwell

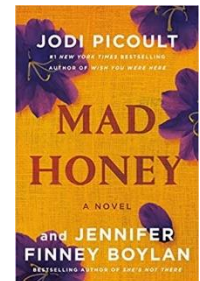
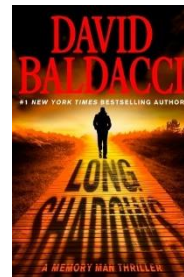
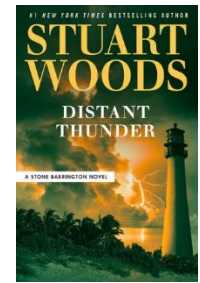
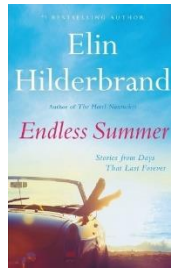
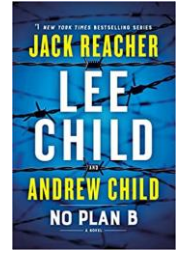
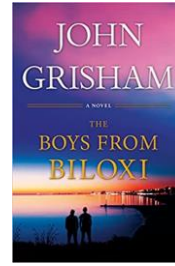
The High Notes by Danielle Steel

The Passenger by Cormac McCarthy

The Christmas Spirit by Debbie Macomber

The Last Chairlift by John Irving

The Maze by Nelson DeMille



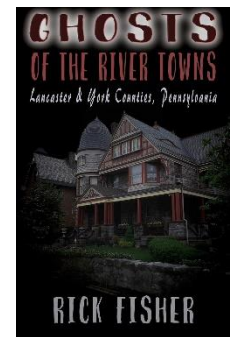
Some **in-person programs for ADULTs:**



Rick Fisher and Chris Vera once again are haunting our community with tales of the Albatwitch! The first program, **“In Search of the Albatwitch”**, is on **Wednesday, October 5, at 11 AM at St. Peter’s Apartments**. Demand for programming from this dynamic duo is so great that Rick and Chris have created time in their schedules to do some programs here at the library as well! Those programs are:

**“Ghosts of the River Towns”**: Monday, October 17, at 6 PM

**“In Search of the Albatwitch”**: Monday, October 3, at 6 PM

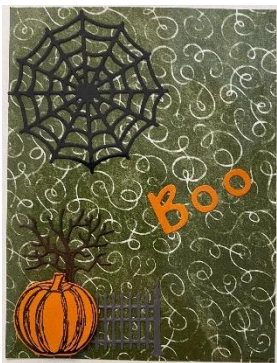


We appreciate Rick and Chris taking their time to do these programs as October is a very busy month for them and Chris is getting up to speed in his management of the Market House.

**Keep Calm and Yarn On** is beginning a new project!! **Crocheted Pumpkins** are easier than they look. Supplies: Any worsted or chunky weight yarn - (if worsted yarn Kasey recommends an H/5mm hook; if chunky yarn, Kasey recommends a K/6.5mm hook). One ball or skein should be plenty for the project. Also needed are stitch markers, scissors, Polyfil stuffing, and a yarn needle. Dates for October are October 11



and October 25 (Tuesdays) at 6:30 PM at the library.



Another growing program is “Crafty Cards with Bert”. We’ve had requests to offer this card making class during evening hours. So the month of October brings TWO classes with Bert, and she is considering doing different cards each time so that people can come to both! October cards will have “Halloween” as their theme.

**Crafty Cards with Bert, Daytime Edition: Monday, October 17, at 11 AM**

**Crafty Cards with Bert, Evening Edition: Thursday, October 20,**

**at 6:30 PM**



The evening card class will normally be held on the first Thursday of the month – however, another group is utilizing the room that evening.

During the past several years, many folks received health coverage under the Public Health Emergency Act related to the pandemic. This emergency coverage expires in January 2023 – which means many will have to seek affordable health coverage. That’s where Pennie comes in.



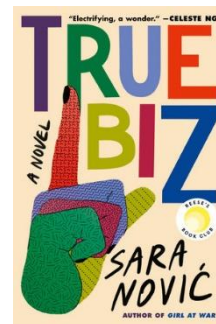
Pennie is not an insurance company – it is a state-based insurance exchange providing coverage for those who need it based on their earnings. If you do not receive health insurance through your employer, are not on a family member’s insurance plan, and do not qualify for

Medicaid – then Pennie is for you!

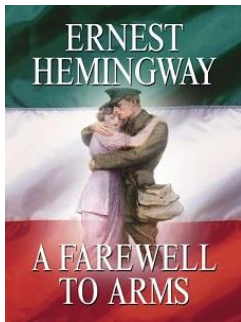
**Judy Wechter will be presenting two sessions of “Pennie 101” – an introduction to the state based insurance exchange.** She will cover exactly what Pennie is, who can qualify for it, and how your monthly cost is determined. The presentation lasts about an hour, but Judy will stay for individual questions. **“Pennie 101” will be held in our meeting room on Monday, October 24, at 10 AM and Wednesday, November 9, at 6 PM.**

Both of our Book Clubs are meeting in November – one on the first, one on the second – so I am including them in the October newsletter as well.

**The Bibliomaniacs Book Club will be discussing “True Biz” by Sarah Novic.** “True Biz” is an American Sign Language term meaning true, definite, real, uncensored talk. This novel takes readers into the halls of a residential school for the deaf – River Valley. You’ll meet Charlie, a rebellious transfer student who’s never met another deaf person before; Austin, the school’s golden boy, whose world is rocked when his baby sister is born able to hear; and February, the school’s headmistress, a CODA (child of deaf adults) who is fighting to keep her school open and her marriage intact - but might not be able to do both. As a series of crises threaten to unravel each of them, Charlie, Austin, and February find their lives inextricable from one another—and changed forever.



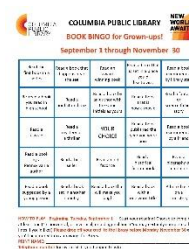
This is a story of sign language and lip-reading, disability and ADA rights, first love and loss, and persistence, daring, and joy. Not only an unforgettable journey into the Deaf community, this novel is also a universal celebration of human connection. **“True Biz” will be discussed on Wednesday, November 1, at 2:30 PM.**



The **Classics Club** will be reading a title from a beloved American author: Ernest Hemingway. “A Farewell to Arms”. Written when Ernest Hemingway was thirty years old and lauded as the best American novel to emerge from World War I, *A Farewell to Arms* is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Set against the looming horrors of the battlefield, this semiautobiographical work captures the harsh realities of war and the pain of lovers caught in its grasp.

Ernest Hemingway once said that he rewrote the ending to *A Farewell to Arms* thirty-nine times to get the words right. This edition includes all of the alternative endings together for the first time, along with early drafts of other essential passages, offering new insight into Hemingway’s creative process and the evolution of one of the greatest novels ever written. Featuring, a personal foreword by the author’s son Patrick Hemingway, and a new introduction by the author’s grandson Seán Hemingway, this edition of *A Farewell to Arms* is truly a keepsake. **A Farewell to Arms will be discussed on Wednesday, November 2, at 6 PM.**

**Book Bingo for Grownups!** 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 **September 1 to November 30** 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 local merchants!



Some of those merchants who have so generously offered prizes in support of our library:

- AJ’s Discount Grocery
- Black Olive Diner
- Columbia Pizza
- The ReUzit Shop
- Hinkle’s
- Murphy’s Mercantile
- Half-Nuts Popcorn Company
- Geltz Gotz Goodeze
- And more to come!

The annual **Mardi Gras (aka Halloween) Parade** has returned!! And the library will be once again walking in it this year. We’ve chosen a Pokemon theme. **The library will close at 5:00 PM on Thursday, October 27** so that we can get ready for the parade. **Parade steps off at 7 PM** on Manor Street and follows the normal parade route through town.



Columbia Movers and Shakers Society is offering a **Halloween Party in the Park on Saturday, October 29, from 4 to 8 PM**. Come out and party with all the spirits and ghouls in Columbia! Locust Street Park will be full of vendors and local businesses showing off what they do best. Each vendor will also be handing out candy to trick-or-treaters! We are excited to have Music2Dance2Radio DJing the entire event with great music! Miss Lisa will be sharing Halloween stories and there will be costume contests for all ages. Costume Contests begin at 7 PM.



**Come trick or treating at the library! Monday night, October 31, from 6 to 8 PM** (county-wide trick or treat hours).

For our littlest library friends! **Tiny Tales** will be held on **Mondays, October 17 and 31 at 10 AM**. Stories, songs, and playtime for ages birth through 18 months. October 31 features a costume party.



**PreSchool Pals** features apples and a harvest party for October!



**Wednesday, October 5, at 10:30 – “Apples”**. Join us as we listen to fun stories about apples, paint with apples, and get to taste three different kinds of apples! Please have your child wear old clothing or bring a paint shirt along. Limit 10 children. Must register. Ages 2 to 5.

**Wednesday, October 19, at 10:30 AM - Fall Harvest Party**. Join us as we listen to fun Halloween stories, decorate a treat bag, and participate in a Treat Walk through the library! Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume for this event! Limit 10 children. Must register. Ages 2 to 5.



**Homeschool Happenings for October** features **one local history, one nature, and two Snapology programs:**



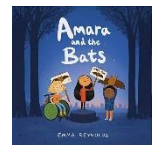
**Gettysburg historian extraordinaire Cindy Beaston will present “Sallie Ann: a Very Special Soldier” on Wednesday, October 12, at 10:30 AM**. Students will learn who Sallie Ann was and how she contributed during the Civil War. This program is designed for ages 6 through 14.

**The Snapology class “Junior Scientists: Surface Tension”** is held on **Tuesday, October 11, at 10:30 AM**. Atoms, molecules, and surface tension will be explored as students conduct hands-on experiments and participate in a water-themed building challenge using LEGO bricks. Be prepared to get a little wet as we dive into science with Snapology! Ages 5-9, with a maximum of 15 children.



**The Snapology class “AttackBots Robotics INTM Coding (Crossbow)”** will be held on **Tuesday, October 25, at 10:30 AM**. In this exciting class, students will build a military inspired robotic model of a crossbow. Students will learn about sensors, gears, pulleys, and programming as they create their crossbow! This program is designed for ages 10 to 14, with a maximum of 15 children.

**State Park Ranger Kelly Ford will be hosting a story and program on “Bats” for ages 6 to 12**. After hearing the story “Amara and the Bats”, children will play the game “Bats: Fact or Fiction?” **Wednesday, October 26, at 10:30 AM**.



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We thank our friends at D. H. Funk for providing the funding for Snapology.



**“Take and Make” activity for October is “Jumping Jack O’Lantern”**. Pick yours up at our circulation desk any time in October.

**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!