

Baby, it’s cold outside! Stay in and keep warm with one of these new January titles.

The House of Wolves by James Patterson and Mike Lupica

The Villa by Rachel Hawkins

How To Sell a Haunted House by Grady Hendrix

The Cabinet of Dr. Leng by Douglas Preston

Just the Nicest Couple by Mary Kubica

Without a Trace by Danielle Steel

The House at the End of the World by Dean Koontz

The Exiles by Jane Harper

The Devil’s Ransom by Brad Taylor

Sleep No More by Jayne Ann Krentz



Thank you to all who donated hats, scarves, and gloves for our **Mitten Tree** in December. **163 items** were collected and taken to the Hands Across the Street Clothing Bank and Shelter. Thank you to Kasey Patterson and her crochet team for their hand made contributions!

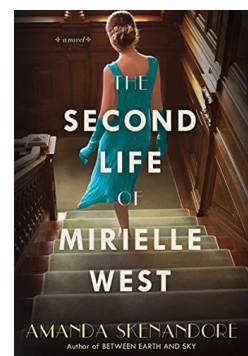


If you feel you are becoming overrun by plastic grocery bags, Kasey Patterson has a crochet project for you! This crocheted bag holder also dispenses them from the bottom one at a time. You will need 200 yards of medium weight acrylic or cotton yarn and a 5 or 6 mm crochet hook, **Class will meet on Tuesdays – January 10 and January 24 – at 6:30 PM.** (Will cancel if the weather is bad). All crocheters – both beginners and experts – are welcome. Kasey provides complete and clear instructions!!

January’s Take and Make Craft is “Gordy the Accordion Snowman”. Pick yours up at our front desk beginning January 2.

The **Bibliomaniacs’** title for the month of January is “**The Second Life of Mirielle West**” by Amanada Skenandore.

Medical pandemics are nothing new. When a doctor notices a pale patch of skin on Mirielle West’s hand, she’s immediately labeled a leper and carted hundreds of miles from home to the Carville leper colony in Louisiana. A 1920’s socialite married to a silent film star, Marielle’s new home is a far cry from the glitz and glamour of Hollywood.



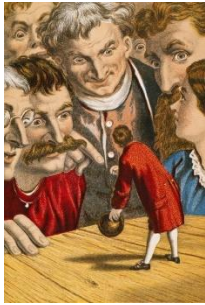


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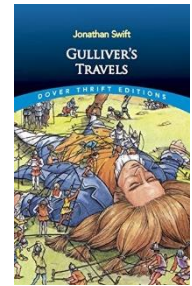
Patients sent to Carville are more like prisoners—and in the 1920’s there was no cure for leprosy. This authentic novel shares the experiences of both patients and medical staff—the isolation, stigma, and experimental treatments around a misunderstood and

The Bibliomaniacs will discuss the book on **Tuesday, January 17, at 2:30 PM** here at the library.

The **Classics Club** has selected “**Gulliver’s Travels**” as its title for **January 4, 2023**.



Author Jonathan Swift intended Gulliver’s Travels as an irony on human behavior. Ship’s surgeon Lemuel Gulliver takes four remarkable journeys – one to the land of Lilliput, where six-inch-high inhabitants bicker over trivialities; another to Brobdingnag, a land where giants reduce men to insignificance; and finally to the land of the Houyhnhnms, horses with superior intelligence who live their lives governed by sense and moderation. This classic is diverse in its appeal: for children, it remains an



enchancing fantasy. For adults, it is a witty parody of politics and a scathing send-up of the manners and morals in 18th-century England.

The Classics Club will meet on Wednesday, January 4, at 6 PM



From January through March, we are doing THREE Book Bingos! The first one is just for TEENS. Students ages 13 through 18 can pick up a bingo card here at the library (or print one from our website). Of the 25 options, you can choose a dystopian novel, a book that has been challenged, a fantasy, a mystery, a book by a Pennsylvania author, a book with a one word title, a graphic

novel, the first title of a series, along with 17 other choices. When you get five in a row: BINGO! Bring in your completed card for a chance to win some goodies from local businesses.

The Bingo challenge for KIDS is for ages 5 through 12. Again, pick up your Bingo card here at the library (or print one from our website). Choices on the Kids’ Bingo card include a holiday book, a book with an animal in its title, a graphic novel, a book that was made into a movie, a fairy tale or folktale, and 20 other options. When you get five in a row: BINGO! Multiple winners will be selected from a random drawing.



The third Bingo Challenge is for ages birth through four years old. Their bingo cards will include both read aloud stories and activities. When you get five in a row: BINGO! Bring in your completed card. Multiple winners will be selected from a random drawing.

Congrats to our Book Bingo for Grownups Fall 2022 winners: Kristin M., Emily S., Kayla W., Kevin K., Evelyn B., Michele A., and Kari H. Keep on reading!

Tiny Tales (birth through age 2) will meet **Mondays, January 9th and 23rd, at 10 AM**. Join us for stories, bubbles, and playtime for our littlest library friends.

PreSchool Pals (ages 2 through 5) will meet **Wednesdays, January 4th and 18th, at 10:30 AM**. January 4th, we will welcome back **Snapology for “Junior Planes, Trains, and Automobiles”**. On January 18th, our theme will be **“Snowmen”**. Limit 10 children, registration is required. Register at info@columbiapubliclibrary.org.



A **WINTER reading challenge** for children courtesy of the **Reading Royals hockey team!** Slapshot, the team mascot, invites all children ages 5 to 15 to pick up a reading log at the library. After 600 minutes of reading are completed (20 days for 30 minutes per day, 30 days for 20 minutes per day) the log is returned to the library and you will receive a voucher for a free kids’ ticket. Dates for reading begin December 21 and end February 25.

Grownups in the child’s life will be able to purchase tickets at \$18.00 each and be able to sit with their child. This year, there is just one hockey game to attend: Sunday, March 5th, at 3 PM, will be “Lancaster County Libraries Day at the Reading Royals”. Blues Clues will be visiting that day as well. You must bring in a completed log to the library to receive your ticket voucher. The Reading Royals GPS address is Santander Arena, 700 Penn St., Reading, PA 19602. For other questions please call 1-610-898-7825.



Bert Cressler is moving up her **Valentine card making class** to January in order to give you time to send out the cards! **The Monday morning card class will be held on January 23 at 11 AM and the Thursday evening class will be held on February 2 at 6:30 PM**. It is important that you call ahead (717-684-2255) to let us know you are coming, as Bert does prepare kits of prepped materials. Cost is \$5.00 for three cards – one dollar goes to the library as a donation.

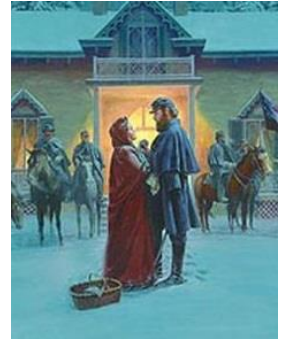
Did you know that **Career Link** is back at the library? In addition to appointments with Susan Lantz on Mondays, Career Link is once again beginning its **workshops for the community**. The first one is called **“Introduction to Career Link”**. It is sort of a “Career Link 101”.

Career Link offers many free services: resume consultations, job fair boot camps, assistance with online applications, and more. They look forward to meeting folks from the community – not only unemployed, but those who are underemployed or thinking about pursuing a new career path. They can tailor their services to what **YOU** want – but you have to let them know what your needs are! Come out on **Monday, January 9, at 1 PM** to find out more and let your voice be heard.



Homeschool Happenings and the Civil War lecture combine for January:

On Friday, January 13, at 10:30 AM Cindy Beaston will present “Christmas During the Civil War”. From 1861-1865, many of our Christmas traditions were the same: decorating trees, exchanging gifts, and Santa Claus (then known as Saint Nicholas). But, due to blockades especially in the South, gift-givers had to become creative in giving no-cost items such as food. Cindy will describe in detail the actions and feelings of both soldiers and their families as they spent the Christmas holiday apart. Come out and learn all about Christmas traditions of 160 years ago!



Snapology

Thanks to the generosity of D.H. Funk and Commerce Bank, Snapology programs will continue to be funded throughout 2023. *As of this writing I am still waiting to hear*

finalization of programs. Keep watching our Facebook Page and our website for dates, times, and topics. I will also send out flyers as soon as I know definitive information; but it will be at sometime in January. My apologies.



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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!