

Warm your heart and build your mind with a good book from the Columbia Public Library! Here are some titles releasing in February:

Someone Else’s Shoes by Jojo Moyes

3 Days to Live by James Patterson

Encore in Death by J. D. Robb

Storm Watch by C. J. Box

More Than Meets the Eye by Iris Johansen

Unnatural History (Alex Delaware) by Jonathan Kellerman

Death of a Traitor by M. C. Beaton

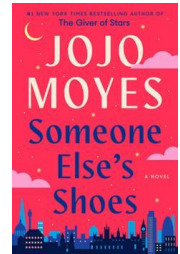
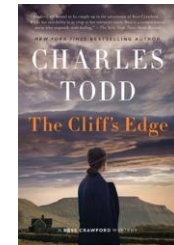
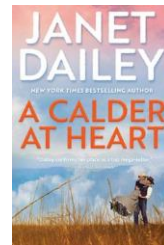
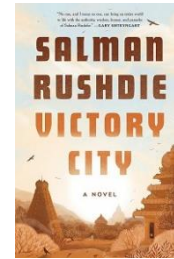
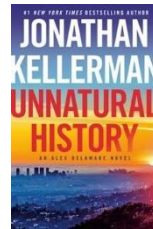
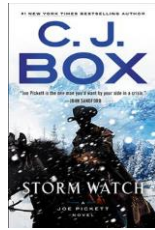
Victory City by Salmon Rushdie

A Calder at Heart by Janet Dailey

Little Paula by V. C. Andrews

The Last Kingdom by Steve Berry

The Cliff’s Edge (Bess Crawford) by Charles Todd



A new service from the library – public laminating! Begins February 1st . Pages up to 8.5 by 11 (maximum size) will be able to be laminated. Cost is \$1.00 per page. The service will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete, due to machine warm-up and business at the desk. Patron is responsible for trimming laminated items.

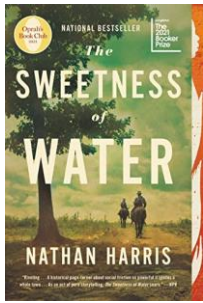


Keep Calm and Yarn On has a new twist on those classic candy hearts – Candy Heart Pillows! Supplies include 250 -300 yards of worsted acrylic yarn (suggested yarns are “I Love This Yarn”, “Red Heart Super Saver”, or “Impeccable”), a 4 or 4.25 mm hook, scissors, and a yarn needle. This class is for all levels of crocheters and Kasey provides hands-on instructions.

Class will meet on Tuesdays – February 7 and February 21 – at 6:30 PM. (Will cancel if the weather is bad).

February’s Take and Make Craft is the “Valentine Hug-a-Bear”. Pick yours up at the circulation desk beginning February 1.





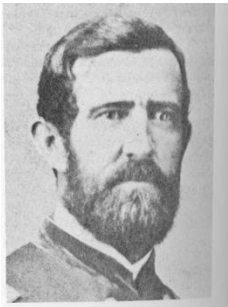
The **Bibliomaniacs'** title for February is **"The Sweetness of Water"** by Nathan Harris.

As the Civil War ends, brothers Prentiss and Landry—freed by the Emancipation Proclamation—seek refuge on the homestead of George and Isabelle Walker, who live near a small community called Old Ox. The Walkers, wracked by the loss of their only son in the war, hire the brothers to work their farm, hoping they will build a friendship. Prentiss and Landry, meanwhile, plan to save money for the journey north and a chance to reunite with their mother - who was sold off when they were boys.

Also in Old Ox, a forbidden romance is occurring between two Confederate soldiers. When the two young men are discovered in the woods, the resulting chaos - including a murder - unleashes convulsive repercussions on the entire community. In the aftermath, it is Isabelle who emerges as an unlikely leader, offering a healing vision for the land and for the newly free citizens of Old Ox.

This book has won numerous literary awards since its release in May 2022. **The Bibliomaniacs meet Tuesday, February 28, at 2:45 PM in our Board Room.**

We have decided upon a name for our **monthly Civil War gatherings**. Instead of using the term "roundtable", Cindy Beaston wanted it to be unique to Columbia and honor all the Civil War soldiers from Columbia. Through her research, Cindy discovered a veteran's association named after a famous Brigadier General that was from and lived in Columbia during the time of the war: General Welsh Post 118. So: our first "official" topic of General Welsh Post 118 will be the general himself: **Brigadier General Thomas Welsh**.



Many of you may remember the annual "Thomas Welsh Symposium" held yearly about a decade ago; we are pleased to offer once again recollections of one of Columbia's own. Welsh was born on Third Street, between Walnut and Locust. His first battle experience was in the Mexican War, where he received a severe leg wound. During the Civil War, Welsh earned the rank of colonel in the 45th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Even though he saw no action at Gettysburg, he distinguished himself at the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, and was pivotal in Grant's Vicksburg campaign. Brigadier General Welsh is now buried in Mount Bethel Cemetery. **Come learn more about this**

native son on Monday, February 20, at 6 PM.

On March 1, the Classics Club will be discussing the book **"Memoirs of a Geisha"**. The club meets at **6 PM in our Board Room** and all are welcome! Here's a little about the book:

The dictionary definition of a geisha is "a Japanese hostess trained to entertain men with conversation, dance, and song." Nitta Sayuri's story begins in a poor fishing village in 1929, when, at the tender age of nine, she is taken from her home and sold into slavery to a renowned geisha house. Witness her transformation as she learns the rigorous arts of the geisha: dance and music; wearing the kimono, elaborate makeup, and hair; pouring sake to reveal just a touch of inner wrist; competing with a jealous rival for men's favors and the money that goes with them.



In a geisha's world appearances are paramount; girls are auctioned to the highest bidder; women are trained to beguile the most powerful of men; and love is scorned as illusion. "Memoirs of a Geisha" is a unique and triumphant work of fiction: romantic, suspenseful, and completely unforgettable.



Our **Book Bingos** for young people continue in February. Age groups are: **ages birth to 4 years old, ages 5 through 12, and teens through age 18**. You can print the bingo sheet for your age group from our website columbiapubliclibrary.org or pick one up here at the library.

Those students who turn in their bingo sheets are eligible for a prize drawing for each age group. Teens who complete the bingo enter a drawing for pizza or ice cream from local businesses!



Next to reading, many folks enjoy tackling a **jigsaw puzzle** during long winter evenings. It's a great family activity as well. Did you know the Columbia Public Library has a **"Puzzle Swap"** area? You will find this area downstairs in our Book Nook. Feel free to come in, take a puzzle, leave a puzzle, or both! We ask that all puzzles have all the pieces. Please make sure that puzzles are in good condition to allow solvers to easily fit them together.

Tiny Tales for February meets on Monday, February 6 and Monday, February 20. Songs, stories, playtime, and bubbles. Ages birth through age 2. **Begins at 10 AM**



PreSchool Pals will meet on Wednesday, February 1st ("Let's Get the Mail!") and Monday, February 13 ("Valentines"). You will need to bring a paint shirt for the Valentines program. Registration is required. Classes are currently full but there is a wait list available. Ages 2 through 5 – class begins at 10:30 AM

If you haven't tried our **card making classes** with Bert Cressler, you are really missing out! These classes are really a lot of fun. All the pieces are pre-cut and the glues and tapes are quite easy to work with. The **February 2 evening class will be making Valentine cards** and the **February 13 morning class will be making all occasion cards.** You'll make **three cards** for a \$5.00 materials cost - \$1.00 of which will be donated to the library. Date is **Thursday, February 2, at 6 PM (Valentines) and Monday, February 13, at 11 AM (all occasion)**



Snapology

Thanks to the generosity of D.H. Funk, **Snapology** programs will continue throughout 2023. There will be one program each month February through May. **February's program is for ages 7 through 12 years old and will feature an Escape Room!**

In the Escape Snapology program, teammates will have 60 minutes to examine clues, solve puzzles, answer riddles, and decode secret messages in order to complete the task of unlocking the secrets to Escape Snapology! The team that finishes fastest is given ultimate bragging rights... until their record is broken by a new team! Learners will play a variety of games that will take them into exciting fantasy places while requiring them to utilize their budding STEAM skills to finish.



Event is held on Wednesday, February 15, at 10:30 AM and does require online registration. Visit our Calendar page for the link to sign up. Limit of 15 students.



On March 1st at 10:30 AM, staff from the Flour Child will lead our homeschoolers in a program called "Hey, Cupcake". The children will learn what it is like to have a job in the pastry arts field while making some delicious treats. Due to supplies, there is a strict limit of 15 children – ages 5 through 12. Register at info@columbiapubliclibrary.org.

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. Phone number is 684-2255 and web address is columbiapubliclibrary.org. Find us on Facebook! Please stop by and visit often!