

Columbia Public Library Newsletter – March 2012

We have certainly been fortunate to have such a mild winter this year....no one seems to be complaining except the skiers! Celebrate Spring with these new March releases at your library:

Guilty Wives by James Patterson

Stay Close by Harlan Coben

The Thief by Clive Cussler

Betrayal by Danielle Steel

Force of Nature by C. J. Box

Cinnamon Roll Murder by Joanne Fluke

The Heart's Frontier by Lori Copeland

Loving (final title of the Bailey Flanagan series) by Karen Kingsbury



March means the return of our Community Programs for homeschoolers, teens, and adults the second Thursday of each month. We kick off March 8 with Mr. Frank Harvey who will be discussing “Native American/Indian Cultures in the Columbia Area”. This is sure to be an interesting program with plenty of artifacts and visuals. A thank you goes out to Christopher Vera, president of the Columbia Historical Preservation Society, for his recommendation of Mr. Harvey. The program will begin at 11 AM on Thursday, March 8. Light refreshments will be served.



People who know me are well aware of my love for animals...especially dogs and cats. In February I had the pleasure of making friends with “Benny”, who is certified as both a Reading Education Assistance Dog and also a Pet Therapy Dog. Benny and his owner Kelly Skiptunas joined Mrs. Gail Troutman’s class for their biweekly story time on February 2nd. Folks from Partners Achieving Independence also joined in the fun. I read “W Is for Woof” with assistance from Rocky and we put

Benny right to sleep. Children are often less intimidated when reading aloud to a dog (or cat) rather than to an adult, because they can read at their own pace and not become frustrated by mistakes. In addition to providing reading therapy, Benny also visits hospital patients on a regular basis. He is certified by the Reading Education Assistance Dogs team, Therapy Dogs Incorporated and is an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen. Benny will be joining us again on Thursday, March 1, at 11 AM. Homeschoolers, pre-schoolers, and adults of all ages are welcome to come and meet Benny.

Friday, March 2, is the birthday of beloved children’s author Dr. Seuss. In honor of the event, I will be sharing some Doctor Seuss stories that morning at Our Lady of the Angels primary building.



Our Family Film nights for March feature both new DVD releases, along with some old favorites:

Wednesday, March 7: "The Smurfs" (2011)

Wednesday, March 14: "The Magical Legend of the Leprechauns"

Wednesday, March 21: "Kung Fu Panda 2"

Wednesday, March 28: "Puss In Boots" (2011)

All Family Films begin at 6 PM.



Mrs. Coni Haas' story times for March focus on a variety of topics:

Monday, March 5: "Fun at the Circus"

Monday, March 12: "It's Easy Being Green"

Monday, March 19: "Blowin' In the Wind"

Monday, March 26: "Cars and Trucks and Things That Go"

A reminder: we are really trying to increase our story time attendance! Please let us know what days of the week and times of day work best for you.....call 684-2255, e-mail lgreybill@columbialib.pa.us, or visit the library's Facebook page.

A special story time will be held on Saturday, March 17 at 10 AM. Titled "Reading to the End of the Rainbow", it will be conducted by the Education Club of Elizabethtown College. This group of education majors specializes in giving one on one attention to your child(ren). For this reason, pre-registration is requested, as group size is limited to 20 children. Grades K – 4 are welcome. Come out and enjoy St Patrick's Day themed stories and crafts with a very enthusiastic group of young people!

Children and teens are encouraged to check out Ms. Kristy's "Question of the Month" at the entrance to the Children's Room. Answers to the questions can be found on posters throughout the library. The first five correct answers each month win a small prize. One entry per person per month, please.



Mr. Samuel Edmond continues his online tax filing assistance throughout the month of March. We have all the forms you may need right here at the library – and we can download any specialized state or federal forms that you may need. Sam does request that you make an appointment for your tax prep – call 406-8143 or email

sedmond@columbia.lib.pa.us. Sam also offers a wide variety of computer training sessions from beginners to experts. His instruction

is usually on a one-to-one basis and is tailored to individual needs. I can personally attest that Sam is a terrific teacher who makes computer applications very easy to understand! Contact Sam at the above number or email if you are interested in computer lessons.

Speaking of computers, we are trying a new fundraiser that will meet a need that many folks have. When preparing applications, resumes, and other important documents it is important to save a copy. Since our public computers cannot save to hard drive (and desktop saves disappear when the



patron logs off), a flash drive is invaluable to keep your documents and data safe. We now offer flash drives that can be worn around the wrist (with our library's name and phone number) that can be unfastened and plugged into a USB port on any public computer county-wide. Cost is \$15.00, with the proceeds benefitting our library.

A big "thank you" from all of us at the library and the Columbia Food bank for all donations of nonperishable food and winter wear. Thank you for helping your neighbors!

An early reminder: We will be closed on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7 for Easter break.

The Columbia Public Library is 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.columbia.lib.pa.us. Find us on Facebook! Please stop by and visit often!