

## Columbia Public Library Newsletter – April 2012

Everyone is glad for warm weather and sunshine at last! Celebrate Spring with these new April releases at your library:

What Doesn't Kill You by Iris Johansen

Come Home by Lisa Scottoline

The Innocent by David Baldacci

The Lost Years by Mary Higgins Clark

Calico Joe by John Grisham

The Witness by Nora Roberts

Gypped: a Regan Reilly Mystery by Carol Higgins Clark

Unnatural Acts (Stone Barrington) by Stuart Woods

The Big Cat Nap by Rita Mae Brown



A preview of our costume characters coming this summer will be “Ladybug Girl” on Monday, April 9. Based on the books by Jacky Davis and David Sonan, the Ladybug Girl will meet and greet the children in the park at 3 PM as school is dismissed. Come inside to the Children’s Room to hear Miss Coni read stories from the Ladybug Girl series.

Our Community Program for the month of April features a familiar face: Mayor Leo Lutz. Mayor Lutz will be giving us our annual Community Update...see what is in store for our town in the months ahead. The program will begin at 11 AM on Thursday, April 12. Light refreshments will be served.



“Benny”, our Reading Education Assistance Dog and his owner Kelly Skiptunas will be joining us again on Thursday, April 12, at 1:30 PM. Mrs. Marie Williams’ first grade class will be enjoying “Carl” stories (“Carl” is a well-known Rottweiler character in the books by Alexandra Day) while getting to meet Benny. Benny is competing for two awards for his community service work: the Seger Medallion and the Anvil TRUE award. We certainly wish him the best of luck!



We will be honoring our hard-working volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation Night on Friday, April 20. Without our volunteers, our library would be “up the creek”. Be sure to thank our volunteers when you see them: Janice Anderson, Mary Ellen Donat, Gregg Dubbs, Brenda Paxson, Coni Haas, Nevin Khalil, Sharon Negron, David Donnan, Kristy Romberger, Chelsey Buckta, Marilyn Ngo, and Ileen Smith. Our library could not function without you!

The Columbia Public Library is offering a Highmark/Blue Shield Medicare Solutions Seminar on Thursday, April 26, from 10 AM to 12:30 PM. Topics of discussion include Medicare Advantage products such as FreedomBlue PPO, Medigap and Prescription Drug products (BlueRx PDP). This seminar is especially beneficial to those who are new

to the Medicare process. There is no charge. Please call 1-800-350-4135 to register. Please do not call the library.

The end of April means Earth Day celebration at Sahd's Salvage. I will once again be reading stories on Saturday, April 28, between 9 AM and 1 PM, as part of the "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" passport stations. Earn a free Rita's Ice! Meet Lisa Landis as she brings WJTL's Kids Cookie Break live to the site. This event is NOT at the library....it will be held at Sahd's Salvage Center, across from Smith's Hotel.



#### Our Family Film nights for April:

Wednesday, April 4: "Here Comes Peter Cottontail"  
Wednesday, April 11: "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked"  
Wednesday, April 18: "Scooby Doo Goes Hollywood"  
Wednesday, April 25: "The Sandlot"  
All Family Films begin at 6 PM.



#### Mrs. Coni Haas' story times for April:

Monday, April 2: "Easter's On Its Way"  
Monday, April 9: "Ladybug Girl" – held at 3 PM!  
Monday, April 16: "Everything's Just Ducky"  
Monday, April 23: "Bears and Bears and Bears – Oh, My!"  
Monday, April 30: "Stop Snoring, Bernard"  
(2012 One Book Every Young Child selection)



We welcome our new storyteller Miss Becky Wright! Becky is a HACC student majoring in elementary education. She will be beginning stories and crafts on **Saturday, May 5, at 10 AM**. She will also be providing a Summer Storytime on Fridays at 11 AM beginning June 15 through August 17. We appreciate Becky's willingness to help us out; hopefully the experience will help her in preparing for her career! Stay tuned for more possible additions of children's programs...

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 April 18. 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](mailto: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 reminder: We will be closed on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7 for Easter break. Happy Easter!

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.columbia.lib.pa.us](http://www.columbia.lib.pa.us). Find us on Facebook! Please stop by and visit often!