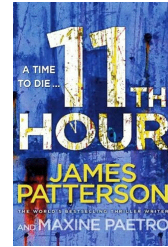


Columbia Public Library Newsletter – May 2012

The birds are singing, the grass is growing, the flowers are blooming.....and lots of happenings for all ages are going on at the Columbia Public Library!

Some of our new books arriving in the month of May:

The Last Boyfriend by Nora Roberts (Boonesboro Trilogy)
Linspired: the Remarkable Rise of Jeremy Lin by Mike Yorkey
Through My Eyes by Tim Tebow
The Road To Grace by Richard Paul Evans
The 11th Hour (Women's Murder Club) by James Patterson
Stolen Prey by John Sandford
The Storm by Clive Cussler
Robert B. Parker's Lullaby by Ace Atkins
Breaking News by Fern Michaels



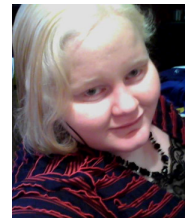
We are excited to welcome TWO new children's storytellers: Mrs. Susan Kalas and Miss Becky Wright!

Susan Kalas is recently retired from the Somerset County Library System in New Jersey. She worked at the Bridgewater Library as programming coordinator and the North Plainfield Library as library assistant for storytelling/arts and crafts. Since moving to Lancaster, Susan would like to continue her storytelling and craft expertise on a few hours a week basis in order to allow her to enjoy the relaxation and travel that comes with retirement.



“Mrs. K” will be offering a Family Story Time and a You and Me craft time (child and adult caregiver) on alternating Mondays at 1 PM beginning May 7. May 7 will be a Mother's Day craft. May 14 will be a Family Story Time on the topic of gardening and planting and May 21 will be a Memorial Day craft. Susan will continue to offer alternating story times and craft times throughout our 2012 summer reading season. Dates and times may be adjusted depending on the needs of those attending.

Becky Wright is a freshman student at Harrisburg Area Community College majoring in Early Childhood Education. She graduated from Columbia High School in 2011. She is a Cadet Leader for a local girl scout troop, a member of the Columbia High School Drama Boosters, and an actress for the yearly Haunted Lantern Tour.



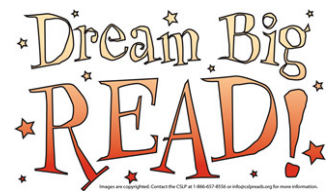
“Miss Becky” will begin her story and craft times on Saturday, May 5, at 10 AM. This date and time will continue for remaining May Saturdays. During Summer Reading, Becky's story and craft time will change to 11 AM every Friday beginning June 15.

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.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Turkey Hill Experience "National Library Week Bucks for Books". We received between 300 to 400 wonderful titles for children and adults! Some we will add to our collection, others will sell at our Book Nook and upcoming June book sales. Thank you for helping your local library – we hope you enjoy your Turkey Hill Experience bucks!



Everyone wants to know: when can we sign up for summer reading! Registration will begin on **Tuesday, June 5**. Flyers are being distributed at Park and Taylor Elementaries, Our Lady of the Angels, and Columbia Head Start. If you are a homeschooler or did not receive a flyer at school, there are extras which can be picked up at the library. There are three levels of participation: preschool read alouds (ages 1 to 5), elementary (ages 6 to 12), and teen readers (ages 13-19). Summer Reading programs will "officially" begin on Tuesday, June 12th with the "Stella Luna" costume character visit at 10 AM. Detailed information on each month's programs will be available in June, July, and August library corners – or call 684-2255 or visit www.columbia.lib.pa.us. Pre-Registration is NOT necessary for Columbia Summer Reading programs.



All Summer Reading programs held at the Columbia Library will be attached to your child's registration sheet. Columbia Summer Reading programs are held Tuesday mornings and some Monday mornings at 10:00 – there will also be one Thursday program this year on August 23 (this will be our end-of-summer party). We will continue to meet at the library and walk over to the school together at 10 AM or you can meet us at the playground at the back of Park School. Booklets listing programs at ALL county libraries will be available by mid-May. Stop by the library to pick up a copy.

It would not be May without the "Book Bloom" at Columbia High School. Renee Christiansen (youth services manager for the county library system), Joe Miller of the Comic Book Store, and I will once again be participating. This is an opportunity to sign up for Teen Summer Reading. Prizes for hours spent reading include a bowling coupon, Isaac's coupon, Rita's Ice coupon, Lancaster Ice Rink coupon, and passes for a Barnstormers game, the Laserdome, and the PA Renaissance Faire. Teen summer reading forms will be available both at the Library and at this event. Students from grades 7 to 12 are invited to swap books, receive one free book as a special gift, mingle with family and friends, and, of course, eat! This popular event is free to all teens attending CHS. Date is Thursday, May 31, at 7 PM. Special thanks to Mrs. Kelly Santoro for all of her hard work in arranging this important reading promotion.



Topics and Titles for May Story Times and Movie Nights:

Stories and Crafts with Miss Becky (Saturday mornings at 10)

May 5: “The Crayon Box That Talked” – with activities using crayons!

May 12: “Brown Bear, Brown Bear / Corduroy” –enjoy these classic bear stories and make a paper bag puppet of a bear!

May 19: “It’s National Police Week” – will feature stories about police officers and a visit from Columbia Borough police officers!

May 26: we are closed for Memorial Day

Stories and Crafts with Miss Susan (Mondays at 1 PM)



May 7: a craft for Mother’s Day

May 14: Story Time – “Muncha Muncha Muncha – Gardening is Fun!”

May 21: A craft for Memorial Day

May 28: Library closed for Memorial Day

Family Film Nights (Wednesdays at 6 PM)

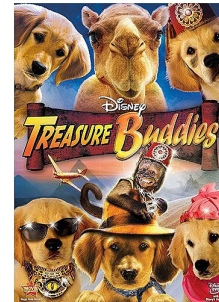
May 2: “Kung Fu Panda 2” (postponed from earlier date)

May 9: “The Muppets”

May 16: “The Rookie”

May 23: “Treasure Buddies”

May 30: “Dolphin Tale”



Our Community Program for the month of May features Randolph Harris and the topic “Columbia and the Underground Railroad”. See how our town was directly involved in this important part of history. Starting time is 11 AM on Thursday, May 10.

If you are about to turn 65, you will soon be eligible for Medicare! This health benefit can be quite confusing to say the least, so the Sterling Life Insurance Company would like to help. They are offering a free information session on Tuesday, May 22 at 10 AM. The session will be held in the Columbia Library conference room. Titled “Medicare Basics: Turning 65 – What Do I Do Now?” answers your questions in a clear, straight-forward manner. It explains Medicare coverage for hospital and medical office visits and for prescription drugs, the types of plans available, and which plan an individual should choose. Sterling is not affiliated with any health care providers and there will be no sale pitch...this is strictly informational. Call _____ to reserve your spot.

A reminder: we are closed Saturday, May 26 and Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day. The Columbia Memorial Day Parade will be held on Sunday, May 27, beginning at 2:30 – starting from Manor Street and finishing at Mount Bethel Cemetery. The Memorial Service will be held also on Sunday, May 27 at 1 PM at the gazebo in Locust Street Park. The Bainbridge Band will be featured at the memorial service. Have a safe and happy holiday weekend!



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!