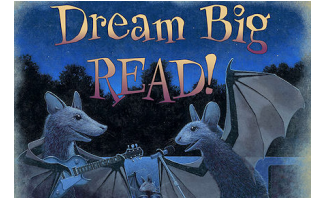


## Columbia Public Library Newsletter – September 2012

September means back to school and also the end of our summer reading program. We easily surpassed last years statistics, with 171 children and teens finishing the program and receiving tickets to local family attractions. We would certainly like to thank all ticket sponsors: McDonald's, Rita's Ice, Auntie Anne's Pretzels, local bowling lanes, the Strasburg Railroad, Lancaster Barnstormers, Isaac's Deli, Dutch Wonderland, the Lancaster Ice Rink, the Laserdome, and the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. We also would like to thank all of our local professionals for coming out and sharing programs with the kids: Bill Kloidt and Susquehanna Bank, Frank Splain, Jr. and his Q.R.S. team, Susquehanna # 4 firefighters, and Officer Ed Mann and K-9 Max from the Columbia Borough Police Department. Special thanks to Nevin Khalil for her willingness to be our "costume performer" and posing for pics in VERY warm outfits this summer!



September also means our annual fund drive is upon us. State and county funding for public libraries remains low; forcing us to turn to our communities for help.



Last year's fund drive took much time and effort...and a lot was spent on postage costs. This year, we have turned to Frank Splain, Jr. and his Municipal Marketing services to produce a professional quality product at actually a LOWER price than we spent last year. For more information, go to <http://www.funddrive.com/main.htm> or enter "municipal marketing services" on Facebook. We always strive to spend our funding wisely.

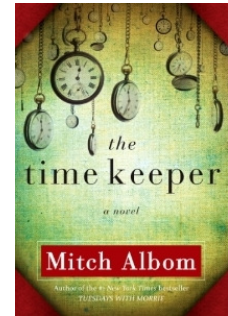
Look for your mailing to arrive within the next month or so...and please support us as generously as you can. Of course, we also appreciate those who donate books for our book sale and collection; as well as those who give many hours volunteering. Special thanks and kudos to the following:

- Paul and Sam Daugherty, for their gift of a Saturn 95 laminator. We are now able to provide laminating services for the public: at a cost of 50 cents for a wallet-sized card and \$1.00 for a letter sized page.
- Pennsylvania Power and Light for a VERY generous cash donation, as well as county-wide publicity through our participation in their E-power program. This program saves us nearly \$1800 per year in electricity costs. Special thanks to John Nitroy for setting this up and to Wilco Electric for their installation of our replacement lighting.
- BPOE Elks #1074, for their exceptionally generous cash gift!

As many of our regular patrons know, we are replacing all ten of our public computers by the end of this year...resulting in much higher speeds and fewer "restarts". We also are continuing our remodeling project in our conference room and are looking for ways to expand space while maintaining the colonial charm of our building's structure. All of this takes money and we certainly appreciate each and every gift – whether it be big or small.

Enough on that topic. Here are some of the new titles to look forward to in September

Zoo by James Patterson  
Low Pressure by Sandra Brown  
Severe Clear: a Stone Barrington novel by Stuart Woods  
A Wanted Man: a Jack Reacher novel by Lee Child  
Winter of the World (the Century Trilogy # 2) by Ken Follett  
Delusion in Death by J. D. Robb  
Robert B. Parker's Fool Me Twice by Michael Brandman  
Tiger's Claw by Dale Brown  
Hiss and Hers: an Agatha Raisin Mystery by M. C. Beaton  
The Time keeper by Mitch Albom  
The Tombs (a Fargo Adventure) by Clive Cussler

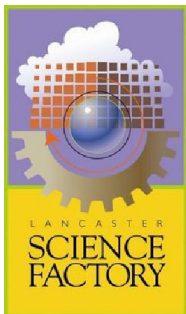


Since Becky Wright has returned to college, we were once again in need of a Saturday morning story teller. We found a great one in Emily Tomasetti.

Emily Tomasetti is a homeschooling mom of five. She grew up in California as the daughter of two teachers and the granddaughter of a reference librarian – resulting in a lifetime love of reading and learning! Emily graduated from Northern Arizona University with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education. Emily is looking forward to introducing three different authors in September and exploring the different art mediums used to create their work.

Emily's story topics for September are:

Saturday, September 8, at 10 AM – Meet Eric Carle  
 Saturday, September 15, at 10 AM – Meet Margaret Wise Brown  
 Saturday, September 22, at 10 AM – special science program for ages 6 to 12. See below!  
 Saturday, September 29, at 10 AM – Meet Patricia Polacco



The special program for Saturday, September 22, at 10 AM is a Simple Machines workshop. Children will use hands on activities and construction kits to create levers, lift weights, and exercise their creativity in solving problems. All budding engineers must be 6 to 12 years old. The program will be led by Lauren Schaller, education coordinator at the Lancaster Science Factory. The Lancaster Science Factory is our newest Museum Pass partner – I had the opportunity to visit on August 14. It's a great way to have some family fun with no charge using our Museum Pass!

Just because we have Emily now does not mean Susan Kalas is leaving us! She loves being here and will be returning from her vacation by September 17. Her story and craft times for September are:

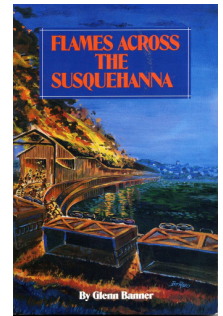
Monday, Sept 17, at 1 PM: Fall into Autumn. Read books about fall and make a fall "wreath".  
 Monday, Sept. 24, at 1 PM: Apple Pickin' Time! Celebrate Johnny Appleseed and make Apple prints.

For adults, we have three special programs this month:

- If you're looking for a job: Tuesday, September 4, at 2 PM - Career Link will be sponsoring a 45 minute Power Point presentation highlighting the services they offer both unemployed and *underemployed* (working but not earning enough to live on) persons. This program also will provide information about the Job Fair being held at Liberty Place on September 12 from 10 to 2 PM.. The Job Fair will feature "Ready to Work" employers. Ready to Work is a program run by Career Link to teach necessary job skills. Upon completion of the program, a candidate will be more likely to be hired by a Ready to Work employer. Participants include: Anvil International, Hollywood Casino, Turkey Hill (both the dairy and minute markets), Lancaster Convention Center, Lancaster General Health, FedEx, and Home Instead Senior Care.



- If you're a history buff: On Thursday, September 6, Mr. Glenn Banner will present a slide show entitled "Burning of the Bridge". Mr. Banner is best known as the author of "Flames Across the Susquehanna" – the narrative of the burning of the mile long bridge connecting Lancaster and York counties. A retired teacher and sports coach, Mr. Banner emphasizes the importance of this little known historical event - which saved the city of Harrisburg and brought about the famous battle of Gettysburg. The program will last 90 minutes and light refreshments will be provided.



- Another program for history buffs is held on Thursday, September 13, at 11 AM. "The Civil War Sesquicentennial at the River Towns" will be presented by Dr. Claire Storm. Next year will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg – and also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the burning of the bridge – which was presented in the program by Mr. Banner on September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Columbia Historical

Preservation Society and Rivertownes are planning many activities to celebrate and remember – this program allows you to catch a sneak peek of what's in store. Again, light refreshments will be provided.

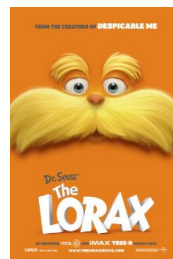
Family Movie Nights at 6 PM every Wednesday:

September 5: "The Lorax" (2012 version)

September 12: "Mulan"

September 19: "Cool Runnings"

September 26: "Treasure Planet"



The Columbia Public Library will be closed on

Saturday, September 3 for Labor Day. Our school year Saturday hours resume on Saturday, September 8 from 9 AM to 4 PM.

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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!