



Charles Dicken’s home, Gad’s Hill Place near Rochester, Kent, England, had a secret door in the study painted to look like a bookcase. The fake books included titles such as “The Life of a Cat” in 9 volumes.

Libraries & Ideas

This article was written by Young Adult Librarian Rachelle McPhillips, and will be printed in the January 16th edition of the Columbus Telegram.

Film adaptations of young adult novels like Harry Potter, The Twilight Saga, and The Hunger Games have enjoyed success in recent years. Without fail, a movie will be compared to the book and it is important it hit the right notes with an audience so that it brings an emotional connection to the theater. Grasp this opportunity to fall in love with a book before you fall in love (or don’t) with the movie. Stop in today to pick up one of these tales about and for young adults that will make the leap from page to screen in 2016.

Rick Yancey’s, “The 5th Wave” is first out of the gates this year, hitting theaters on January 22. Yancey is a master storyteller. In this novel, an alien invasion has left few survivors. The aliens themselves aren’t here either. Instead, they sent waves of destruction to the Earth. The story is told from two points of view: Cassie, a girl who is on a mission to save her brother, and her classmate Ben who is a trained alien killer. This novel has broad appeal for fans of science fiction, horror, and action. The non-stop action makes this a good pick for a movie adaptation.

The successful formula for print-to-screen for young adult trilogies seems to be making not three movies, but four. Veronica Roth’s “Divergent” series is sticking to the strategy with the release of “Allegiant” in March. The third book

in the series follows Tris and Four outside the walls of the only world they have ever known. What else can be said about a final book in a trilogy without spoilers? Just this: a bunch of stuff happens! This is another example of a story that has broad appeal. Teens love it; adults love it. There is action, suspense, drama, and just enough romance to hook a variety of readers – and viewers. The fourth movie, “Ascendant,” is scheduled to wrap up the story in June 2017.

Patrick Ness is a talented author of young adult novels that have earned a host of starred reviews. His novel, “A Monster Calls” features a boy who is bullied at school, is dealing with his mother’s serious illness, and is plagued by a recurring nightmare. A monster comes to him to tell him three stories and expects to hear a fourth in return. A different kind of story amongst the current dystopic landscape of young adult fiction, this poignant story should make a beautiful movie. Liam Neeson stars as the monster and Sigourney Weaver is cast as the boy’s grandmother. Still, given Ness’s skill for putting words together on a page, this book is not one to skip in lieu of the film.

Other young adult books that are hopping into theaters this year include Ransom Riggs “Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children,” “Let It Snow” by John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle, and “Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them” by J.K. Rowling writing as Newt Scamander. For more information about young adult books or services at Columbus Public Library, stop by the Teen Space or call Rachelle at 402-562-4201.



Calendar Connection

Healthy Lifestyle Class
January 23rd Saturday
at 2:00 pm
Library Auditorium



To help start the new year right, we will be bringing in registered nurse Joan Plummer to help us learn how to live a healthy lifestyle. Joan is a wonderful motivator, licensed dietician, and diabetes educator. If you need that extra encouragement and knowledge to help you on your way to a better, healthier lifestyle, then this is the class for you. Healthy treats will also be provided. If you have some healthy snack tips of your own please share them with us! The class is free and no pre-registration is required.



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The cold temperatures haven't kept children from enjoying the programs and activities in the Children's Room these last two weeks. With all of our regular programming starting back up, we are expecting the events to be just as popular as in previous years. Check out the calendar below for the dates of our upcoming events. Also, for kids participating in our

Word Warriors program, we will have another book raffle on January 27th, so keep reading and entering your tickets!

Story Time

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

January 21st– Colors

Story ART

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

January 28th– Eating/Sharing

Monday Night Book Adventures

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

January 25th– Dogs

There will be stories about dogs, crafts, and yummy bedtime snacks!

The Teen Space was very quiet over Christmas break, but since school resumed last week, it has quickly become the bustling area it usually is in the afternoons. Check out the fun events planned for the rest of January. Events are free for patrons in grades 6-12.

January 20th– Garage Band

Sing, play the keyboard or guitar, and mix your own music!

January 27th– Old School Gaming

Checkers, Chess, Monopoly, and more!

Your Columbus Public Library

New Releases

There have been many great books added to our catalog recently. To place a hold on any of the titles listed below, or another book, please call the library at 402-564-7116.

The Guilty– David Baldacci

The Bazaar of Bad Dreams– Stephen King

Friction– Sandra Brown

Shopaholic to the Rescue– Sophie Kinsella

The Crossing– Michael Connelly

Truly Madly Montana– Fiona Lowe

The Promise– Robert Crais

Heartsong Cottage– Emily March

Tricky Twenty-Two– Janet Evanovich

When Secrets Strike– Marta Perry

Playing with Fire– Tess Gerritsen

Cold Hearts– Sharon Sala

X– Sue Grafton

All the Stars in the Heavens– Adriana Trigiani

Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Edgar Allen Poe– January 19, 1809

Joseph Wambaugh– January 22, 1937

Virginia Woolf– January 25, 1882

Lewis Carroll– January 27, 1832

Brian Wood– January 29, 1972

