

## Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

### Antiques Appraised at Library

It's the beginning of the New Year and you just finished putting all your Christmas décor away. While you were up in the attic you decided to bite the bullet and organize the mess so you would be able to find your decorations easier next Christmas. You start moving boxes and sorting through all the treasures you've stored over the years. You even have things that were passed down to you from your grandpa and grandma. You find the box full of grandpa's dresser top items and pull out the ornate pocket watch that was stored in his old leather case. You rub your thumb over the train design etched on the front. You reminisce back to the stories your grandpa told you about working on the rail lines and the adventures he had on his routes. You think about how you would like to pass the pocket watch on to your kids to help them remember the stories of great grandpa. You're thinking you want to learn more about the watch and if it has any value.

You decide it's time to take a break and head back down to the kitchen for the newspaper and a cup of coffee. While reading the paper, you notice an article about the Columbus Library bringing in an antique appraiser. This really grabs your attention. You look closer to note the date and time: February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. You read that the appraiser's name is Tom Bassett. "Oh, I know that guy!" you think, "I've heard him on the radio! How neat is that: my library bringing in an experienced antique appraiser that I've enjoyed listening to!"

You wonder what other cool programs your library provides for adults. You write down the library's number – 402-564-7116 – so you can call and ask. You check the library website calendar at <http://www.columbusne.us> and click on the "view all" calendar bar. On the next page you scroll down to "Library Calendar" and are completely amazed with all the events happening at the library just for this month! You had no idea! You see that in January there was a Healthy Lifestyle class that you missed. Bummer! If you had only known you would have gone. Extra incentive to eat right could have been really helpful to your New Year's resolution.

You think, "I don't want to miss an opportunity like that again! If I had known ahead of time when the programs are, I could plan for them. I know, I'll go to Facebook and like Columbus Public Library! That way, when they post a new program, I will receive a notice on my Facebook page." You fold up the paper, put your coffee cup in the kitchen sink, and open your laptop to like the library.

After that's finished, you head back upstairs to continue organizing and sorting in the attic. After moving boxes and old furniture around you spot that old Victrola phonograph that your grandma loved. You completely forgot about that! You carefully pull the heavy wooden box out from under the eaves and see the horn tucked behind it. Oh, yes, and the little cylinder records in their cardboard tubes! What a find! Concerned that the set is too delicate to take to the library for Tom to appraise, you take a picture to show him instead. You are all set. You have the pocket watch, picture of the phonograph ready to go, and the date highlighted on the calendar. See you there!