



Hugh Lofting, the British children's author who created the character of Dr. Dolittle, reportedly told a critic that if his books were classified as "juveniles", then books written for older readers should be called "seniles".

Libraries & Ideas

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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 20th 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!





Friends of the
Columbus Public Library
Super Book Sale!
(Super Bowl weekend)

February 4-7

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm NO preview fee!

Fri. 9:30-5:00 pm

Sat. 10:00-5:00 pm

Sun. 1:30-5:00 pm (buck a bag sale)

Most hardbacks are \$1.

Paperbacks, young adult and
children's books are 25¢.

Pick up a reminder flyer at the desk!

Calendar Connection

Find more at www.columbusne.us/library



Kids have been busy creating all sorts of crafts these last few weeks in the Children's Room. We have seen snowmen made out of primary colors and shapes, cute kitty masks, and wild watercolor paintings. Mr. H has many more activities in mind. Check out the schedule below for the events planned for the first half of February.

Story Time

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

February 4th– Friendship

Story ART

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

February 11th– Valentine's Day

Monday Night Book Adventures

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

February 8th– Monsters

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

Super Sensational Saturdays

10:00 a.m.-Noon

February 6th

This program is geared toward children in Pre-K through 3rd Grade, but all ages are welcome. There will be 3-4 different art projects set up, with one being an edible craft.

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to hang out in the Teen Space to study and socialize after school. The Teen Space offers a diverse collection of books, technology, crafts, and games. Rachelle has acquired many new brain-teasers for young adults to try out and there are always robots, Little Bits, and MaKey MaKey to play with.

A graphic with the words "TEEN SPACE" in a bold, distressed, black font on a white background. The letters have a rough, hand-painted appearance.

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.

Sidney Sheldon's Reckless— Tilly Bagshawe

If You Only Knew— Kristan Higgins

The Secret Chord— Geraldine Brooks

Ashley Bell— Dean Koontz

Hester on the Run— Linda Byler

Rising Darkness— Nancy Mehl

The Man Who Fell From the Sky— Margaret Coel

What You See— Hank Phillippi Ryan

Undead and Unforgiven— MaryJanice Davidson

The Muralist— Barbara A. Shapiro

The Scottie Barked at Midnight— Kaitlyn Dunnett

A Pattern of Lies— Charles Todd

One Killer Force— Dalton Fury

A Refuge at Highland Hall— Carrie Turansky

Ghost to the Rescue— Carolyn Hart

Along the Infinite Sea— Beatriz Williams

Our monthly Tech Tuesday will be held on February 9th from 6-8 p.m. on the first floor of the East Wing. You are welcome to bring your own electronic devices or just explore the ones we have in the library for patrons to use. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions you have about our online resources, or to learn tips to better understand your own devices. Call 402-564-7116 for more information. Ask for Karen, Rachele, or Melissa.



TECH
Tuesday

Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

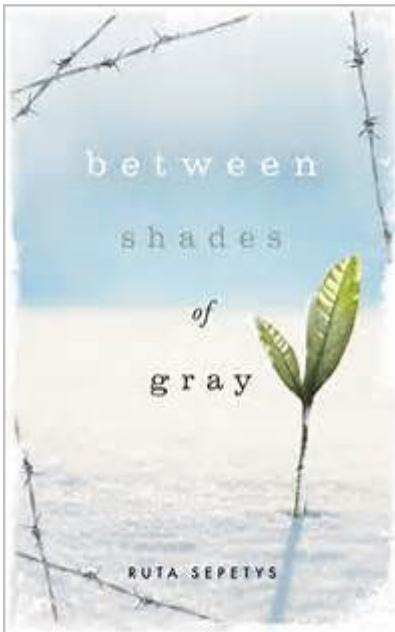
Langston Hughes– February 1, 1902

Jerry Spinelli– February 1, 1941

Laura Ingalls Wilder– February 7, 1867

Charles Dickens– February 7, 1812

Sidney Sheldon– February 11, 1917



Our CPL Book Discussion Group selection for February is “Between Shades of Gray” by Ruta Sepetys.

1941 – Fifteen-year-old Lina Vilkas is arrested by the Soviet secret police and deported to Siberia with her mother and younger brother. Lina fights for her life, vowing that if she survives she will honor her family, and the thousands like hers, by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Lina’s writings and drawings chronicle her fight for survival, her difficulty accepting help from a Soviet guard she’s supposed to hate, and her struggle to retain faith in mankind amidst the terror.

We will have our book discussion on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home– Edith Sitwell