



The actual color of St. Patrick is light blue. Green became associated with St. Patrick's Day during the 19th Century. Green, in Irish legends, was worn by fairies and immortals, and also by people to encourage their crops to grow.

## Libraries & Ideas

This article was written by our Customer Service Manager Kelli Keyes, and will be published in the March 5th edition of the Columbus Telegram.

The Columbus Public Library extends a big thank you to everyone that attended the Tom Bassett antique program. It was so awesome to see the huge turnout and support we received for this adult program! We had a count of 90+ people at the start of our program and more continued to come throughout the day. We had a wonderful time with Tom and will have to bring him back again someday.

I was curious about our programming numbers after the large attendance of our antique program and looked back at last year's numbers to see what they were. I was pleasantly surprised to realize that in 2015 we held 22 adult programs and that 2,115 people participated! And that number does not include the programming provided by the Friends of the Library. That tells me that people appreciate our programming efforts and would like us to continue providing programming opportunities. The Friends had a good showing for their Willa Cather speaker this last weekend, which provided two program opportunities in a row. Read further to see what's next!

Our next program is March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm on Saturday. We are having Dr. Michael Gutzmer PhD, naturalist and principal of New Century Environmental (NCE), and his associate biologist, David Jensen, come and talk to us about environmental awareness in the Great Plains and the Nebraska Crane Migration. Dr. Gutzmer will overview NCE and what they do, and David Jensen will discuss crane migration and biology. Refreshments will be provided so please bring your family and friends. This

program is a result of patron requests for a program covering crane migration. So if you have a suggestion for a class or speaker that you would like to see at the library, please let us know. We would love to hear from you.

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, the Friends of the Library are having a one day sale where they are giving us a last chance to get “everything” for a buck a bag. Everything meaning books, audio books, DVD’s, VHS’s, and art prints in the book sale room located in the basement of the Columbus Public Library. They will be raising the prices beginning with the August sale. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Columbus Public Library.

Also on the very same day as the book sale the library is participating with the Downtown Business Association for the Easter Egg Hunt at Frankfort Square. The library will be giving away 5 of the BIG Easter bunnies to the lucky winners that find a bunny coupon in their eggs. The Easter egg hunt for the 1 – 2 year olds will start at 12:30pm and the 3 year olds will start at 1:00pm, followed by 4 year olds then 5 year olds. There will be a photo booth on the stage for pictures with the Easter Bunny. There is a small fee for the pictures but you will receive them immediately after they are taken. In case of bad weather, Easter eggs will be handed out at Frankfort Square. Have fun while learning at your library!



## Calendar Connection

On Saturday, March 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, New Century Environmental will be here to share their knowledge about the annual migration of over 500,000 Sandhill cranes in Nebraska. They will also talk about other topics such as fish, wetlands, birds, climate change, and threatened and endangered species in our local environment. Refreshments will be provided so



bring your family and friends to this free and educational event.



Winter isn't quite over yet, so bring your child in out of the cold and enjoy some of our children's events this month. Mr. H has kept all of his popular programs alive with fun and engaging stories and crafts. The Children's Room is definitely full of happy smiles and eager minds. Check out what is in store for the first half of March.

### Story Time

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

March 3rd– Dr. Seuss

### Story ART

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

March 10th– Dads

### Monday Night Book Adventures

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

March 14th– Dinosaurs

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

### Super Sensational Saturdays

**10:00 a.m.-Noon**

March 5th

We will have coloring books for kids and adults, new crayons and colored pencils, and plenty of tasty snacks. Bring the kids for two hours of family fun!

## Calendar Connection

Find more at [www.columbusne.us/library](http://www.columbusne.us/library)



Students in grades 6-12 are invited to come up to the Teen Space every day after school. You can hang out with friends, use our quiet study space, do a craft, or use some technology. Snacks will be provided on March 2nd and 16th. Look below for new books arriving in March.

Seven Black Diamonds by Melissa Marr

Lady Midnight by Cassandra Clare

Yellow Brick War by Danielle Paige

### 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 First Order– Jeff Abbott

Orphan X– Gregg Hurwitz

New Leaf– Catherine Anderson

NYPD Red 4– James Patterson

Your Heart's Desire– Melody Carlson

Forty Thieves– Thomas Perry

Dukes Prefer Blondes– Loretta Chase

Beyond the Silence– Tracie Peterson

Star Wars: The Force Awakens– Alan Dean Foster

Even Dogs in the Wild– Ian Rankin

Warheart– Terry Goodkind

Written in Fire– Marcus Sakey

The Hidden– Heather Graham

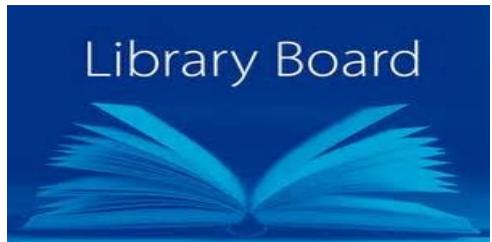
Blue: a novel– Danielle Steel

Undaunted Hope– Jody Hedlund

My Name is Lucy Barton– Elizabeth Strout

## Your Columbus Public Library

The Columbus Public Library Board is currently seeking another member. This position is open to either city or county residents. This is a very exciting time to be involved in the library and we are seeking enthusiastic, committed board members who care about the library and their community. Information about library board member responsibilities and an application can be picked up at the library's information desk, or call us at 402-564-7116. Further information can also be found by going to the city's web site at [www.columbusne.us/library](http://www.columbusne.us/library), then click on Library Board.



Our monthly Tech Tuesday will be held on March 8th 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, Rachelle, or Melissa.



## Connecting Readers & Writers

### Happy Birthday to these authors:

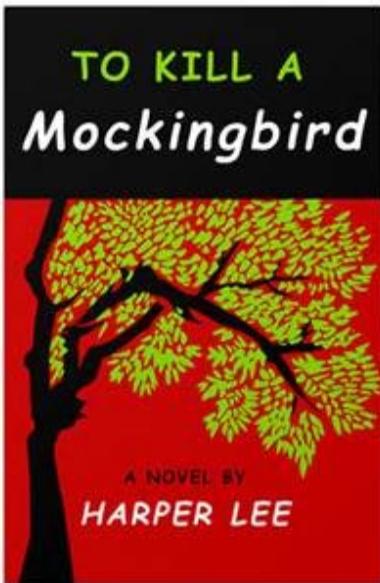
Dr. Seuss– March 2, 1904

John Irving– March 2, 1942

Dan Wells– March 4, 1977

Elizabeth Barrett Browning– March 6, 1806

Ridley Pearson– March 13, 1953



Our CPL Book Discussion Group selection for March is "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

The unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it, *To Kill A Mockingbird* became both an instant bestseller and a critical success when it was first published in 1960. It went on to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1961 and was later made into an Academy Award-winning film, also a classic. Compassionate, dramatic, and deeply moving, *To Kill A Mockingbird* takes readers to the roots of human behavior—to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humor and pathos.

We will have our book discussion on Thursday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m.

Imagine if we were all magical leprechauns, and every wish ever made on a four-leaf clover obliged us to help others obtain their wishes. Now imagine if people simply lived like this were true—  
Richelle E. Goodrich

