

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Programming Fun at CPL

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 5th at 2:00 pm on Saturday (That's today!!). 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 19th 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!