



Egyptians were believed to be the first ones to exchange eggs to symbolize the resurrection of Christ. This custom was later passed down to the early Christians.

Libraries & Ideas

This article was written by Friends of the Library member Melodee Pedersen, and was published in the March 12th edition of the Columbus Telegram.

Hopefully you have seen our publicity for the One Day Book Sale to be held on Saturday, March 19th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the book sale room, lower level of the library. This will be the last book sale where all items will be one dollar per bag for the entire day of the sale. Don't worry, though, prices in the future will still be incredible bargains!

We are offering this sale since we know many of you were unable to attend our last sale because of the large snowstorm in February. We want to give everyone one more chance to stock up on their favorite books before we need to minimally raise our prices for the August sale.

When the Friends of the Columbus Public Library took over the book sale several years ago, we had two goals: provide a service to the community and raise money for the library. The Friends of the Library have not raised prices on books since taking over the sale. In order to fulfill our second goal, and to keep our prices similar to other library sales in Nebraska, we feel it is appropriate to slightly raise our prices.

The current proposal is to change items that had previously sold for a quarter to fifty cents. That covers all paperbacks, children's books, and young adult books. Bags of

books will likely be sold for two dollars per bag on the last day of upcoming sales. Hardback books will remain one dollar.

We have a lot of wonderful books. About three thousand books have been divided into almost 50 categories to make it as easy as possible for you to shop! We have also added new books since our sale in early February. We have a particularly good selection of novels, Christian nonfiction, romance paperbacks, and large print books.

We appreciate more than we can say our regular volunteers who work year round to get the sale ready for our customers: Carol Goering, Rae Fulton, Jeanette Jackson, Wanda Rezac, Arlee Schaefer and Jeanine Trofholz. Their dedication and hard work benefits our entire community.

Whether you have volunteered during our sales, donated books or purchased books and other items from our sales, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you as well. With everyone playing their part, we have managed to raise thousands of dollars that have been reinvested in the library for the community's benefit.

One of the major ways the Friends support the library is by sponsoring additional programming. The Friends are bringing back one of our most popular speakers, Mike Floyd, at 2:00 p.m. on April 17th. Mr. Floyd grew up in Columbus and became a CIA agent. He has written two best-selling books. Columbus library patrons enjoyed his presentation on his first book, "Spy the Lie," and will also be riveted by the program on the 17th for his second book, "Get the Truth". The Friends look forward to seeing you at the book sale and at Mr. Floyd's presentation.



Calendar Connection

Between March 15th and May 15th, come in to the library to play Dash For the Stash! You can win \$1,000 to open an IRA or add to an existing one. All you have to do is read four posters to learn about investing. Then you scan the QR



codes to receive quiz questions. Answer all four questions correctly and you may be a winner! Come in to the library for details on this promotion from the Investor Protection Institute.

Egg Hunt **Saturday, March 19**

Age 1-2, 3, 4, 5-yr olds

1:00 pm

FRANKFORT SQUARE
Downtown Columbus

 **Candy-Filled Eggs**

 **Plush Bunny Prizes**
(cappan hidden inside egg)

Noon to 1:15 pm
 **Pictures with Easter Bunny**
(Small fee)

Photo Booth on stage
Pictures received immediately

Columbus
Downtown Business Association LLC



HORN starts each age group

1:00 pm Start for 3-year olds

followed by 4-yr olds than 5-yr olds

Start 12:30 for 1-2 year olds South Quadrant

In case of bad weather
Collect eggs in
Frankfort Square



Friends of the
Columbus Public Library



One Day Book Sale

Saturday, March 19th

10:00-5:00 pm

This is your last chance to get everything for a buck a bag! New items have been added. Prices will be raised beginning with the August sale.

Pick up a reminder flyer
at the circulation desk!

Calendar Connection

There is still time to give your input on what features you would like to see implemented in the new Library/Cultural Arts Center. We will have three upcoming meetings with representatives of Alley-Poyner Macchietto Architecture to help finalize the design of the building. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a very exciting time for the library and we would like you to be a part of it. The schedule of dates follows:

March 17th from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

March 25th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

April 12th from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

If you aren't able to attend any of these sessions, we would still love to hear your opinions about the current library's building and services, and your thoughts on the future library. Please take our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ColumbusPublicLibrary>. You can also access it at www.columbusne.us and click on Library, or you can fill out a paper survey. Just ask for one at the front desk.



Spring is near, so our children's programs for the last half of March will provide a welcome relief from winter. We will have a raffle for a new book on March 30th for those participating in our Word Warriors program so keep entering those tickets!

Story Time

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

March 17th— Grandpas and Grandmas

Story ART

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

March 24th— Rain, Puddles, and Mud

Monday Night Book Adventures

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

March 28th— Ducks

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



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Find more at www.columbusne.us/library

The Teen Space has something for you to enjoy every day! Students in grades 6-12 can hang out with friends, check out a book, use our quiet study space, do a craft, or use a computer or iPad. Check out what Rachelle has planned to bring the month of March to a close.

March 30th at 3:00 p.m.– Peep Art

Make some yummy spring art!

Look below for new books arriving in March.

Exit, Pursued by a Bear by Emily Kate Johnston

Wink Poppy Midnight by April Genevieve Tucholke

Hot Pterodactyl Boyfriend by Alan Cumyn

The Way I Used to Be by Amber Smith



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.

Cometh the Hour– Jeffrey Archer

From Bad to Worst– Maddy Hunter

Death of a Nurse– M.C. Beaton

The Dirt on Ninth Grave– Darynda Jones

The Swans of Fifth Avenue– Melanie Benjamin

Robert B. Parker's Blackjack– Robert Knott

The Wolves– Alex Berenson

A Girl's Guide to Moving On– Debbie Macomber

Good on Paper– Rachel Cantor

The High Mountains of Portugal– Yann Martel

Coconut Cowboy– Tim Dorsey

Feverborn– Karen Marie Moning

She's Not There– Joy Fielding

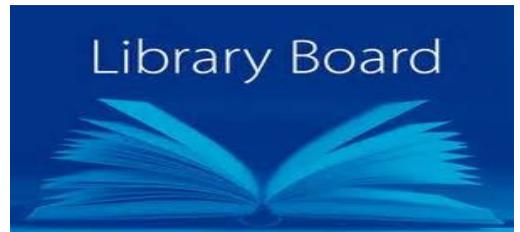
Another Way Home– Deborah Raney

Murder at the Courthouse– Ann H. Gabhart

Blood Kiss– J.R. Ward

Your Columbus Public Library

The Columbus Public Library Board is still seeking another member. This position is open to city residents. This is a very exciting time to be involved in the library and we are seeking an enthusiastic, committed board member who cares about the library and the 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 website at www.columbusne.us/library , then click on Library Board.



Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Alice Hoffman– March 16, 1952

Pearl S. Buck– March 17, 1882

Michele Jaffe– March 20, 1970

Louis L'Amour– March 22, 1908

Robert Frost– March 26, 1874

Erica Jong– March 26, 1942

