



The term “spring fever” refers to both psychological and physiological symptoms associated with the arrival of spring, including restlessness and daydreaming. While the exact cause is unclear, scientists believe that increased light, more exercise, and more bare skin influence hormone levels.

Libraries & Ideas

This article was written by our Reference Librarian Karen Connell, and was published in the March 26th edition of the Columbus Telegram.

Columbus Public Library is once again participating in DASH for the STASH, an investor education and protection program and contest taking place March 15-May 15, 2016. We encourage everyone to stop by the library and compete in the 2016 DASH for the STASH! One statewide winner will be chosen in a random drawing of eligible participants who logged the correct answer for all four posters. The winner will receive a \$1,000 contribution to an existing or new Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for 2016. The DASH for the STASH program is being launched by the Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance and the nonprofit Investor Protection Institute (IPI).

The DASH for the STASH contest is played much like a scavenger hunt. But instead of collecting objects, individuals collect information about saving and investing and leave answers to quiz questions. To enter the contest, you simply visit the Columbus Public Library, where a set of four investor education topic posters (and one rules poster) are displayed. Contestants read each poster and then access the quiz question for each poster.

We are very pleased to be involved in this novel way to make use of our facility as a way to help educate Nebraska investors. DASH for the STASH provides vital information to local citizens in an easy to understand format.

“DASH for the STASH is a great way to engage consumers, especially younger people, who have not yet started to pay attention to this critical part of their financial outlook,” said Don Blandin, president and CEO of the Investor Protection Institute. “Our goal is to lead individuals to venues, such as public libraries, where they can find reliable investor education and protection resources.”

The DASH for the STASH posters each have a QR code and a web link to a quiz that individuals will access to answer questions and participate in the contest. The posters cover four key topics: finding financial advisers, avoiding fraud, understanding investment fees, and building a nest egg. The easiest way to participate in the DASH for the STASH is to use a smartphone or mobile device to scan each poster’s QR code, but you also will be able to use a laptop or desktop computer in the library. If you don’t have time to take the quizzes during your visit to the library, you can write down the web links and visit each poster’s quiz webpage from home.

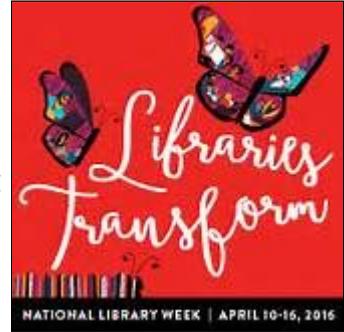
In addition to two sets of English language posters, Columbus Public Library also has two sets of posters in Spanish. Ask a staff member to help you find the posters and get started! While you’re visiting the library to participate in DASH for the STASH, check out some of our new financial education books or pick up federal tax forms and instruction booklets.

For more information about DASH for the STASH rules, go to http://www.iinvest.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/DASH-for-the-STASH_2016_Rules.pdf, or stop by the library.



Calendar Connection

April 10th-16th is National Library Week. This year's slogan is "Libraries Transform". First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians, and to promote library use and support. This year, we will have a "blind date with a book" display set up. The books will be wrapped in spring wrapping paper and have a brief description of the book on the front. This gives patrons an opportunity to read a book they might not normally have chosen on their own, yet fits a topic or genre they already are interested in. We will also be serving coffee and cookies on Friday, April 15th so stop in and help us celebrate!



There is always something fun going on in the Children's Room! Kids have recently decorated baseball caps with fabric paints for the dads in their lives, made handprint collages for their grandparents, and painted a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Mr. H has some more exciting programs coming up. Check out the schedule through the first half of April.

Story Time

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

March 31st– Loving Ourselves

Story ART

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

April 7th– Bugs/Spiders

Monday Night Book Adventures

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

April 11th– Things That Go

There will be stories about things that go, crafts, and yummy bedtime snacks!

Super Sensational Saturdays

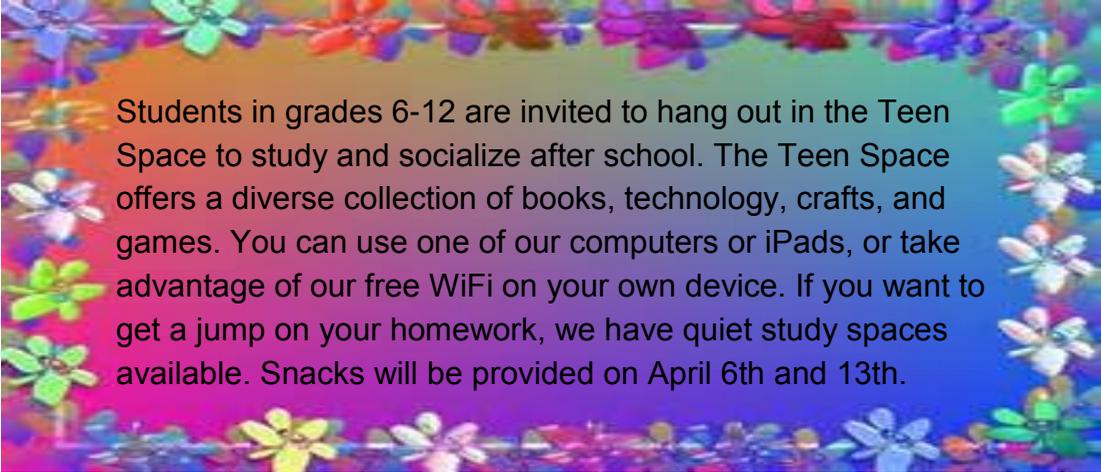
10:00 a.m.-Noon

April 2nd

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!

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Find more at www.columbusne.us/library



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. You can use one of our computers or iPads, or take advantage of our free WiFi on your own device. If you want to get a jump on your homework, we have quiet study spaces available. Snacks will be provided on April 6th and 13th.

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.

Led Astray: The Best of Kelley Armstrong

Huckleberry Hearts– Jennifer Beckstrand

City of Blades– Robert Jackson Bennett

The Ex: a novel– Alafair Burke

The Art of War– Stephen Coonts

Always Watching– Lynette Eason

Wedding Cake Murder– Joanne Fluke

Find Her– Lisa Gardner

The Photographer’s Wife– Suzanne Joinson

Breakdown– Jonathan Kellerman

The Children’s Home– Charles Lambert

Violent Crimes– Phillip Margolin

The Portable Veblen– Elizabeth McKenzie

Cold Shot– Dani Pettrey

Brotherhood in Death– J.D. Robb

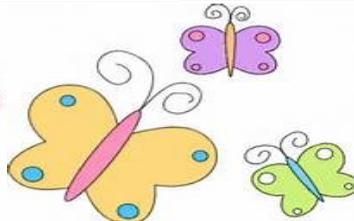
The Newsmakers– Lis Wiehl

Your Columbus Public Library

On Tuesday, April 12th at 12:30 p.m. in the Library Auditorium, we will have our last open public meeting with representatives from Alley-Poyner Macchietto Architecture. They will give a presentation on the final review of interior plans and the exterior design concept. This has been an exciting time for the library, and we have enjoyed expressing our thoughts on the design of the new building and listening to those of the public. If you have any last ideas or concerns you would like addressed, or are just curious about the progress so far, then join us on April 12th.



Our monthly Tech Tuesday will be held on April 12th 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:

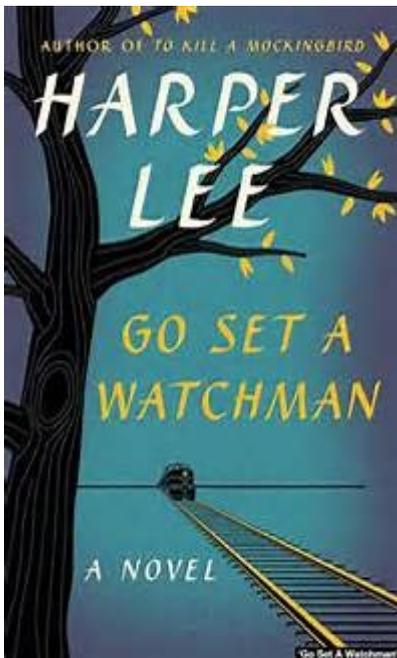
Anne McCaffrey– April 1, 1926

Jane Goodall– April 3, 1934

Robert Bloch– April 5, 1917

Paul Theroux– April 10, 1941

Beverly Cleary– April 12, 1916



Our CPL Book Discussion Group selection for April is “Go Set a Watchman” by Harper Lee.

Maycomb, Alabama. Twenty-six-year-old Jean Louise Finch--"Scout"--returns home from New York City to visit her aging father, Atticus. Set against the backdrop of the civil rights tensions and political turmoil that were transforming the South, Jean Louise's homecoming turns bittersweet when she learns disturbing truths about her close-knit family, the town and the people dearest to her. Memories from her childhood flood back, and her values and assumptions are thrown into doubt. Featuring many of the iconic characters from To Kill a Mockingbird, Go Set a Watchman perfectly captures a young woman, and a world, in a painful yet necessary transition out of the illusions of the past--a journey that can be guided only by one's conscience.

We will have our book discussion on Thursday, April 28th at 7:00 p.m.