



On July 19, 1910, the governor of Washington proclaimed the nation's first Father's Day. It was not until 1972, 58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official, that the day became a nationwide holiday.

## Libraries & Ideas

This article was written by Library Director Drew Brookhart, and was published in the June 4th edition of the Columbus Telegram.

Thank you to everyone in the Columbus Community who has supported the Library/Cultural Arts Center Project. The renewal of the .5% sales tax on May 10th was a big step forward for bringing a long standing dream into reality. It is powerful to know that over 65% of voters are in favor of continuing to fund community improvement projects with sales tax dollars. So what's next? During the month of June, we will be reviewing proposals submitted by construction management companies. In July, the City Council will be asked to approve a contract for construction management services and to provide staff with a notice to proceed. The construction manager and the architecture firm will work together to finalize the design. Together they will arrive at a guaranteed maximum price for the project. The Columbus Library Foundation continues to raise money for the project. There are still Quality of Life matching dollars available for the project and the community's financial support is still incredibly important. As the design is finalized, and a guaranteed maximum price is reached, voters will be asked to once again support the project. The vote will be a request for the public to authorize bonds. The sale of those bonds will generate money that will be combined with fundraising and grant dollars. Together these funding sources will allow our community to build a long-lasting, durable, and flexible public space. A facility that will be open to everyone, striving to offer something for

everyone, and standing as an example of what a hardworking, caring community is capable of building together.

A great number of individuals, families, and businesses have already contributed to the project financially. Their support helps not only the Library/Cultural Arts Center but all of the Quality of Life projects. Successfully reaching the Quality of Life matching grant goal of all four projects will result in additional funding for the YMCA/Wellness Center, East Central District Health Department, and Columbus Public Schools STEM Academy. Each of these projects is remarkable on its own. Together they are improving Columbus in the best way possible, by permanently making life better for every resident.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed financially and encourage others to join in the effort. Completing the Quality of Life effort will establish Columbus as an investment worthy community for generations to come. If you have questions about the project I invite you to attend a meeting of the Library Board to ask questions. The Library Board meets on the second Thursday of each month in the second floor conference room of the library at 4:30 pm. I am also happy to have a discussion individually. Again, thank you to everyone who has been working to make our community stronger.

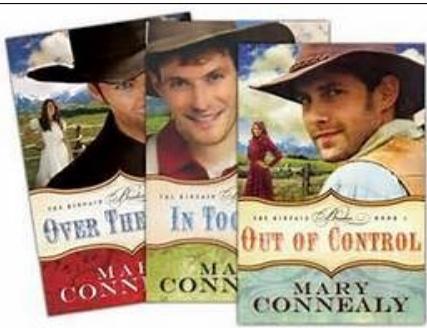


## Calendar Connection

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Come meet successful local author Mary Connealy this Saturday, June 18th at 2:00 PM in the Library Auditorium. Mary is a bestselling author of romantic comedy with cowboys. She is a Carol Award winner and a Rita, Christy, and IRCC Award Finalist. Since 2007, Mary has written 29 books, and has been either a contributor or solo author of 18 novella collections.

Mary will talk with us about how she got started writing and what she plans for future books and series. She will also answer questions from the audience. Afterwards, there will be a book sale and signing. If you are a fan of Mary and her books, then



this will be a great opportunity to meet her and get an autograph. If you have never read her books, but are interested, the library has most of her books and e-books for you to check out.

Make plans to come to the library Saturday to meet this wonderful lady!

Don't forget— our poetry contest is still going on! Write a poem and enter it by July 1st. You can either bring it into the library and give it to staff at the Customer Service Desk, or send it via e-mail to [library@columbusne.us](mailto:library@columbusne.us). We will award Amazon gift certificates to the first, second, and third place winners. The winning poem will also be published in the library newsletter. So, get to writing! We are looking forward to reading poems from all you creative people out there!



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### Teen Summer Reading:

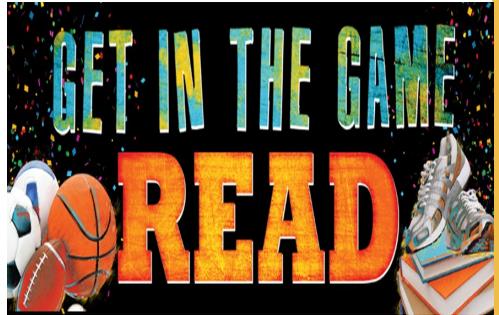
Anytime Activity June 20th-26th– Read-In

June 22nd at 1:00 p.m.– Wreck Your Journal

Receive your own copy of a creative twist on a classic journal- and then have fun wrecking it!

June 23rd at 2:00 p.m.– Tie-Dye T-Shirts

Bring your own clean, white T-shirt to decorate! Wear clothes that are okay to stain.



Anytime Activity June 27th-July 3rd– Scavenger Hunt

June 29th at 1:00 p.m.– Wii & Board Games

Choose from Checkers, Chess, Monopoly, Just Dance, Mario Kart & more

June 30th at 2:00 p.m.– Make Some Noise

Craft your own percussion instrument and then make music with special guest, Michael Fitzsimmons. Additional registration is required.



## Calendar Connection

**Children's Summer Reading:** Each week has its own theme

Have Fun, Be Fit @ Your Library:

June 20th at 10:30 a.m.– movie in the Auditorium

June 21st at 10:30 a.m. in Frankfort Square– YMCA Sports Clinic

June 22nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium– CPL Pit Crew (4th & 5th graders)

June 23rd at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.– Story Time

Stretch Your Knowledge @ Your Library:

June 27th at 10:30 a.m.– movie in the Auditorium

June 28th at 10:30 a.m. in Frankfort Square– Proper Stretching Techniques with Doug Peters, Physical Therapist

June 29th at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium– CPL Pit Crew (4th & 5th graders)

June 30th at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.– Story Time

**On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!**

## 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 People in the Castle– Joan Aiken

Traces of Guilt– Dee Henderson

Robert B. Parker’s Slow Burn– Ace Atkins

Sister Eve and the Blue Nun– Lynne Hinton

Only Beloved– Mary Balogh

Revenge– Lisa Jackson

Boar Island– Nevada Barr

A Buccaneer at Heart– Stephanie Laurens

Tall Tail– Rita Mae Brown

Hunt the Dragon– Don Mann

The Girl from Summer Hill– Jude Deveraux

The Last Ranch– Michael McGarrity

LaRose– Louise Erdrich

City of Secrets– Stewart O’Nan

Lost and Gone Forever– Alex Grecian

Nobody but You– Jill Shalvis

Heat and Light– Jennifer Haigh

Mothering Sunday– Graham Swift

The Second Life of Nick Mason– Steve Hamilton

The Art of Murder– Elaine Viets



## Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Joyce Carol Oates– June 16, 1938

Salman Rushdie– June 19, 1947

Octavia Butler– June 22, 1947

Ambrose Bierce– June 24, 1842

Ivan Doig– June 27, 1939



I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom- Umberto Eco



May all you wonderful

Dads enjoy a  
Happy Father's Day