

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Exercising Your Mind

We are at the midway point for our summer reading programming. Thank you all for the overwhelming support for our library and all the programs we have going. It is great to see and hear the fun and enthusiastic learning experienced by our library users. The adult summer reading motto this year is Exercise Your Mind: Read! That is what our participants are doing!

The adult program has surpassed its goal of 200 registrants. At midway we are at 237. This is the 3rd year of adult summer reading prizes and by all indications it's a big hit. Especially the chocolate prizes! The ten gift prize award winners for June have been drawn, so we are down to the last month of summer reading ticket opportunities. Make sure you turn in your reading tickets for an immediate prize and we will enter you in the ten July drawings and the grand prize drawing. Some lucky reader will win an android tablet for participating! The last day for tickets is July 30. That day will also be the end of the summer reading program for the adults' party of cookies and coffee.

On June 18, we were honored to have Mary Connealy come and visit. After her presentation, this successful author sold copies of her books and gave all proceeds to the library, as well as donating copies of her books that the library didn't carry. We were very grateful for the kindness and giving of this exceptional author.

Our entry for the poetry contest is closed. Several different judges will review the poetry that has been entered and the grand prize winner's poem will be published in the library newsletter for everyone to read. They will also receive a \$30 gift certificate to Amazon. Second place will receive a \$20 gift certificate and third place a \$10 gift certificate to Amazon. Next summer we will have a short story contest, so that's a heads up for some extra time to be inspired.

Our July 16th program, Saturday at 2 PM, is our crochet class, taught by some of our favorite retired school teachers. Bring your yarn and crochet hooks and learn some new stitches. Our wonderful teachers will be on hand to show us what they've made with crochet and then show us how they did it. The granny square is one requested stitch that will be taught. It helps if you have a basic understanding of crochet, can do the chain stitch and single crochet for learning these new stitches. Beginners are welcome and extra teachers will be on hand to get you started. Crochet hooks and yarn will be provided, but if you have your own, please bring them. If you have extra yarn to donate for the crochet classes, that would be appreciated also.

Have a fun and safe summer and remember to exercise your mind and read at Columbus Public Library!