

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Connell

### Celebrate Columbus Days with Columbus Public Library

Columbus Public Library's Summer Reading program has ended but do not despair! Soon our fall programming will begin. Super Sensational Saturdays, Monday Night Book Adventures, StoryTime, and StoryArt for children will start again in September and Saturday afternoon programs for adults will continue each month. Columbus Days is also just around the corner. Columbus Days takes place August 18-21 this year in downtown Columbus with the theme of "Let the Games Begin!" Kick off the event Thursday evening by stopping by the Friends' of the Columbus Library's book sale and then head to Frankfort Square for "Lawchairs on the Square" and the Columbus Farmers Market.

The Friends of the Columbus Public Library are having their book sale Thursday 6pm to 9pm, Friday 9:30am to 5pm, Saturday 10am to 5pm, and Sunday 1:30pm to 5pm. Adult hardcover books cost \$1 and paperback and kids' books are 50 cents. Sunday's bag sale returns at \$2 per bag.

Stop by the booths in Frankfort Square Saturday morning and meet members of the Columbus Public Library Foundation. Ask them all your burning questions about the proposed new library project and register to win a tablet donated by the Friends of the Columbus Public Library.

Sunday afternoon look for us in the Columbus Days Parade. Karen Hake, bookmobile librarian, will be driving the bookmobile through the parade route following volunteers pushing carts and handing out our traditional Tootsie Rolls.

Stop by the library during Columbus Days for a drink of ice cold water, or fill up your water bottle, with our new water fountain/water bottle refill station.

And don't forget to check out some books or movies to entertain yourself indoors or in the shade to take a break from the heat. We have plenty of DVDs and books that coincide with this year's Olympic themed Columbus Days. DVDs such as "The First Olympics," "Unbroken," "Miracle," "Dare to Dream," "Getting There," "Eddie the Eagle," and "Cool Runnings" which will be playing Friday at Dusk on the Frankfort Square Stage. We also have quite a few Olympic themed novels as well as biographies of Olympians like "Age is Just a Number" by Dara Torres, "No Limits" by Michael Phelps, and "Winning Balance" by Shawn Johnson.

Performances fill the square with music during Columbus Days, but if you're looking for some music to play while you run the YMCA C-Town 5K or while you're waiting for the parade to begin, download the Freegal Music app on your smartphone or tablet. You can stream 3 hours of music each day from playlists you create or Freegal Music created playlists. You can also download 5 songs of your choosing each week that are yours to keep. Freegal Music will also work with any web browser and songs can be transferred to an mp3 player.

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