

Author James Frazer, a British social anthropologist who wrote books on mythology and religion, had to move out of his room at Great Court, London because the floor was threatening to give way under the weight of his books.

## Libraries & Ideas

This article was written by Library Board Member Melodee Pedersen, and will be published in the August 13th edition of the Columbus Telegram.

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a book lover in possession of a good fortune, or any money at all, must be in want of a book. Ok, that might not be exactly how the opening line of "Pride and Prejudice" goes, but if you consider yourself a book lover, have we got a sale for you! The Friends of the Columbus Public Library are having a book sale during Columbus Days, August 18-21 in the lower level of the library. The sale will be open Thursday 6:00-9:00 pm and no preview fee will be charged. Friday hours are 9:30-5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00-5:00 pm, and Sunday 1:30-5:00 pm. All remaining items will be sold for \$2.00 per bag on Sunday. At these prices, it will be easy to stock up for winter. Most hard-backed books are \$1. Paperbacks, young adult and children's books are 50 cents. The sale also has DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs, books on CD and more.

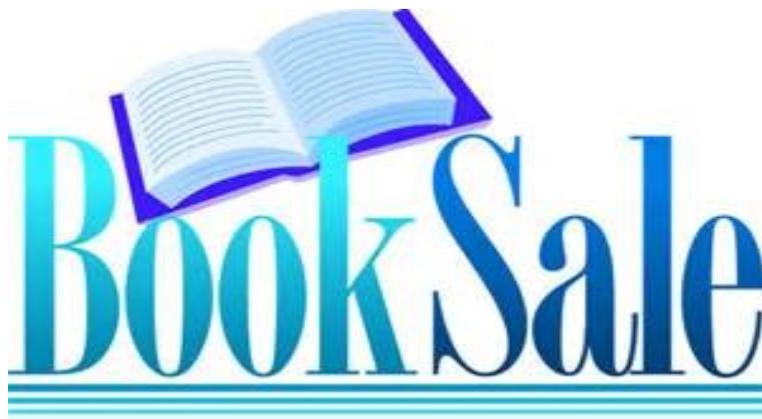
The volunteers who sort books into categories are constantly amazed by the wonderful donations we get. I thought I would share a small sampling of our selection for this particular sale. In our "Nebraska" section, which includes books about Nebraska or by Nebraska authors, some of our choices include classics by Willa Cather and Mari Sandoz, books about Husker sports, and the intriguing title "Not by the Sword" by Kathryn Watterson, about a Ku Klux Klansman living in Lincoln who was befriended by a Jewish couple.

There is just something special about old books, with their cloth covers and often gilt lettering. Our "Golden Oldies" are books generally at least 50 years old, but so many are still well worth a read or are just fun to display on a shelf. This time around we have "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale, "The Spirit of St. Louis" by Charles Lindbergh, and "The Jungle Book" by Rudyard Kipling, along with many others.

A newer category we have recently instituted is "Staff Picks", books that have caught the eye of our volunteers for one reason or other. Titles in this category really run the gamut. "The Baffle Book" by Lassiter Wren and Randle McKay has several short mysteries for you to solve, with questions to be answered after each story, an answer key and points to be won with your correct answers. "The Lady Nurse of Ward E" by Amanda Akin Stearns seems to be the actual diary of a nurse working at Armory Square Hospital in Washington, D. C. during the Civil War.

One category with a particularly good selection this time is our "Nearly New"; books published within the last 3 years. We have titles by John Grisham, Sue Grafton, David Baldacci, Jennifer Chiaverini, Lisa Scottoline and others. We even have "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins, which has spent 74 weeks and counting on the New York Times best seller list.

Don't forget to stop by the library tent during Columbus Days, see the plans for the new building and register to win a free tablet, provided by the Friends of the Columbus Public Library!



# Summer Reading Program A Huge Success!



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

Columbus Public Library and the Platte County Bookmobile kept people of all ages entertained during our 8-week Summer Reading Program. We had 1,287 total readers registered for chances to win prizes by reading books. (As of the publication of this newsletter, the Bookmobile numbers weren't in for total registrants).

The Children's Department reported the most participants with 918. Kids were treated to a movie and snack on Monday mornings. "Wreck-It Ralph", "Monsters University", and "Hercules" were a few of the featured films. There were various presentations and activities on Tuesdays. Omaha Children's Museum, Columbus Family YMCA, and Edgerton Explorit Center were a few of our awesome guest speakers. On Wednesdays, older kids met during our CPL Pit Crew, and on Thursdays, we had Story Time.

Wonderful people from our community gave their time to read numerous stories to the children.

Our Teen Department had 120 registered, with 59 individuals attending programs.

Total participation in all programs was 378. Teens had fun creating their own movies using stop-motion animation, playing Minute to Win It, and learning about animals with Wildlife Encounters. Young adults read an amazing total of 1,217 hours!

We had 249 adults signed up this summer. A crochet class and a visit by local author Mary Connealy were the entertaining offerings for adults.

Thank you to all who made this year's program a huge success!

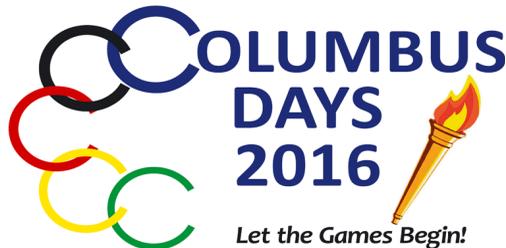
## Calendar Connection

Library staff and volunteers are gearing up for Columbus Days, August 18th-21st. The Friends of the Library book sale will kick off the weekend on Thursday evening from 6:00-9:00 p.m., with no preview fee. The book sale will be open Friday from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Paperbacks, young adult, and children's books are \$0.50 each, and most hardcover books are \$1.00. On Sunday, bags of books will be sold for \$2.00. There will be thousands of books of all kinds to choose from, so make sure to stop by.



The library will have a tent set up in Frankfort Square, where you can view the design for the new Library/Cultural Arts Center, ask any questions you may have about the project, and register to win a tablet provided by the Friends of the Library.

Also, watch for our Bookmobile in the Columbus Days Parade on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.



## Great Books For Great Kids!

Runza will donate 10% of all sales throughout the day on Tuesday, August 23rd to the Columbus Public Library. These donations will be used to help purchase books for the Children's Department.

Enjoy great food while knowing that you are helping area children discover the exciting world of books.



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Jackie Farrell, a favorite of library programmers, will come again this year on Saturday, August 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the library auditorium to teach us the skill of canning salsa. She will have recipes for you to take and practice at home with. This is a workshop where all participants are involved in the canning process- from washing the vegetables, dicing, slicing, cooking, and processing.



Vegetables and canning supplies are provided, but any donations would be most welcome. Participants will leave with a jar of their own salsa at the end of this workshop. There is no registration and participation is free.

The Teen Space has been relatively quiet since the conclusion of summer reading, but that will change once school begins next week! Rachelle is anticipating another busy year and has purchased a lot of awesome new technology for young adults to try out. After school, teens can hang out with friends, use our quiet study space, do a craft, use our computers or

iPads, play board games, try to solve brain-teaser puzzles, or have fun with Makey Makey and Little Bits.

On Wednesday, August 24th and Wednesday, August 31st, snacks will be provided after school.

**TEEN  
SPACE**

## 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.

Adrenaline– Jeff Abbott	An Engagement in Seattle– Debbie Macomber
The Secret Mistress– Mary Balogh	Betrayal– Fern Michaels
Wild Man Creek– Robyn Carr	Hope Rekindled– Tracie Peterson
The Lightkeeper’s Ball– Colleen Coble	Tigerlily’s Orchids– Ruth Rendell
Undead and Undermined- MaryJanice Davidson	The Hot Gate– John Ringo
Murder One– Robert Dugoni	Blood Ties– Sharon Sala
Sacred Evil– Heather Graham	On Hummingbird Wings– Lauraine Snelling
Quinn– Iris Johansen	Outrage– Robert K. Tanenbaum

## Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Jonathan Franzen– August 17, 1959

Greg Bear– August 20, 1951

Ray Bradbury– August 22, 1920

John Green– August 24, 1977

C.S. Forester– August 27, 1899



Summertime is always the best  
of what might be– Charles  
Bowden