

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Jill Owens

Locating Non-Fiction at the Columbus Public Library

Each patron of the library seems to have his or her favorite area when coming to the library. Maybe you beeline for the shelves holding the newest books, or maybe you prefer to head across the hall to the computer lab.

I'd like to encourage you to explore a bit and find some new favorites in the library.

You'll find the “consumer table” in the east wing of the ground floor.

One side of the table holds the monthly issues of Consumer Reports and Consumer Reports' Buying Guides. Also on this side of the table you will find the latest set of eight Weiss Ratings' Consumer Guides which have the topics: health savings accounts, variable annuities, term life insurance, Medicare supplement insurance, Medicare prescription drug coverage, long term care insurance, homeowner's insurance, elder care choices, and automobile insurance.

You will also find issues of Kelly Blue Book Used Car Guides, and Fuel Economy Guides organized by year and model.

Investor information is on the other side of the consumer table. The library has Morningstar Mutual Funds publications, Valueline Investment Survey publications, Investors' Business weekly, and an Investor Education packet put out by the government.

In addition to the materials on the consumer table, you can find more information on these topics in the library by searching the catalog and databases.

The yearbooks are located right next to the consumer table. Though we have a large collection, there are a few books missing. The Columbus Public Library is looking for donations of yearbooks from any Platte County high school and will accept any year. We'd like to close the gaps in the set.

The same cabinet holds several years of City Directories. While not a comprehensive set, they may be helpful in helping patrons find addresses of yesteryear. We would also welcome donations to this collection.

Finally, the library would like to obtain more church directories. We only have a few in the yearbook cabinet, but future historians and genealogists will be grateful if we can add to that collection.

Make it a 2011 resolution to explore things you've not yet encountered in your library; you'll be glad you did.

Recent memorials to the Columbus Library Foundation were received from Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wragge, Lucille Ellison, and Burns Ellison in memory of Steve Haney. The Foundation also received a donation from the Columbus Woman's Club.