

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

### "Children's Library Programming for 2017"

The Columbus Public Library's Children's Department has strived over the years to provide quality programming to area families. Our popular "Story Time/ART" program has attracted a number of participants with great stories and creative crafts. This library staple will start up again on January 12. Miss Peggy (Peg Engel) and I are working diligently to once again offer these fun reading times every Thursday from 10:30 AM – Noon and 1:30-3:00 PM.

Another key program at the Columbus Public Library (CPL) is "Monday Night Book Adventures," which will start up on January 23. These sessions occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 PM. This crowd-pleasing attraction promises great tales, art projects, and tasty bedtime snacks.

The "Super Sensational Saturdays" program has been a hit year after year! These events take place one Saturday a month from 10 AM-Noon and offer families an opportunity to enjoy the library while making crafts, playing on child-friendly computers and iPads, and checking out great reads. To kick off 2017's Saturday program, CPL will host a winter carnival on Saturday, January 21, complete with carnival games, prizes, and snacks! The next three months promise to be just as engaging. February 4, the Colfax and Platte County Extension Offices' tech trailer will provide families with three high-tech activities to enjoy. March 4, CPL will offer our second annual "Color-In" event. In addition to providing children and adult coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, and snacks, this year's event will also give children a chance to paint with area artists from the Columbus Art Club. April 8, the fun and always entertaining "The String Beans" will be live and in concert at CPL at 11 AM!

New to CPL is "Fiesta de Cuentos en Espanol" (Spanish Storybook Party). This Spanish language story time will take place the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 PM, beginning January 17. The sessions will consist of Spanish language stories, a themed craft, and each participant will leave with a tasty treat. "Fiesta de Cuentos en Espanol" is CPL's Children's Department's first attempt at a Spanish language program and we look forward to making this a staple in our already popular lineup!

Also new to CPL patrons is "Minor-Tech Mondays." This new service will take place the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month beginning January 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 PM. During this time, youth can come to the Children's Room with their devices and seek help on downloading books, music, and other basic tech needs. Individuals can also schedule appointments with me on days and times that would work better for them.

So if you're looking for quality children's programming, look no further than the Columbus Public Library. We offer a number of entertaining events that are sure to please children of all ages. If you have questions about the new programs and services being offered or would like more information on other events, please contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.