



The first person Ray Bradbury asked out was a bookstore clerk named Marguerite. They married in 1947 and were together for fifty-seven years, until her death in 2003.

Libraries & Ideas

This article was written by our Children’s Librarian Brad Hruska, and was published in the January 7th edition of the Columbus Telegram.

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 2nd and 4th 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 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month beginning January 16th 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.



Calendar Connection

Friends of the Columbus Public Library

Super Book Sale

(Super Bowl weekend)

February 2nd-5th

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 PM No preview fee!

Fri. 9:30 AM-5:00 PM

Sat. 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sun. 1:30-5:00 PM (\$2.00 per bag)

Most hardback books and DVD's \$1.00

Paperbacks, young adult, children's books,
and VHS tapes \$0.50

Nearly new books and books on CD \$2.50

The Teen Space was very quiet over Christmas break, but since the public schools resumed on Monday, it has quickly become the bustling area it usually is in the afternoons. Check out the events planned for the rest of January.

Events are free for patrons in grades 6-12.

January 18th at 3:00 PM: Snacks will be provided

January 25th at 3:00 PM: Snacks will be provided

January 27th from 10:00-11:30 AM: Coding Club

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Calendar Connection



Parents and children will be very happy to learn that our quality children's programming will be starting back up again! The ever-popular Story Time, StoryART, Monday Night Book Adventures, and Super Sensational Saturdays will resume, along with two brand-new programs. Fiesta de Cuentos en Espanol (Spanish Story-

book Party) will be offered on the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 PM. There will be Spanish language stories, a themed craft, and each child will leave with a yummy treat. Also debuting this month, is Minor-Tech Mondays. This event will take place on the first and third Mondays of each month from 3:00-5:00 PM. Kids can bring in their electronic devices for help with downloading books and music, and other tech related questions. As you can tell, this will be the beginning of some busy months in the Children's Room, but we are very excited to bring you these programs! Check out the schedule below for the last half of January.

Story Time

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

January 26th– Cool Cows

StoryART

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

January 19th– Parade of Popular Authors

Fiesta de Cuentos en Espanol/Spanish Storybook Party

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

January 17th– Classic Laura Numeroff Tales

Monday Night Book Adventures

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

January 23rd– Awesome Art

Minor-Tech Mondays

3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

January 16th

Super Sensational Saturdays

10:00 a.m.-Noon

January 21st- Winter Carnival

Come up to play fun carnival games, win prizes, and enjoy tasty snacks

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.

The Mirror Sisters– V.C. Andrews

Where Two Hearts Meet– Liz Johnson

Otherworld Chills– Kelley Armstrong

The Wish– Beverly Lewis

No Man’s Land– David Baldacci

Death in the Shadows– Paul McCusker

To The Last Drop– Sandra Balzo

The Occupied– Craig Parshall

The Wrong Side of Goodbye– Michael Connelly

Mister Monkey– Francine Prose

Fireborn– David Dalglish

Three Christmas Wishes– Sheila Roberts

Sewn With Joy– Tricia Goyer & Sherry Gore

Say No More– Hank Phillippi Ryan

Conclave– Robert Harris

Wild Montana Skies– Susan May Warren

The Midnight Bell– Jack Higgins

Sex, Lies & Serious Money– Stuart Woods

Connecting Readers & Writers

Happy Birthday to these authors:

A.A. Milne– January 18, 1882

Patricia Highsmith– January 19, 1921

George Burns– January 20, 1896

James Grippando– January 27, 1958

Zane Grey– January 31, 1872



Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home– Edith Sitwell