

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Brad Hruska

Make a Splash @ Your Library!!!

With less than two weeks of school remaining, many families are busily preparing their summer agendas. I know the Hruska calendar is already tagged with t-ball games, vacation bible school, the Platte County Fair, and other such events. Another item that has made its way onto our itinerary is the Columbus Public Library’s 2010 summer reading program entitled “Make a Splash @ Your Library.”

Every week during the months of June and July, the Columbus Public Library (CPL) will be hosting tons of H2O fun! On Mondays, full-length, animated features like “Finding Nemo,” “Surf’s Up,” “Disney’s The Little Mermaid,” and “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs” will be shown from 10:30-noon in the Columbus Art Gallery (lower level of the library). Children of all ages are invited to come with their pillows and blankets and enjoy these entertaining flicks.

On Tuesdays, presentations/activities are scheduled from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at various locations featuring programs by magicians Adam White and Jeff Quinn, the Edgerton Explorit Center of Aurora, the Columbus Art Gallery, the Pawnee Plunge, and the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium. CPL will also be offering its regular story times on Thursdays from 10:30-noon and 1:30-3 p.m. Children will have the privilege of listening to tales from talented readers from around the area. These gifted storytellers have selected a wide-range of books sure to engage children of all ages and reading levels.

Though the Summer Reading Program is geared for children in preschool-fourth grade, older students can still be a part of the fun by volunteering. This is a great way to not only give back to the library but also the community. Individuals interested in volunteering for CPL’s summer reading program need only attend one of two volunteer meetings scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, or Wednesday, May 26, both at 11 a.m.

These older participants (students in 6th grade and up) may also participate in the new and improved young adult program. This year’s lineup is entitled “Make Wakes @ Your Library” and is coordinated and conducted by CPL’s new Young Adult Librarian/Readers’ Advisor, Rachelle McPhillips.

So...if you are looking for great activities to include in your family’s calendar of fun, be sure to include events from the Columbus Public Library’s summer reading line-up. Registration for these FREE programs will begin Tuesday, June 1. If you have any questions regarding CPL’s summer agenda or would like recommendations for enticing summer reads, please feel free to contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4 or better yet catch a wave and surf on in!