

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Jill Owens

More accessibility @ your library

As we have done from time to time when the need arises, Columbus Library staff is once again rearranging the materials. You may have noticed the empty shelves along the front window. That is a stage in the process toward making audio books (a.k.a. recorded books) handier for patrons. The following notes will help you find your favorite collections.

The audio books are going “browser-less.” The physical audio books will be located where the graphic novels used to be – along the front windows near the reading area. People have enjoyed having access to browse the magazines and DVDs so we hope this step with the audio books will be a hit as well. Soon you will no longer have to retrieve the numbered plastic sleeves, take them to the circulation desk, and wait while staff fetches your book. You will choose the ones you want and take them to the desk for check-out. This will both improve your wait time at check-out, and reduce filing and fetching time for staff.

Audio books will be cataloged, labeled, and shelved in the same way our books are handled. Fiction will be ordered by author’s last name, and nonfiction will have the Dewey Decimal number just like the books. There may be a short time when you’ll see both browsers out and audio books out as the materials are transitioned. Remember, you can also get downloadable audio books 24/7 from our online service OverDrive at <http://www.columbuslibrary.info/> .

Reference staff integrated the auto-repair manuals (primarily Haynes and Chilton) into the rest of the adult nonfiction. If we don’t have a manual for the particular make, model, and year you need, please ask staff about our auto-repair database. It is accessible anywhere 24/7 with a library card and an internet connection at <http://www.columbuslibrary.info/resources.htm> .

The graphic novels are now located where the auto-repair manuals used to be shelved. They are at the north end of the east wing of the ground floor near the young adult nonfiction.

You’ll also notice that there is only one shelving unit for new fiction and nonfiction books. This should cut down on the amount of searching patrons do for the most recent acquisitions.

Watch for more changes coming this fall designed to make your library more accessible to you!

Recent donations to the Columbus Library Foundation were made by the Columbus Education Association in honor of retiring teachers Carol Willoughby, Timothy Gould, Debbie Meek, Josette Kluck, Joyce Bieber, and Leona Schroeder. The Columbus Area Child Care Association also made a donation. Memorials for Robert Markham were given by Roberta Saalfeld, Vern & Ruby Beckmann, and Bud & Rita Fleischer. Vern & Ruby Beckmann also memorialized Frances Sohl. Also memorialized: Marcella Jaworski by Raynela Karlin, Fred Kluck by Mr. & Mrs. Dean Soulliere, and Dale Nelson by Irene Chesnut. A memorial for Julian Meyer was given by Bud and Rita Fleischer.