

Adult Summer Reading

Your library offers an adult summer reading program as well as teen and children's. Adults can read for prizes, too! The first week of adult summer reading has begun, and we started off with a book bag prize for turning in a reading ticket. Next week's prizes will be chocolates! To receive reading log tickets, all you have to do is sign up to the adult program and take an envelope packet. The packet contains everything you need to get started. To be eligible you just need to be 19 or older and have a library card. Each reading ticket that is turned in gets an immediate small prize, and then it is put in for 10 monthly drawings. At the end of summer reading, all of the reading tickets will be put in the grand prize drawing for an android tablet. Start reading for your chance to win some cool prizes! This is our fifth year of doing the adult summer reading program. We hope to surpass last year's total of 250 registrations.

This year the adult reading program is also having a short story writing contest. All short stories need to be entered by July 1. You can bring your submission to the front desk or email it to kkeyes@columbusne.us. There is a grand prize of a \$30 gift certificate to amazon and your story will be published in the library newsletter. There is also a second prize of a \$20 gift certificate to amazon and a third prize of a \$10 amazon gift certificate. The judging criteria will cover plot, characterization, setting, atmosphere, writing quality, mechanics, and passion. Stories can be as short as a page long but the judges would appreciate it if the story was limited to no longer than 20 pages. Good luck to the short story contestants! I'm always amazed by our local talent.

Saturday, June 17 at 2 PM, history will again come to life at the Columbus Public Library. Karen Wyall Drevo will come in the character of her great-great grandmother Maria Rodaway. Karen will tell you in Maria's words about her life as a prairie pioneer in Otoe County, Nebraska, where she homesteaded in 1867. Maria crossed the Atlantic Ocean with her seven children to reunite her family after seven and a half years of separation. She endured grasshoppers, hail, drought, tornadoes, blizzards, and the loss of her husband and six of her thirteen children as she worked to become a citizen and land owner in America. Resilient and resourceful, Maria touched many people's lives with her loving deeds and kind acts, delivering babies and nursing the sick. You will not be disappointed by this wonderful presenter. Make plans to come and learn about how the pioneers paved the way for their descendants.

Saturday, July 8 at 2 PM, a group of retired school teachers will lead a crochet class at the library. If you want to learn how to crochet or learn some new stitches, this is the class to attend. If you have your own yarn and crochet hook please bring them. If not the library will provide them for you to experience crochet stitching.

Saturday, July 22 at 2 PM, Vicki Harris from Nebraska Humanities, is coming to tell us about African-American cowboys and settlers of Nebraska. We will hear about the Brownlee barber Sam Hood, the cowboy Amos Harris, Jim Kelly who homesteaded 50,000 acres of Nebraska sand hills, and many others.

Come and be a part of the learning and fun at the Columbus Library this summer! If you have any questions about the adult programing or any suggestions, please call Kelli at 402-562-4214. Let us help you enjoy summer reading fun!