

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Come Enjoy Library Programs

Howdy, partners! Saddle up and join us for our African-American cowboys program today 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. Round up your partners and enjoy an afternoon of local history and sweet treats!

Our short story contest was won by W. F. MacArthur. His story "The Mylar Rectangle" will be posted to our library website cplconnect.us and also in our library newsletter. I want to thank everyone that participated in the contest. It's always fun to see the awesome local talent we have right here in Columbus, Nebraska. Second place winner was Elisabeth Wielgus and third place went to Cassie Sargent.

On July 29th we are celebrating our end of the adult summer reading program with cookies and lemonade from 1 -5 PM. We have reached our goal of 250 participants and hope to surpass that in the week left of adult summer reading. Remember each reading ticket that you turn in will raise your chances in the drawing for the Samsung Galaxy Tablet with case. We also have 20 other prizes that will be in the drawing. July 29 will be the last day to turn in reading tickets and winners will be called the first week of August.

Speaking of August, we have three adult programs that month. The first, on Wednesday, August 2, at 7 PM until closing at 9 PM, is our monthly coloring/puzzle club. Anyone can come and bring their own projects or they can use what the library supplies. We have fun picture puzzles, word puzzles, and coloring books and coloring pages with crayons, colored pens, pencils, and markers if you need them. Juice jugs and music are provided to create a fun and enjoyable atmosphere.

The second August program is also on a Wednesday night, August the 23 at 7 PM. Joey Leone and his band from Vermont will be coming to your library to perform "Shades of Blue in America". Joey Leone is a prolific blues guitar player and music historian. He will present a history of the American Blues - a program of music performance, historical facts, and personal stories from Joey from his days playing and touring with blues legends like Etta James, Otis Rush, Wilson Pickett, The Coasters and even movie star Bruce Willis.

The Saturday of the same week, August 26 at 2 PM, an author is visiting us from Colorado. Jo Virden grew up in a small town in Nebraska and her book is written in that setting. Jo Virden will tell us how she came about writing the novel "My Darling Dorothy". She will follow that with an introduction of the three main characters through reading excerpts from the book. She will end with a short presentation about how to preserve old letters and what to do with them once you have them correctly archived.

So mark your calendars and save the dates! All library programs are free and open to everyone. Take advantage of your extra summer days to attend these fun programs. See ya'll later!