

Upcoming Events at Columbus Public Library by Santiago Vasquez

We are currently in the middle of this year's Columbus Wild Wild West Days and many western-themed happenings are underway! The Columbus Public Library will take part in some of these activities throughout this weekend and will have others you can enjoy through the end of the month.

The Friends of the Columbus Public Library are in the middle of their Columbus Days book sale. Today is their third day of the sale and their hours are from 10 am to 5 pm. They will be open for their final day tomorrow from 1:30 pm to 5 pm. Pricing is as follows: adult hardcover books cost \$1, and paperback, young adult and kids' books are 50 cents. Sunday's popular bag sale will be \$2 per bag. Make sure you stop by to pick out some good reads!

The Columbus Public Library will also be having a booth at Frankfort Square on Saturday, August 19 from 8 am to 5 pm. People can stop by our table for some informative brochures and a small giveaway. Our giveaway this year includes a handy bookmark and a screen cleaner that can be used for any of your electronic devices. Come and get one, while supplies last!

The Columbus Art Gallery, which is housed in the basement of the library, also has a raffle of its own! They will be giving away a beautiful quilt, just stop by between 1 pm and 5 pm to get more information. If you do visit the Gallery, leave a bit of extra time to admire the CALICO Quilt Exhibit. The gallery currently has on display some truly neat quilts.

On Wednesday, August 23 at 7:00 PM, Joey Leone and his band from Vermont will be visiting our library to perform "Shades of Blue in America". Joey Leone is a talented guitar player and music historian. In addition to his music performance, he will be sharing some personal experiences and American blues history with his audience. He has played and toured with blues legends such as Etta James, Otis Rush, Wilson Pickett, The Coasters and even movie star Bruce Willis.

On top of reporting on library-related events, I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bob Arp, co-director of the Teammates program and Pat Anderson, president of the Columbus Public Library Board, for being named King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella for this year's Columbus Days celebration! This is a well-deserved honor! Both Bob and Pat will make an appearance at the Columbus Days parade, scheduled for Sunday, August 20 at 3:00 PM. Please give them a congratulatory wave when you see them pass by during the procession.

Finally, I will end with an interesting tidbit that Pat, our board royalty, recently shared with the CPL Board. The University of Michigan's HRS study of 20,000 retirees indicated that book readers who reported more than 3 hours of reading each week were 23% less likely to die than their peers who read only newspapers or magazines. Hopefully this knowledge is yet another motivator to visit your local library and grab a good book!

