



Haskell Free Library & Opera House, in Derby Line, VT, is built on the U.S.-Canada border. Exiting the library through the opposite entrance requires one to report to that country's customs.

Libraries & Ideas

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With new and easier ways to publish books, Columbus Public Library is often approached with requests to hold book signings for local authors. Since it is our mission to connect people and ideas, we want to say yes, but coordinating individual book events with events the library is already hosting makes it nearly impossible for library staff. So this is our challenge: What would be the best way to support local authors, connect them with readers, and do so in a productive, efficient manner?

We decided to host an annual author fair and call it the Book Festival. Every November, like we have for the past three years, we plan and host a fair for our local authors. This year it will be on Saturday, November 4th at 2 pm. Here's how it works: an author comes to the library with their new book and wants to promote it at CPL.

"Great!" we say. "Here is a brochure explaining our annual author fair that we hold every November. If you are interested let me take down your email,

and a librarian will contact you. She will keep you informed of the coming plans for the next author fair and when and where it will take place.”

We go on to explain how the fair functions. A librarian contacts them for their bio information and pictures and also to let them know the date for the fair. Each author is spotlighted on our Facebook page with a biography. We plan for a two hour open house on a Saturday, from 2 PM to 4 PM, where guests can come and go as needed. We advertise the coming fair in local newspapers, the library newsletter, on Facebook, on local radio, on posters, power points, emails, and newsflash. All the tables are ready to go for the authors to create their book displays. Each author will have space to set up and display their books so they can sell and autograph them. The library provides cookies and coffee for everyone.

Our goal in having an author fair is to unite readers and writers. November works well because people are looking for Christmas gifts and what better way to spend your money than on a signed book written by a local author that you can support? We bring in children, young adult, adult fiction and nonfiction authors so the topics cover a large range of interests. If an author donates a book to our library we will accept it and consider it like any other donation. If it meets our collection criteria we will add it to the shelves. At our last author fair we had 18 authors come to sell their books. How often do you get to visit with the author of a book that you want to purchase, and then have them sign it? These author fairs are not only fun for people looking to buy books, but also for budding authors. All of that information and experience in one room is pretty exciting! The authors have the opportunity to visit with each other and trade stories. Everyone that has attended our author fairs enjoys themselves, authors and visitors alike.

For our next author fair we are going to implement a suggestion from one of the attending authors. We will have a book reading in an adjoining room.

Guests can enjoy their refreshments while listening to authors read from their own books. Mark your calendars on November 4th for this year’s author fair. You won’t want to miss it!

**BOOK
FAIR
COMING SOON!**

If you have questions about the author fair please contact either Rachelle McPhillips or Kelli Keyes at 402-564-7116 option 2.

Calendar Connection

Jackie Farrell, a favorite of library program attendees, will come again this year on Saturday, September 16th at 2:00 PM to the library auditorium to teach us the skill of canning salsa. She will have copies of her recipes for you to take home to make more of your own salsa. This is a workshop where all participants are involved in the canning process, from washing the vegetables, to dicing, slicing, cooking, and processing. Vegetables and canning supplies are provided, but any donations would be most welcome. Tortilla chips will be provided for tasting the salsa. Participants will leave with a jar of their own salsa at the end of this workshop. There is no registration and participation is free.



This Library
Celebrates

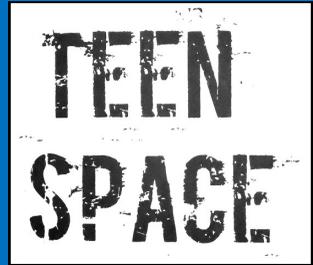


By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. The books featured during Banned Books Week have all been targeted with either removal or restrictions in libraries and schools. While books have been and continue to be banned, part of the Banned Books Week celebration is the fact that, in a majority of cases, the books have remained available. This happens only thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students, and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community – librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types – in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those which some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

Calendar Connection

With the 2017-18 school year in full swing, Columbus Public Library provides a safe spot for young adults to hang out in after school. Teens can find solitary activities, such as using our quiet study space to get a jump on homework, make a craft, use the computers or iPads, or read an interesting new book. For those who want to let off some steam, we have games to play against friends, robots and other new tech gadgets to try out, and brain-teaser puzzles to solve.

On Wednesday, September 20th and Wednesday, September 27th, snacks will be provided after school.



Our much anticipated regular children's programming has officially started back up! We had a great turnout for last Thursday's Story Time, and hope to repeat that during this week's StoryART and Super Sensational Saturdays programs. Our popular Monday Night Book Adventures is making its Fall debut next week, and hopes to start instilling the love of books in children with the appropriate theme of "Love Your Library". For those participating in the Word Warriors program, we will have our first drawing on September 27th. Check out what Mr. H has planned for the last two weeks of September.

Story Time

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

September 21st– Fall is in the Air

StoryART

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

September 28th– Those Crazy Cows

Monday Night Book Adventures

6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 18th– Love Your Library

Your Columbus Public Library

New Releases

There have been many great books added to our catalog recently. To place a hold on any of the titles listed below, or another book, please call the library at 402-564-7116.

Gone Gull- Donna Andrews

Dark Rites- Heather Graham

The Fallen- Ace Atkins

Blackthorne's Bride- Joan Johnston

The Heart's Invisible Furies- John Boyne

Dragonsworn- Sherrilyn Kenyon

Seeing Red- Sandra Brown

You Say It First- Susan Mallery

Charlatans- Robin Cook

The Store- James Patterson

Red Swan- P.T. Deutermann

The Good Daughter- Karin Slaughter

Deadfall- Linda Fairstein

The Other Girl- Erica Spindler

The Return- Suzanne Woods Fisher

Devil's Cut- J.R. Ward

I Know a Secret- Tess Gerritsen

Barely Legal- Stuart Woods

Happy Birthday to these authors:

Ken Kesey- September 17, 1935

William Golding- September 19, 1911

Stephen King- September 21, 1947

F. Scott Fitzgerald- September 24, 1896

Stan Berenstain- September 29, 1923



Books and movies are like apples and oranges. They both are fruit, but taste completely different- Stephen King