

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Connell

### See the String Beans Live

Back by popular demand, The String Beans will return to the Columbus Public Library on Saturday, November 11. Make plans to sing and dance with the little ones in your life at the String Beans concert at 11am!

Based in Lincoln, Nebraska, the String Beans began writing and performing children's music in 2004. The String Beans perform a wide variety of original, family friendly songs all about things kids love. In the styles of pop, country, rock 'n roll, and even rap, songs about animals, food, science, and more are sung during each show. The show is designed to get audiences dancing and singing along, with spontaneous and inclusive elements. Check out their website [www.thestringbeans.com](http://www.thestringbeans.com) for videos and more.

Performing regularly across Nebraska, The String Beans have become a favorite for preschool through elementary aged audiences, as well as their caregivers. The String Beans have even sold out the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln, so don't miss this opportunity to see this amazing group!

Next week's String Beans concert reminds me of our great music service, Freegal Music. You can login with your library card to download 5 songs each week and stream 3 hours per day. Freegal Music has tons of music for adults and children and can be accessed via our catalog website, [www.cplconnect.us](http://www.cplconnect.us), on the Digital Library page.

You can use playlists Freegal Music has created, like Children's Chart Toppers, or make your own. Children's Chart Toppers lasts just over 2 hours, and includes 45 songs such as "Can't Stop the Feeling" from TROLLS, "Rubber Duckie" from Sesame Street, and "Good Ol' Charlie Brown" from The Peanuts Movie. There are also songs from SpongeBob, Thomas & Friends, The Backyardigans and Dora the Explorer.

Find an artist or album in a variety of genres for children to download or add to your own custom playlist. "Mozart for Babies" is an album that features soothing music for little ones. Songs for Children is an artist with many albums featuring educational songs. Little ones can also listen to classic nursery rhymes like "The Wheels on the Bus," and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." There are even albums for children in Spanish. "Top 50 Children Songs" by the Harmony Group is full of classic children's songs, all in Spanish.

And if you're already gearing up for the Holidays and want to start downloading your music now, under the Holiday genre, plenty of Yuletide songs can be found that are specifically geared toward children. "Christmas Songs for the Family," "Christmas Hits for Kids," and "Christmas for Kids" are all great albums to browse for your children's Holiday favorites.

Freegal Music also has many original motion picture soundtracks. "My Little Pony: The Movie," "The Emoji Movie," and "The Smurfs" are a few of the children's movie albums available.

And for the adults, don't worry! Freegal Music has even more options for you. From Kelly Clarkson to John Legend, Freegal Music has a plethora of artists from which to choose.

Use Freegal Music on your PC as well as your tablet or smartphone with their free app. You simply login in with your library card number to get started. Don't have a library card? If you live, work, or attend school in Platte County, you can get a free library card so stop by the Columbus Public Library to sign up for one today!