

## ***“Librarian’s Shelf” by Brad Hruska***

One World, Many Stories @ Your Library!!!

School has been out for more than two weeks and parents and daycare providers are still seeking activities to keep their children busy and entertained. For my wife and me, we have our children involved in wonderful programs like t-ball, coach-pitch, and vacation Bible school; however, our two oldest are still begging Mom and Dad to find other venues of fun. Luckily for us and countless other families in the area, the Columbus Public Library (CPL) will be offering a summer reading program entitled “One World, Many Stories,” which is guaranteed to amuse youth of all ages!

Every week during the months of June and July, CPL will be hosting numerous events! On Mondays, full-length, animated features like “Toy Story 3,” “Lion King,” “Brother Bear,” “Princess and the Frog,” and “Tangled” will be shown from 10:30-noon in the Columbus Art Gallery (lower level of the library). Children and their parents are invited to come with pillows and blankets in tow to enjoy these family-friendly flicks.

On Tuesdays, presentations and activities are scheduled from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at various locations around Columbus, featuring programming by the Nebraska Games & Parks Commission, the Nebraska Humanities Council, the Pawnee Plunge, the Magical Paradise Exotic Farm Petting Zoo, and magicians Adam White and Jeff Quinn.

The library will also be offering its regular story times on Thursdays from 10:30-noon and 1:30-3 p.m. Participants will have the privilege of listening to tales from talented readers like Sandi Fischer (Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce), Vanessa Ocegueda (Keep Columbus Beautiful), and Susan Littlefield (Three Eagles Communications). These amazing individuals have selected a wide-range of stories from their childhoods that are sure to connect with children of all ages.

Summer reading would not be the vital program it is without encouraging children to read. To help foster reading during the summer months, weekly prizes will be awarded. To earn these incentives, children, who are reading chapter books, must read 50 pages a week. Those little ones, not yet able to read, can have an adult read them three picture books a week in order to obtain the prizes.

Though the summer reading program is geared for individuals in preschool-fourth grade, older students may still be a part of the summer fun by volunteering. Individuals interested in volunteering for CPL’s summer reading program need only attend one of two meetings scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, or Thursday, June 2, both at 10:30 a.m. in the library’s auditorium.

So...if you are looking for great activities to include in your family’s summer lineup, be sure to include events from the Columbus Public Library’s summer reading agenda. Registration for these FREE programs will begin Monday, June 6. If you have any questions regarding CPL’s “One World, Many Stories” program or would like recommendations for enticing summer reads, please contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.