

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

January 18<sup>th</sup> Book Talk: "I Played for Scotus"

Winter is making itself felt. The frost covers the windows and our breath fogs in the cold air. Our heavy coat, hats and gloves are hanging out on the hook ready for our next trek outdoors. We stock up at the grocery stores to limit our trips outside. Our furnaces are running constantly. Cabin fever is settling in.

Is there anything fun to do indoors in Columbus? Absolutely! The Columbus Public Library always has fun things to go to. Beyond the wonder of having so many books, DVD's, audio books, magazines, newspapers and data bases available at your fingertips in the library to explore, there are programs you can attend.

On January 18, Thursday evening at 7 pm, Authors John Kopetzky and Mark Kurtenbach are coming to introduce their book "I Played for Scotus". They will tell us how the idea for the book was formulated, about their research, how they compiled and edited the book, and they will highlight some of the stories in the book. Their book goes back in time to 1944 and covers athletes and coaches that built the Shamrock Legacy. You might recognize these names covered in the book: Dick Tooley, Chuck Hagel, and Al Niedbalski. "I Played for Scotus" will be available for signing and purchasing. This would be a great opportunity to buy or give as a gift; a book that many in the community would cherish. Treats will be served and there is no registration or fee to attend. This is a perfect opportunity to stave off that cabin fever and bring your whole family to hear about the "forty-five times in the past eighty-five years, the Shamrocks of St. Bonaventure and Scotus Central Catholic have captured State Championships in both boys and girls sports. There have been innumerable district and conference titles, monumental victories on the biggest stages in Nebraska high school sports. There have been All-State players, Shamrocks who went on to collegiate glory and careers in professional sports, hall of famers, and coaches who are among the legendary names in the annals of Nebraska prep schools" to quote Kopetzky and Kurtenbach.

February 18, Sunday at 2 pm, The Friends of the Library are bringing in Hail Varsity magazine and web site founder & CEO Aaron Babcock to share some of the interesting topics, issues and personalities related to Hail Varsity and their reporting on Husker Athletics.

February 24, Saturday at 2 pm, Tom Bassett the antique appraiser will be coming to the Columbus Library. There is no charge to attend and no pre-registration, but this year we will have those attending write their name and one item to be appraised on the signup sheet before they walk into the art gallery room. The art gallery room is larger and has better sound acoustics than the library auditorium, so we will meet down there for Tom Bassett. An attendant will help you sign in for the program and we will use the sign in list to call the attendees' names in the order they came in. So if you need to leave before the program ends, make sure you come and sign in early so that your name will be called at the beginning of the program. We understand people have busy schedules, but you will not want to cut your time short with Tom Bassett. He is very entertaining and has so much experience and wisdom to share with us.

So don't let cabin fever get you down. Come to the library and pick up an adult programming flyer so you can see all the fun events planned for this year. Or call 402-564-7116 and ask when and what event is next. Like us on Facebook or check out our calendar on [cplconnect.us](http://cplconnect.us). Let us be your cabin fever remedy.