

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

"Animal Safari Extravaganza @ Your Columbus Public Library!"

On Saturday, January 20, the Columbus Public Library (CPL) will host its 2nd annual winter carnival. This event is the kick off for the library's Spring 2018 "Super Sensational Saturday" program, which takes place one Saturday a month from 10AM-Noon. This year's carnival theme is "Animal Safari Extravaganza" and will feature five fun, crowd pleasing games and activities.

Children of all ages will try their luck at the "Rhino Ring-Toss." Individuals will have five chances to rope one of six rowdy gray beasts. Those who succeed in capturing a horned creature will win a can of pop.

No carnival would be complete without an exhilarating putt-putt golf challenge. This year, families will channel their inner "Tiger Woods" and attempt the "Polecat Putt-Putt" golf course. Everyone will have three chances to whack a foam ball into one of five holes. Those who make it into a specially marked hole will earn a king sized chocolate bar.

Every experienced adventurer knows that the highlight of a great safari is to tackle the deadly Nile River. At this year's carnival, youth will bring out their inner "Crocodile Hunter" and "Fish the Nile." They will cast their fishing poles baited with clothespins into croc infested waters, hoping to snag awesome prizes and candies.

The husband and wife duo of "TRuth Entertainment" will be bringing something new to this year's event: face painting and balloon animals. The talented pair from Central City, Travis and Ruth Purkerson, will provide children with the opportunity to have their faces painted and receive amazing balloon creations.

Everyone knows that delicious food makes an event. This year, the team at Pizza Ranch will be providing 15 large dessert pizzas. Participants who attend will receive a warm slice of this delicious apple, cherry, blueberry, or peach pastry while supplies last.

So if you're looking for something thrilling to do on Saturday, January 20, bring your family to the Columbus Public Library for our 2nd annual winter carnival. This year's "Animal Safari Extravaganza" is sure to have something engaging for everyone in the family to enjoy! If you have any questions, regarding this event or would like information about the other programs offered at the library, please contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4 or email me at bhruska@columbusne.us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

CPL's next "Super Sensational Saturday" will be February 17 from 10AM-Noon. The theme is "Wearable Technology." Jill Goedeken and Jody Wendt with Platte Country 4-H will assist students in designing cool tech items that can be worn and taken home. A delicious edible project will also be available for families to make and enjoy!

Don't forget that the Columbus Public Library's Children's Department offers a monthly calendar of events that showcases the many events that take place in the library's Children's Room. To have this informative calendar sent to your email inbox, contact me at bhruska@columbusne.us.