

## The Library is So Much more Than Books

So, how are your New Year's resolutions going? Don't ask? Especially after Valentine's Day when you went out for a big meal and then had a box of chocolates? Maybe you are making great strides toward your goals for this year. Well, here's hoping you the best.

But we don't just stop with wishing you the best. Columbus Public Library can offer you many forms of help on all kinds of resolutions. Beyond all the self-help books and audios, we have programs that will encourage you on your quest.

Could one of your resolutions be learning more about the Huskers? Come to the library on February 18, Sunday at 2 pm, to hear Hail Varsity magazine and web site founder & CEO Aaron Babcock share some of the interesting topics, issues, and personalities related to Hail Varsity and their reporting on Husker Athletics. This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

Maybe you resolved to insure your family heirlooms and you need to ascertain their value. The Library is bringing in the well-known antique appraiser Tom Bassett on February 24, Saturday at 2 pm. 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. Tom Bassett's time is limited and we want to serve as many people as we can in a timely manner. 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 arrived. So if you need to leave early 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.

Maybe you resolved to broaden your literary culture. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at 2 pm, Tom Adamson, a published author, will come to the Columbus Library and read poetry to us while we have refreshments. This is another perfect opportunity to spend more time with friends and family. Maybe that was one of your resolutions as well!

On March 24, a Saturday, the library will partner with the Downtown Business Association to bring you the Easter Egg Hunt on Frankfort Square. The two year olds will start their hunt at 12:30 pm, and the 3, 4, and 5 year olds will start at 1 pm. It's always lots of fun and excitement for everyone. The Easter Bunny will be there for photo opportunities, and lots of prizes will be won. Some lucky winners will find tickets for large plush bunnies in their eggs. Resolve to make it a date and come have fun with the kids!

Then again, maybe you resolved to become more of a Nebraska history buff. March 31, Saturday at 2 pm, Cherrie Beam-Callaway from Nebraska Humanities will come to the library in character as "Mariah Monahan," an emigrant to Nebraska from Ireland in the mid-19th century. Based on historical fact, Mariah will captivate the audience with her dramatic rendition. The audience will be transported in time, sailing the ocean, riding the wagon train, feeling the loneliness and fighting prairie fires. Laugh and cry with stories of successful crops, dancing, hard work, losing loved ones and, most importantly, becoming American.

There is no charge for any of these programs and anyone is welcome to attend. If you need a reminder on the dates, check out our website on [cplconnect.com](http://cplconnect.com) and check the Library Events box. Or call us at 402-564-7116. We want to help you with your resolutions.