

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Jill Owens

Special Weeks @ Your Library

National Library Week is April 11th – 17th. It includes National Bookmobile Day which lands on Wednesday, April 14th. The bookmobile will be in Platte Center on the 14th from 8:00 – 2:00 with some crafts, treats, and fun. Please come and celebrate with Karen. Stop in the library or on the bookmobile between now and then for a paper color-and-assemble bookmobile for your children to decorate.

The Grand Opening of the new computer lab at the library will be held at 10:00 April 15th. The Friends of the Library will be providing refreshments. During this event there will be drawings for some coupons for free printing, and other giveaways.

The new computer lab will occupy the same space as the former lab, but will now offer 25 public stations with headphones, new computers, new furniture, and new software. As in the past, there will be a color printing option along with the standard black toner printing.

Watch for Central Community College flyers coming soon which detail the beginning computer classes to be held in our new lab. Classes will include Word basics, email, Internet, and Facebook lessons.

This computer lab rehabilitation was paid for in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

National Library Week is the perfect time for nonusers to renew their interest in the Public Library. If you haven’t been here for a while, stop and see our new holdings and services.

April has another week special to the library. National Volunteer Appreciation Week lands the 18th – 24th. In honor of this time of appreciation, I’d like to highlight our volunteer boards.

Columbus Public Library is so fortunate to have an active Friends of the Library organization. Their most high profile projects are the book sales they hold a few times a year. This group also holds a variety quality programs nearly every month of the year. They give assistance in the form of manpower, refreshments, or whatever is needed to support various library events. They contribute financially to projects such as the DVD case conversion. Whenever we at CPL or the bookmobile need a helping hand we know we can count on our Friends whose board consists of Marilyn Zehring, Diane Klug, Rita Samuelson, Melodee Pedersen, Carol Goering, Judy Marshall, Wanda Scharff, and Gayleen Hingst.

Other great people who volunteer their valuable time and talents to serve the library include our Board of Trustee and Foundation Board Members: Carol Keller, Joie Taylor, Sharon Raimondo, Jim Schaefer, Craig Neid, Dennis Duffy, Tom Fehringer, Connie Hellbusch, John McClure, and Jan Curry. Members of the Bookmobile Advisory Sub-Committee are Carol Rosendahl, Sandy Wegener, and Liz Young. Many of these folks have sat through countless hours of meetings and done other work to bring library services to our area.

Recent donations to the Library Foundation were received as follows: In memory of Henry Gates from Mr. and Mrs. Dick Luebbe; from Laverna Malmstrom, and Bob and Gail Mead in memory of Lois Loomis; from Carole Tessendorf in memory of Esther Hueschen; and in memory of Anna Lash from Marie Stavis. A donation for children’s books was received from Antoinette Kane.