

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

“Still More Great Fun to Be Had @ Your Columbus Public Library!”

The Columbus Public Library (CPL) offers a wide range of quality, youth programming during the school year. Though the 2017-18 academic year is quickly drawing to a close, the library does have two months' worth of fun left to be had, especially for those families who take part in our Super Sensational Saturdays Program, which typically takes place one Saturday a month from 10 AM-noon.

On Saturday, April 21, at 10:30 AM, friends from Fontenelle Forest's Raptor Recovery organization will be at CPL to conduct a presentation on various birds of prey like peregrine falcons, great horned owls, and red-tailed hawks. Children of all ages will learn about raptor flight patterns, hunting habits, and how to accurately identify these beautiful birds of prey as they soar through the Nebraska sky. Attendees will also have an opportunity to view three to four Fontenelle winged ambassadors up close and in person. To better prepare families for this exciting event, I would like to encourage individuals to stop by the library and checkout one of the many great books that feature birds of prey such as “Snowy Owls” by Melissa Hill, “Great Horned Owls” also by Melissa Hill, “Red-Tailed Hawks” by Megan Borgert, “Bald Eagles” by Chris Bowman, and “Falcons” by Ashley Norris.

Then on Saturday, May 12, from 10 AM-noon, the Columbus Public Library will offer our last Super Sensational Saturdays event for the 2017-18 school year entitled “Green Thumb Growers.” For this special event, children are going to roll up their sleeves and play in the dirt. Participants will have the opportunity to plant their own pretty flower to watch grow all summer long, make yummy, tasty dirt-gummy worm snacks, and create a 3-D flower that includes real seeds that can be planted in the family garden.

So if you're still in search of quality programming that will educate and engage the children in your life, look no further than the Columbus Public Library. Between the many family programs we have to offer, you are guaranteed to find an event that will fit the interest of the young learners in your life. If you have any questions regarding the many programs the library has to offer, contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

The Columbus Public Library will once again be offering its annual summer reading program. This year's theme is “Libraries Rock!” Registration for this exhilarating, hip-hop themed program will begin on Monday, June 4th. Those students (fifth grade and up) interested in volunteering for this year's upbeat festivities are encouraged to attend an informative meeting here at the library on Saturday, June 2, at 10:30 AM.

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