

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Library Programs for July

Our Summer Reading programs are in full swing and according to the number of people that are attending library programs, our community is loving it! Thank you for the awesome show of support for library programming. We still have the whole month of July ahead of us for more summer reading fun!

July 7 at 2 pm, the Saturday after the 4th of July, come cool off at Columbus Public Library and hear the enthralling sounds of Peter Fletcher playing classical guitar. We are thrilled to offer a concert to the public for free as he is in demand as a performer all over the country. Peter began guitar study at the age of seven and by the age of fifteen, he made his formal debut. See his webpage at <http://www.peterfletcher.com> . Come with your friends and family and enjoy more music at the library!

On Saturday, July 21 at 2 pm, Beverly Beavers comes in costume and character to tell the fascinating story of Lady Vestey. Born to Norwegian immigrant parents, Lady Vestey started as a stenographer and became the highest paid woman executive in the world in the early 1900's. As an employee of the Vestey Cold Storage Company, she traveled extensively and learned many languages. She was instrumental in providing food for the Allied troops during World War I and lived in London during the bombing of Britain during World War II. She joined the English nobility when she married her boss, William Vestey, 1st Baron Vestey. They bought their own cruise ship named the Arandora Star and lived in a huge house in London named Kingswood. Lady Vestey traveled far, but she never found a place that she liked better than Nebraska. Come to the library to hear this amazing woman's story. Treats are provided so bring a friend!

On Monday, July 23 at 7 pm, we have a special guest appearance by a much-requested musician, Joey Leone, who is coming to the Columbus Public Library that evening. Joey Leone and his band from Vermont will be coming to perform "Shades of Blue in America". Joey is a prolific blues guitar player and music historian. He will present a history of the American Blues - a program of musical performances, historical facts, and personal stories from Joey from his days playing and touring with blues legends like Etta James, Otis Rush, Wilson Pickett, The Coasters and even movie star Bruce Willis.

Then on August 3, all Friday afternoon we wrap up our summer reading fun with a lemonade and cookie party! Don't worry that that means no more fun programs at the library. Far from it! We continue to provide programming all throughout the year. Just visit cplconnect.us and look at the library events calendar, like us on Facebook, or call us at 402-564-7116.