

## Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

### Looking Forward to 2019 Programming

Library programming for 2018 is drawing to a close. We have had an awesome year for adult programming. Our last adult program of the year, the kolache class, was well attended by 77 people. After Connie Wachal's demonstration on how to make kolaches, while we waited for the kolaches to cook, we sunk our teeth into the softest, moistest, tastiest kolaches I had ever eaten! There were wonderful smells in the library that day! Three lucky winners walked away with a baker's dozen of fresh oven baked kolaches.

This was a fun program to end the year with, but I'm so excited to tell you about next year's programming. The Friends of the Library and I have a stimulating lineup to share with you. We will begin the New Year with Phyllis Bartholomew, the renowned Blue Ribbon pie maker, in February, right before Valentine's Day, to show us how to make meringue tarts with raspberries for our special someone. They will have no choice but to be impressed with your handmade tasty treat on Valentine's Day.

In March we are bringing back Cherrie Beam-Callaway, to continue her story about "the courage to continue with changing homesteads in Nebraska". We were so impressed with her first presentation on "Promise in a New Land, Migrating and Settling in Nebraska" that we begged her to come back even though she is trying to retire. As I emailed her in Nova Scotia, Canada, she agreed to return to Columbus and present one more time. We are lucky to have her, so don't miss this opportunity to watch and listen to Cherrie as she brings history to life!

In April, the young adult librarian and I pair up to bring you the annual Book Festival. Local authors come together for our community to present their books. Patrons have the opportunity to visit with the authors and purchase signed copies of their books. This year we are bringing in the big name author, Alex Kava, to give the keynote speech. We will have scrumptious treats and inspiring conversations at the author festival!

In May, Darrel Draper comes to the library as Daniel Freeman to tell us the story of America's first homesteader. History comes alive with his dramatic retelling of the troubles and trials of the forefathers of our land.

During our summer reading months, we have programs packed into June and July. A local student that made it to the big screen is coming back to Columbus to sing for us. Amy Cerny will sell copies of her CD at her music presentation. David Seay will come and play traditional folk music, and Dave March will play and tell us about the music of the Civil War. Daniel Christian agreed to bring his band and regale us with his musical talent. We will be tapping our toes to the superb music all summer long!

The end of July brings Bill Hayes to tell us the stories of the Nebraska underground railroads and the beginning of August brings our own Randy Perrault, physical therapist at the Columbus Community Hospital, to tell us about the VCC (Veterans Conservation Corps) camps of Columbus. Randy is an authority on this historical topic and has some interesting stories to share.

In September, Professor Steve Shively, sponsored by Carroll and Jane Novicki, comes to expound on Willa Cather. Teachers are invited to bring their students for this informative and fascinating dialogue on our well-known Nebraska author.

October brings Donald Hickey to examine with us the 1775 ride of Paul Revere. He will differentiate between the truth and the story recorded in the famous poem written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

This is a brief sketch of the exciting programs scheduled for 2019. More will be sure to come! When you are at the library, take a flyer home with the dates and programs listed for the year so you can come when possible. Call the library for more information or visit our library website. We also post our upcoming programs on Facebook and the fun pictures taken during our programs, so you can see what you missed!

Enjoy your Christmas and have a blessed New Year!