

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

"Helping Make Quality Time Count in 2019"

With 2019 only a few days away, many individuals will start pondering their New Year's resolutions. Some will hit the gym to lose those extra holiday pounds, others will keep better tabs on their George Washingtons in order to save and spend less, and still others will volunteer more and give back to their communities.

A New Year's resolution that I take to heart is spending quality time with family, friends, and loved ones. Luckily, the Columbus Public Library (CPL) can help make this goal a reality. CPL offers three core children's programs. The most well-known program is Story Time/ART, which takes place every Thursday from 10:30 AM to noon and 1:30 to 3 PM. This program provides little ones with a half-hour story time and then allows them the chance to engage in a fun craft project.

The library's "Monday Night Book Adventures" events are fast becoming a library favorite with families. This program takes place on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 PM. These hour-long events include a half-hour themed story time, craft, and a bedtime snack.

The "Super Sensational Saturdays" program has morphed into one of the most popular programs offered by CPL. This program, which takes place one Saturday a month from 10 AM to noon, allows families an opportunity to have fun, laugh, and take part in fantastic crafts, including an edible craft (aka a cool snack), during the weekend.

The Columbus Public Library understands that some families would rather come and experience the library independently, so the Children's Room is equipped with stations that allow little ones the opportunity to enjoy the library on their terms. The youth space is equipped with four iPads, two AWE educational computers, a Lego station, a coloring table, and beginning in January, a drone obstacle course, which is sure to provide families who just want to get out of the house with plenty of hours of fun.

So if your New Year's resolution includes making family time a top priority, let the CPL's Children's Department help. We have a number of free, quality programs that are sure to interest the children in your life. If you have any questions about the programs offered for youth, feel free to contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Story Time/Art will kick off again on Thursday, January 10 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Monday Night Book Adventures will start up on Monday, January 14 at 6:30 PM.

The next Super Sensational Saturdays event will be our annual winter carnival on Saturday, January 19 from 10 AM-Noon. This year's carnival is going to have a circus theme and is guaranteed to be fun for all!

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