

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

### A Universe of Stories @ Your Columbus Public Library!

Though the weather may not reflect the fact that summer is just around the corner, lemonade season is indeed encroaching upon us. The Columbus Public Library (CPL) is ready with this year's summer reading program entitled, "A Universe of Stories!"

Every week beginning June 10<sup>th</sup>, the library will host a wide range of events. On Mondays, movies will be shown in the library's auditorium from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Children of all ages are encouraged to come with pillows and blankets in tow for these family-friendly flicks. Treats will be provided to make the experience even more enjoyable!

On Tuesdays, presentations are scheduled from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Area youth will learn about space travel, astronauts, and the universe they live in with events conducted by Magician Jeff Quinn, Dr. Tod Young from Wayne State College, S.A.C. Museum, Edgerton Explorit Center, Omaha Children's Museum, Wildlife Encounters, and the String Beans!

For those students that just completed the third through fifth grades, Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. are geared for them. CPL has partnered with the Columbus 4-H organization to provide "CPL Space Explorers." This hands-on program will allow students the chance to star gaze, make galaxy slime, race homemade rockets, and craft the perfect out-of-this-world pizza with help from Pizza Ranch team members.

The library's regularly scheduled Thursday story times will be offered during the summer festivities from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-2:30 p.m. Children will enjoy listening to books read by talented guest readers. Families will also have the opportunity to attend Story Time at the Platte County Fair on Friday, July 12.

To bring the 2019 summer extravaganza to a close, participants will be invited to race down the slides and enjoy the lazy river at the Pawnee Plunge the morning of Friday, July 26. After splashing around, swimmers will be treated to a hotdog and potato chip luncheon at the Pawnee Park West Shelter served up by the Friends of the Columbus Public Library.

So if you are looking for summer fun the whole family is guaranteed to enjoy, look no further than the Columbus Public Library. We have a summer lineup sure to please everyone in the family. Registration for the "A Universe of Stories" program will begin on Monday, June 3. In addition to registering for the children's summer reading program the week of June 3, individuals can get a close up look at animals from the Horn T Zoo and can enter to win a Kindle Fire! If you have any questions regarding CPL's children's summer agenda, please contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...**

On Saturday, May 11, the Columbus Public Library will be hosting a library scavenger hunt and ice cream social from 10 AM-Noon!

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