

Librarian's Shelf
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About me....Hello, my name is Jessica Lee! I am the new Young Adult Services Librarian at Columbus Public Library. I grew up not too far away in Central City, Nebraska. I have a younger brother who is attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is one of the Men's Basketball student managers for the Huskers. I obtained my Master's in Library Science and Information Technology last May from the University of Missouri. Here are a few interesting things to know about me. I love anything to do with Disney. I am having a Disney themed wedding this December and have also seen every Disney movie known to man. My favorite author is Rick Riordan, my favorite sport is basketball, and my favorite anime is Fairy Tail. I am really looking forward to meeting everyone in the community, so do not hesitate to come in and say hello.

Columbus area teens are encouraged to participate in the Columbus Public Library's teen summer reading program that runs until July 26. Young adults entering 7th through 12th grades are invited to come to the library and read for prizes and take part in special events offered throughout the summer.

Registration continues on the second floor of Columbus Public Library in the Teen Space. Participants complete a registration form and receive a reading log to track the amount of time they read each week. Teens will also receive a summer reading program calendar to keep track of all of our weekly events, as well as our Anytime Activities.

A new craft or activity is available each week in the Teen Space. "Anytime Activities" can be done any time participants visit the library. Our activities for the rest of July are "Read-In," "Book in a Jar" and "Guess Where." Instructions for all Anytime Activities will be posted weekly in the Teen Space.

From now until July 25, the Teen Space hosts an activity each Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. On Tuesday, July 9 we will explore all the special tech toys in the Teen Space. Participants will meet Cozmo, create circuits, and step into virtual reality. On Thursday, July 11, summer readers will solve puzzles to complete an escape room style challenge.

During the third week in July, teens will guess which book we stuffed into a jar, paint with bubbles, and make "alien" creatures. At 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, teen visitors will dissect and stitch small stuffed animals to make out of this world critters.

The following week we will explore the art of mehndi. This intricate and beautiful art form uses henna to stain the skin and create a temporary "tattoo." Participants need a guardian's permission to apply henna and forms are available in the Teen Space. On Thursday, July 25, teens will prepare two sweet snacks to enjoy with a "classic" movie.

Summer readers who have actively participated in the program will be eligible to attend our wrap-up party at Pawnee Plunge at the end of the summer. The Plunge will open exclusively for summer readers and participants can enjoy a picnic lunch in Pawnee Park afterward.

Young adults must have completed sixth grade in order to register for the teen program. Complete details are available in the Teen Space and our teen summer reading calendar is available at www.columbusne.us/library.

Stop by or call the library at 402-564-7116 for information about our programs for everyone.