

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Daniel Christian at Columbus Public Library

Mark your calendars for this Saturday, July 13 at 2 pm. With a grant from the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural endowment, Nashville recording artist, Daniel Christian, is coming to Columbus Public Library. Bring your family and friends and come enjoy hearing Daniel talk about his path to musical stardom and listen to him play a variety of music on his guitar.

Daniel Christian comes highly recommended. He is one of the beloved members of the fun-loving String Beans band that performs for our children's programming. He has won two National Country Music Festival awards, and has earned nine Omaha Entertainment Award nominations in his native Nebraska, including Best Singer-Songwriter, Best Alternative/Indie Artist, Best Christian/Gospel, Album of the Year, and Artist of the Year.

A fulltime high school English teacher for five years, Daniel Christian made the momentous decision to make music his fulltime occupation in 2008. He is a member of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, the Nebraska Arts Council, and is a founding member of Nebraska's chapter of the Nashville Songwriters Association International.

He released his debut album in 2007 titled "I Am Merely Sand". One of the songs on this album, "New Sun Rising", charted on the International Association of Independent Recording Artists' Top 100. Daniel Christian's second album, "Hold Your Breath" was released in 2010, and was featured on Mike Flynn's "The Folk Sampler" program on NPR. His third album, "Speak", was released in 2013. This album features the song "Dandelion" that was one of the top ten inspirational finalists in the 14th Annual Great American Song Contest.

For over ten years, Daniel Christian has been sharing his music across the country. He completed a coast-to-coast tour of the United States in 2014 and released two new albums in 2017 with the South Carolina label, Tremulant Records. You won't want to miss this fun music program!

On Saturday, July 27 at 2 pm, hear Bill Hayes describe the overall history of the Underground Railroad. This insightful program is brought to you through a grant from Humanities Nebraska. Hayes talks especially about Nebraska's connection to this amazing time in history, showing specific sites where escaping slaves found refuge.

On Saturday, August 3 at 2 pm, come enjoy learning the history behind the VCC camp of Platte County as told by Randy Perault. The Veterans Conservation Corps were comprised of veterans of the Spanish American and WWI wars.

Also on August 3, we will be serving cookies and lemonade all day long for our end of summer reading cookie party. Once all tickets are turned in and tallies counted, winners will be contacted. Thank you for the enthusiastic participation of all our summer reading attendees. We had record-breaking numbers again this year!