

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

Library Events during the 2019-20 School Year!

Many believe that a majority of the Columbus Public Library's children's programming takes place during the summer; however, that is simply not the case. The Columbus Public Library (CPL) actually conducts more diverse programming and activities during the school year, and the 2019-20 academic year is no exception.

Story Time has long been a traditional library program offered by libraries. CPL took this conventional program to the next level by giving it a modern twist and renaming it StoryART. This program, which kicked off on September 5, alternates weekly between two formats. During one week, families enjoy Story Time, which consists of a 30-minute book reading followed by an hour of fun activities, including balloon animals. The next week, participants engage in StoryART, which also consists of a 30-minute book reading. Participants are then invited to make a craft that ties in with that day's story time theme. CPL's Story Time/ART program takes place twice on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

"Monday Night Book Adventures," which begins on September 9, is another program families can enjoy during the 2019-20 school year. These events are offered the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and are geared for students in preK-3rd grade. Participants listen to stories, make cool crafts, and leave with a delicious bedtime snack!

CPL's "Super Sensational Saturdays" program occurs one Saturday a month and focuses on those students in K-5th grade. The atmosphere of this program, which begins on September 14, is relaxed. Families come between 10 a.m.-noon and participate in three to four activities, including an edible project.

CPL also conducts outreach to area schools and daycare facilities. Children enjoy songs, finger plays, and poems, as well as four stories. Some of the sites involved in CPL's outreach program include Columbus Head Start, Columbus Public School, and the Columbus Community Hospital Child Care Center.

As you can see, the Columbus Public Library's Children's Department does not slow down during the school year. In fact, we continually strive to find new ways to keep children reading and loving their library! If you have any questions regarding the programs offered by CPL or would like to learn more about how your school classroom can be included in our monthly outreach program, please contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.

AGAIN MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR...

September 9 & 23, Monday Night Book Adventures at 6:30 p.m.

September 12, StoryART program at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

September 14, Super Sensational Saturdays program entitled "Fantastic Fall Festivities" from 10 a.m.-noon

September 19, Story Time program at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

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