

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Crochet gifts at Columbus Public Library

It's hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner. Don't panic! The Columbus Public Library is here to help! On Saturday, November 9 at 2 pm, Joanne and Rita are offering a crochet craft class. Basic crochet skills will be needed to participate in this crochet craft class. It is not a beginner's crochet class. They have come up with five different crochet patterns that they will help guide you through as you create them. We will provide copies of the patterns for everyone that comes. There are patterns for a mug coaster cozy, Christmas wreath ring ornament, crocheted icicle ornaments, stocking cap tree ornament, and a candy cane ornament. Joanne and Rita have already made up the beautiful crochet items, so you can see what they look like when finished. We will provide the yarn and crochet hooks, but if you have some of your own, please bring them. We will also provide the decorative buttons, bells, pompoms, and ribbons, but if you would like to bring your own decorative items to add a personal touch, they will be welcomed.

While you are busy crocheting, we will have a spread of Christmas themed treats provided by "Feed your Sweet Tooth". Samantha Kooyman is known for her wonderful sweets. You will be able to enjoy them while you take a break from crocheting Christmas gifts. Take this opportunity to receive free patterns and instructions on wonderful handmade gifts your family and friends will treasure. No registration is necessary.

The week before Thanksgiving, the library is offering our "Food 4 Fines". From November 17 - 23, we are accepting three cans of food to cover all the late fees on your account. If you have children's accounts that need fines forgiven, three cans of food for each account will erase those late fees. Get your accounts cleaned up so everyone can check out books and movies. The fines forgiven are only for late fees and not for damaged or lost books. The library then donates these cans of food to the Platte County Food Pantry. It's a win – win for all!

The evening of November 21 from 5 pm – 9 pm, the library is having their annual Story Walk/Book Sale. Our story walk features a beautiful Thanksgiving book, appropriately titled "Thanks for Thanksgiving" by Julie Markes and illustrated by Doris Barrette. As you follow the footprints to the different pages of the Thanksgiving story, we have prizes as you go along to encourage readers to read to the end. At the end of the story, you will be invited to visit the book sale room for the Friends of the Library's one night sale. Books are priced at the awesome discount of only 50 cents for hardback books and 25 cents for paperbacks.

This all happens during the Festival of Trees starting November 21 at noon and the Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at Frankfort Square at 6 pm. The Festival of Trees runs through November 24 at 4 pm. Advance tickets are \$5, or \$6 at the door. Tickets for children ages 6-12 are \$3. The ticket price includes cookies and a beverage. Tickets are available at Art Editions, Tooley Drug, and the Columbus Art Gallery.