

## Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

### Fly to the Moon at CPL

Happy New Year! Columbus Public Library has been hard at work this last year to prepare fun and educational programs for our patrons. As the adult programmer, I am so excited to share with you what is already in the works for 2020.

January 18, Saturday at 2 pm, Jim Murphy will take us to the moon and back in his presentation, "Apollo Remembered". He has a thrilling story of his years working at NASA on several of the Apollo missions. Learn how he actually met the astronauts that made history as the first men to the moon. Can you believe it has been over fifty years since Neil Armstrong first set foot on the moon?

February 9, Sunday at 2 pm, the Friends of the Library are sponsoring "Grit 'n Gumption" presented by our favorite speaker, Cherrie Beam-Callaway. This is her last installment of the "Promise in a New Land" historical reenactment of the courage of our forefathers as they homesteaded in Nebraska. Cherrie Beam-Callaway is retiring, and this will be her last presentation at Columbus Public Library. Let's give her the biggest and best audience we can to thank her for her wonderful programs.

February 29, Saturday at 2 pm, Victoria Brinkman will instruct us on essential oils. She will explain what they are and how to use them. If you always wondered about essential oils but did not know who to ask, come to this program to learn how they can improve your life. Did you know that you could bake with essential oils? Victoria Brinkman will show us how.

March 21, Saturday at 2 pm, Kerry Grombacher comes to the library to do a concert called "Songs and Stories of the American West". He and his duo partner, Aspen Black, are modern day troubadours. Did you need to look that word up? I did! A troubadour is a poet who writes verse to music. Bring your whole family to learn about our American West in a fun and exciting way.

April 25, Saturday at 2 pm, is our Annual Author Fair, where we promote local authors and their books to the public with reading, great treats, and a keynote speaker. We were so lucky to sign up Stephanie Grace Whitson as our keynote speaker this year. Her keynote is titled "Why Scarlett is Read". Come find out what this popular Nebraska author means by this play on words. After the keynote, you can visit with all the authors at their individual booths and buy books signed by them.

May 9, the sweet Russian couple, Mr. and Mrs. Shekhtman, return to play songs on his accordion from their native country. They are truly a joy to meet and listen to.

June 4, Thursday night at 7pm, Bob and Sheila Everhart from the Smithsonian Institution will perform the "Traveling Museum of Music" for our patrons. The

Friends of the Library are sponsoring this musical couple who know how to please an audience.

June 6, Saturday at 2 pm, Joel Green, the author of the book "Robber's Cave", will give a presentation on the truth, legends, and recollections surrounding this cave. This is an actual robber's cave located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Joel Green, a local teacher and tour guide, will fascinate us with the stories he learned in his research about the Robber's Cave.

June 20, Saturday at 2 pm, Diane Gubbels, the famous Quilt Lady, will bring her quilts and tell the captivating stories behind each. Her quilts are inspired by life experiences, each telling a story of inspiration. Experience the beauty of her quilts as she unfolds the stories that led to their creation.

July 11, Saturday at 2 pm, Pippa White gives us a one-woman show (because that is all she needs!) about the children on the Orphan Train. Dressed in character and speaking from their point of view, Pippa White will rivet you to your seat as you experience living history by a professional. You will not want to miss her heartbreaking and suspenseful depiction of life on the Orphan Train.

August 22, Saturday at 2 pm, we have the honor of presenting Nebraska author Tosca Lee. Do you like inspirational thrillers that you can't put down? Well, Tosca Lee writes them. Come hear about her life and how she writes these amazing books. She has a new one coming soon!

September 20, Sunday at 2pm, the Friends of the Library bring Sisters from the Outlaw Trail to the library. Through poetry and music, the dynamic duo of Marci Broyhill and Teresa Kay Orr present the stories of colorful and complex characters of the Western movement.

October 17, Saturday at 2pm, Janet Jeffries, historian and lecturer, comes to show and tell the history of the Czech folk costumes or kroje. She shows how the national folk costume developed over centuries from the simple garments of the people, to the colorful artistic ensembles one finds today at festivals and museums.

December 5, Saturday at 2pm, Charlotte Endorf presents the story of Grace Snyder, author of the books "No Time on My Hands" and "Pioneer Girl: Growing Up On the Prairie". Grace Snyder and her parents homesteaded in Nebraska in 1885. As a small child, she began piecing together quilt blocks while tending the cows. Through Charlotte Endorf, we will hear how Grace Snyder made her mark on the world starting with her humble beginnings on the Nebraska frontier.

Now that you know what to look forward to in 2020 at Columbus Public Library, aren't you excited too? So much to look forward to and share with your friends and family. Be on the lookout for the awesome teen and children's programs as well!