

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

“A Jurassic World of Fun @ Your Columbus Public Library!”

On Saturday, January 25th, the Columbus Public Library (CPL) will host its 4th Annual Winter Carnival. This year's event entitled “A Jurassic World of Fun!” will be held from 10 AM-Noon in the library's Children's Room. This year's program will feature six exciting, dinosaur-themed activities.

Area youth will have the opportunity to try their luck at “T. Rex Tic-Tac-Toe.” Individuals will have four chances to line up three tyrannosaurus rex images. Those who succeed in getting three back-to-back pictures of the lizard king will win a candy bar.

Accomplished Nerf Blaster users will be able to fine-tune their skills as they take aim at the “Velociraptor Skeet Shoot”. Participants who hit two of the three targets will receive a juice box.

Amateur paleontologists know that the highlight of the Jurassic Period was discovering what lurked beneath the waves. At this year's carnival, young anglers will have the opportunity of a lifetime to discover what can be found in the depths as they cast their lines into the “Megalodon Fishing Pond”. Little ones are sure to snag their favorite candy or tchotchke.

No carnival would be complete without an exhilarating putt-putt golf challenge. This year, families will channel their inner Tiger Woods and attempt “Pelorosaurus Putt-Putt Golf.” Challengers will have three chances to whack a foam ball into one of five holes. Those who make it into a specially marked space will earn a giant lollipop.

Everyone's favorite Balloon Man, Travis Purkerson, will be at this year's event whipping up cool balloon creations. Adults and children alike will be amazed as Purkerson manipulates colorful balloons into dogs, rabbits, swords, and monkeys right before their very eyes.

Tasty treats are a must at any good carnival. This year, participants will feast on yummy dino-hoop donuts! These glazed goodies will bring a smile to everyone who attends (while supplies last).

So if you're looking for something exciting to do between 10 AM and Noon on Saturday, January 25, bring your family to the Columbus Public Library for our 4th Annual Winter Carnival. This year's “A Jurassic World of Fun!” event is sure to have something engaging for everyone! If you have any questions regarding this event, or would like information about the other programs offered at the library, please contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR...

- January 13, Monday Night Book Adventures will take place at 6:30 PM.
- January 16, StoryART will take place at 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM.
- January 23, Story Time will take place at 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM.
- January 25, 4th Annual Winter Carnival: “A Jurassic World of Fun!”

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