

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Outlaw History through Poetry & Music

"The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you shave his face in the mirror every morning." – Cowboy Quotes

September 17, Thursday evening at 7 pm, Marci Broyhill and Teresa Kay Orr present the program "Outlaw History through Poetry and Music". Sponsored by Humanities Nebraska and the Friends of the Columbus Public Library, Marci and Teresa will educate and entertain their audience with obscure, colorful, and complex characters and the situations they got themselves into back in the day on the western frontier! They will cover the lively stories of Doc Middleton, Kid Wade, outlaw's wives, rustlers, vigilantes, and law enforcement. Marci Broyhill will have paperback and hardback copies of her book "Nebraska's Outlaw Trails: Facts, Legends, & Lore" available for purchase, \$15 and \$25 respectively. Teresa Kay Orr will have copies of her music CD "Ladies & Outlaws" available for \$15. You will not want to miss this free presentation by these delightful ladies that know their stuff! Bring your mask-covered outlaws and in-laws to enjoy this wonderful program! (We request that you wear a mask, but it is not required for attendance.)

The Columbus Public Library is excited to bring you programming again, but we want to assure you that we are taking diligent measures to keep it safe for all. We will be distancing groups of chairs for families and we will provide wipes and hand sanitizer for all to use. Our presenters will use a sound system, so even though we are spread out in the art gallery, hearing our speakers will not be a problem. If attending this program will be your first time back at the Columbus Public Library since our reopening in June, plan to arrive a few minutes early to sign a COVID-19 liability waiver.

August 17 – 22, during library open hours, the Friends of the Library will be offering a book sale. Shoppers are asked to purchase a large cloth bag for \$3 at the front desk of the library to be used in the Book Sale room in the building's lower level. Just \$3 gets you a new cloth bag and as many books as you can fill it with. You may purchase as many bags as your family needs. The Friends of the Library also have boxes for you to use and you can leave an extra donation at the front desk when you leave with your full boxes. This is the perfect time to stock up on new reading material!

Our Children's and Young Adult Services Librarians, Mr. H and Jessica, are also gearing up for programming at the library to begin in August and September so check out our Facebook page and website (www.cplconnect.us) for calendar updates. We are so happy to be able to bring you programs again!

Columbus Public Library has opened the meeting rooms for public use. We can currently have 50% capacity in our meeting rooms. All you need to do is call and see what we have available and we can reserve it for you. Walk-ins are welcome on a first come first serve basis. We thank everyone for their understanding during this time while we provide limited services.

August 1-16, Columbus Public Library is participating in the Columbus NE Passport Bingo program. Katie McNeil, the director of the Columbus Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, put together a passport card with different Columbus, NE locations that you can go to and get your card stamped. The library is one of those places where you can get your passport card and then we can give you a stamp for visiting the Columbus Public Library. When the passport card is completely full of stamps, participants can turn in it and receive prizes. Contact Katie McNeil at 402-276-3606 for more information.