

Librarian's Shelf by Jessica Wilkinson

### Teen Programs Happening this Fall

This summer was different than any other summer we have ever experienced before. I had to make all of my programs happen online, which is not something anyone had expected. A new program that was created during this summer was online Escape Rooms. This is a program that I will continue to pursue in the future. In addition to enjoying online programs, teen summer readers diligently logged their reading hours for chances to win prizes that included an Amazon Echo Show, Columbus Bucks, a FitBit, and an iPod Touch. Teen summer readers logged 24,821 minutes in June and July!

Now that summer reading is over, the library is planning school year activities for patrons in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. This is a good time to remind everyone that the library is an excellent place for young adults to spend time. Whether they are talking with their friends in a relaxed environment or reading and studying on their own, the library can be a valuable resource for tweens and teens.

Calling all reading adventurers! The Dread Dragon is terrorizing the country! Mysterious figures lurk in the forest! Ogres and Giants cause chaos! This school year get ready to embark on a reading adventure, known as Page Paladins! Page Paladins is going to be a step up from the Word Warriors program that Mr. H provides in the children's area. Page Paladins is geared towards students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Read and log hours to complete the story of your journey from country peasant to knight of the realm. Sign up on Beanstack at <https://columbusne.beanstack.org> to enter tickets in three monthly drawings. All participants get entered into a mysterious grand prize drawing in December and in May!

This September is also going to bring a change to one of the most popular programs that the Teen Space offers: Anime Club. With reduced library hours, there needs to be a change as to when Anime Club is held at the library. There are 4 different options that teens can vote for:

- Mondays @ 4 p.m.
- Mondays @ 6 p.m.
- Tuesdays @ 4 p.m.
- Thursdays @ 6 p.m.

If you have a preference, please email Jessica at [Jessica.Wilkinson@columbusne.us](mailto:Jessica.Wilkinson@columbusne.us) as to which date and time you would like.

Make sure to keep an eye out for other exciting new programs that are going to be provided during this school year. Some to look out for include: Teen Game Days, Crafternoons, and Fandom Friday!

Throughout the year, young adult patrons should check out the marker boards in and near the teen space. Library events and community happenings that will be of interest to them are posted in those locations. Watch the Teen Space, Facebook, and our website calendar at <http://columbusne.us/library> for upcoming young adult events.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica at (402)562-4203 or email [Jessica.Wilkinson@columbusne.us](mailto:Jessica.Wilkinson@columbusne.us). I look forward to working with all of the teens and tweens in the upcoming school year!