

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

Library Events for the 2020-21 School Year!

As families embark on the 2020-21 school year, the Columbus Public Library (CPL) is adding the finishing touches to its exciting fall lineup. The library is continuing to follow state and local health guidelines and will begin in-person programming with certain modifications in place. The library's "Story Time/ART" program will be offered Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. beginning September 10th. This engaging program alternates weekly between two formats. During one week, families enjoy "Story Time," consisting of a 30-minute book reading followed by fun activities. The next week, participants take part in "StoryART," which also consists of a 30-minute book reading but then incorporates a craft that ties in with that day's theme. CPL's "Monday Night Book Adventures" (MNBA) program is scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting September 14th. These events are designed for K-3rd grade students and include stories, crafts, and bedtime snacks! A NEW program is being launched at CPL entitled "Tubular Tween Nights" (TTN). This enriching, "after-hours" program will take place one Friday evening a month from 6:30-9:00 p.m. beginning September 25th. TTN is geared for 4th-6th grade students and provides them with an opportunity to come to the library, relax, and be themselves. Participants will show off their gaming skills with the library's Nintendo Switch and Xbox, play interactive tag games like "Sardines," and feast on tasty food items such as pizza! Registration and signed permission slips are required for each of the TTN scheduled events.

The Columbus Public Library is taking precautions and have made a few changes to the way we provide programs to ensure the safety and health of families and library staff:

- Family units will be directed to sit six feet apart during readings with fun carpet shapes.
- Mask wearing for families is optional; however, library staff will wear masks or maintain a distance of 6' from participants.
- Activity kits for StoryART and MNBA will be provided to families as they leave the Children's Room.
- Snacks will be individually wrapped and offered to participants as they make their way out of the Children's Room.

As you can see, the Columbus Public Library's Children's Department has an awesome set of programs scheduled for the 2020-21 school year. We are continually striving to find new ways to keep area youth reading and loving their library! If you have any questions regarding the programs offered by CPL, please contact Mr. H at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR...

September 10th & 24th, Story Time at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

September 14th & 28th, Monday Night Book Adventures at 6:30 p.m.

September 17th, StoryART at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

September 25th, Tubular Tween Night at 6:30 p.m.

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