

Librarian's Shelf by Brad Hruska

New Saturday Program @ the Columbus Public Library

At the beginning of every school year various organizations around the community launch new programs geared for children. Churches do it; schools do it; the Y does it; and now the Columbus Public Library (CPL) has done it as well!

This year CPL founded a new program entitled "Super Sensational 2nd Saturdays." The activities for this event, as the name of the program implies, take place on the second Saturday of every month (Sept.-Dec.) from 10:30 a.m.-noon.

One of the primary goals for this new program is to provide fun library events for parents and their children (prek-3rd grade) who, for whatever reason, are not able to attend the library's regularly scheduled Story Time/ART program, which occurs every Thursday from 10:30 a.m.-noon and 1:30 p.m.-3p.m.

To kick off the "Super Sensational 2nd Saturdays" program, the library hosted "A Sesame Street Celebration!" on September 10. Family members of all ages had the opportunity to participate in three amusing activities. They could have made a comical Elmo paper bag puppet; created Oscar the Grouch's worm-friend, Slimey, out of popsicle sticks and colorful pom-poms; and feasted on a yummy popcorn and M&M trail mix while enjoying various episodes of the beloved PBS children's TV show.

The library's next Saturday program will be on October 8 and will go from 10:30-noon. This time CPL will be hosting its first-ever trunk or treat event. For those who are not familiar with how a program like this works, this is what participants can expect. Families will park their vehicles on 25th Avenue (the street located on the east side of the library between Columbus City Hall and CPL). Children will arrive with their parents and be dressed in their Halloween costumes. Participants will then go "trick-or-treating" from car to car! This event is designed to provide parents with a safe place to take their little ones trick-or-treating. The activity is free!! However, I do ask that each family brings one large bag of candy to share with others. Depending on the time, games and other activities will also take place up in the library's Children's room after the trunk or treat event concludes.

So if you are looking for a fun way to spend the second Saturday morning of each month, come on down to the library and take part in our new program "Super Sensational 2nd Saturday". The trunk or treating event on October 8 is sure to be a great time and your children will be able to practice their trick or treating skills! If you have any questions about the upcoming children's program or would like more information about other youth programming, please contact me at (402) 564-7116 opt. 4.

Also, please do not forget to enjoy a Runza meal on Tuesday, September 27. On that day, Runza will be hosting its "Great Books for Great Kids" event. Fifteen percent of that day's profits will be donated to the Columbus Public Library and will go toward the purchase of quality children's books.