

“Librarian’s Shelf” by Heather St. Clair

New Items @ the Columbus Public Library

The Columbus Public Library has acquired some exciting new materials in for the non-fiction collections. We have both books and audios, covering multiple topics and we wanted to share these new items with you.

First we have purchased over one hundred new books in the Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Series. Each book covers a different badge, which include “Insect Study,” “Dog Care,” “Fingerprinting,” “Archaeology,” “Home Repairs,” and many, many more.

Each book begins with the requirements for obtaining the badge and then gives information relating to the topic. For example, in the “Insect Study” badge guide, an explanation defining insects is provided, as are the parts of insects, their lives, how to identify different orders of insects and more. Some of the books also discuss careers relating to the topics. The information and activities contained within these books doesn’t have to be limited to Boy Scouts either—anyone may find them useful. These can be found on their own special shelf in the first floor non-fiction room.

In relation to the Kansas-Nebraska Chautauqua, Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties, coming to Columbus in June, we have some newly acquired biographies on some of the individuals who will be reenacted. “The Kingfish,” by Webster Smith, is a biography of the 1928-1932 Governor of Louisiana, Huey Long, and the other biography is “Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America,” by Matthew Avery Sutton.

Some other new books about the Great Depression Era include “The Great Depression: A Diary,” by Benjamin Roth; “Great Depression: People and Perspectives,” by Hamilton Cravens; “Dancing in the Dark: A Cultural History of the Great Depression,” by Morris Dickstein; and “Lessons from the Great Depression for Dummies,” by Steve Wiegend.

You may find these particular books on our New Non-Fiction shelf, or on display. While these books are newly acquired we also have other books on the Great Depression and biographies on other historical figures to be reenacted for the Chautauqua.

Finally, we have also added to our non-fiction audio collection five lecture series from the Modern Scholar audio series. Each topic contains fourteen, 35 minute lectures, given by distinguished scholars and professors, and a course guide book. These audios are targeted to anyone with an interest in the given subject. The five audios cover a range of topics and are “Classical Mythology: The Greeks,” “Astronomy: Earth, Sky and Planets,” “Big Picture Investing,” “Islam and the West,” and “Understanding the Holocaust.” To check these out you will have to retrieve a browser from our audio bin and bring it to the check-out desk to get the actual audios.