

Librarian's Shelf  
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### "Own the Night" @ your library This Summer

Columbus area teens are encouraged to participate in the Columbus Public Library's teen summer reading program from June 4 to July 27. Young adults entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to come to the library and read for prizes and take part in special events offered throughout the summer.

Registration begins June 4 on the second floor of Columbus Public Library in the Teen Space. Participants will complete a registration form and receive a reading log to track the amount of time they read this summer. Teens will also receive a summer reading program calendar to keep track of all our Wednesday and Thursday afternoon events, as well as our Anytime Activities.

During registration week, teens are invited to decorate the teen space on Wednesday, June 6, from 1:00-3:00. At 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, CPL will show a movie in the auditorium for teens.

Beginning June 11, a new craft or activity will be available each week in the Teen Space. These "Anytime Activities" can be done anytime participants visit the library. Our first project will be a craft challenge called, "Mini-box City." Using supplies provided in the Teen Space, participants can build a miniature city. The following week, instructions for participating in an international goodwill project will be posted in the Teen Space. Young adult patrons are encouraged to help plan and create a dream-inspired piece of fabric art to be used in the Dream Rocket Project. More details can be found at [www.thedreamrocket.com](http://www.thedreamrocket.com).

Our crafts and activities this year are inspired by the theme, "Own the Night." At our first Wednesday afternoon event on June 13, teens will bring a t-shirt to transform into a pillow. The next day we will make solar powered night lights. Other craft projects include tie-dying t-shirts and pillowcases with the Columbus Art Gallery, making food with a visitor from the UNL Extension Office, investigating a crime scene with local law enforcement, and learning some basic self-defense skills from a local taekwondo instructor.

On Thursday, June 21 at 1:00, Wildlife Encounters from Gretna, Nebraska, will pay us a visit. Wildlife Encounters will give summer readers the chance to see some of the world's most amazing animals up close and personal. But beware, they do call up volunteers from the audience, so you may have the opportunity to hold, feed, or pet one of these amazing animal ambassadors.

Young adults who participate in the program during June and July will be eligible to attend our wrap-up party at Pawnee Plunge at the end of the summer.

Check out the Columbus Public Library this summer for awesome crafts, activities and presentations. Read, read, read to earn chances to win some amazing prizes.

Complete details available in the Teen Space throughout the summer. See our teen summer reading calendar at [www.columbusne.us/library](http://www.columbusne.us/library) or [www.facebook.com/columbuspubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/columbuspubliclibrary). If you have questions about the summer reading program, or if you are interested in supporting teen programming, please call Rachelle at 402-562-4201 or stop by the library.