

Update and Other News from the Library

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It's time for an update on our strategic planning developments and other news.

As you may recall, the planning project is a several month process which kicked off the first week in June. Thanks to your participation we received a total of 1,111 completed surveys. 1,031 were done in English, and 80 were submitted in Spanish. Nearly 40 people attended the community input meetings. There were also individual meetings held with approximately 50 community leaders from various demographics. Every effort was made to tap into the public's wishes for their library.

We'd like to invite you to a presentation of the strategic plan for the general public Tuesday, December 4th in the library's auditorium at 7:00 PM. Other presentations of the strategic plan include a December 3rd evening presentation to the City Council and a December 4th morning presentation to the County Board of Supervisors.

Once the plan is available, you can also watch the library website for FAQs, a copy of the plan, and other pertinent information at columbusne.us/library.

City Council meeting recordings are posted on the City's website, so you may watch the recording if you aren't able to watch the live broadcast, or attend any presentations in person. The recordings are also rebroadcast the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday following the City Council meetings. (These rebroadcasts are nearly always at 7:00 p.m. but in the rare case of a meeting lasting over three hours, the playback may be started a little earlier.)

There will also be a drawing for a Kindle Fire during one of the public meetings. Everyone who turned in a survey was eligible to register for this great prize donated by the Friends of the Library.

Additionally, there will be a contest to design a new logo for the library. The rules and guidelines will be available beginning December 3rd. A cash prize of \$500 will be donated by the Friends of the Library. Watch this space next month for more about the contest. Information about the contest will be posted on the website and will be available in the library.

In other news, a rearrangement is underway in the reading area of the library. The audio books (aka recorded books) are still located in the same wing, but are now on the west side of the circulation desk. This change has allowed the ground floor west wing to be much less congested. When the library is closed for Veteran's Day, the carpet in the reading area will be cleaned. Other cosmetic changes concerning the window coverings will take place during the current fiscal year.

Thank you again for taking the survey. We hope to see you December 3rd or 4th.

A memorial for Luella Marolf was given by Leon and Phyllis Wragge. The VFW Auxiliary #3704 donated a book in honor of Gold Star Mother, Doris Geiser. The Wood Carvers of Columbus gave a donation as well.