

Librarian's Shelf  
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### "Beneath the Surface" @ your library This Summer

Columbus area teens are encouraged to participate in the Columbus Public Library's teen summer reading program from June 3 to July 26. Young adults entering 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the fall are invited to come to the library and read for prizes and take part in special events offered throughout the summer.

Registration begins June 3 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 weekly events, as well as our Anytime Activities.

During registration week, teens are invited to decorate the teen space on Wednesday, June 5, from 1:00-3:00. At 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, participants will craft a "DIY Chia Pet" using nylons, soil, and grass seed.

Beginning June 10, a new craft or activity will be available each week in the Teen Space. These "Anytime Activities" can be done any time participants visit the library. Our first project will be a craft challenge called "Underwater World." Using supplies provided in the Teen Space, participants can create an underwater scene. The following week, summer readers can earn extra chances for prizes by participating in our "Read-In." Instructions for all Anytime Activities will be posted in the Teen Space.

On Thursday, June 20 at 2:00, 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.

Summer readers who visit in July will break ground on new programs the library is offering! The Teen Space will be home to the library's first open mic nights on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Nebraska author, Jo Peterson, will host a two-part writing workshop beginning Wednesday, July 17.

Adults and young adults are welcome to attend a special screening of the movie, "Bully" on Saturday, July 13 at 2:00 p.m. Patrons under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

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 are 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.