

## Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

### Welcome to the Wonder of the Library

Just imagine the wide eyed wonder of the little child coming to the library. They walk in the door and see all the books and their eyes become as big as saucers as they look and see more and more books! It's still like that for me today. I come to the library and am amazed at all the library has to offer, books and so much more. The library has books in large print, in audio version, and even e-books. And if the library doesn't have the exact book that you want they can get it from another library for only \$2.00 shipping. If the book you want is checked out a librarian can put the book on hold for you and you will be called as soon as the book comes in. A patron can also suggest a book for the library to consider purchasing and put their name on the suggestion to be called if the book is purchased. And if you're having trouble downloading an e-book the library offers tech help the second Tuesday of each month from 6 – 8 pm. If that doesn't work you can walk in and ask for help or call to make an appointment.

Imagine the sun shining while you lounge in a hammock, listening to a mystery. You can check out music CDs, DVDs, and audio books at the library. We have a suggestion box on the wall beside the customer service desk where patrons can make suggestions for DVD or CD purchases. Current magazines are on display for patrons that want to come in and rest at the library and stay up with current events. Back issues can be checked out and taken home for patron convenience. Several newspapers from Columbus and the surrounding area are displayed for patrons.

In your imagination, put yourself in an easy chair in a friendly atmosphere, laptop open, catching up with friends on Facebook. You can do this at the library! We have comfortable new chairs for all who wish to relax in the library. There are table stands beside the chairs where laptops and tech gadgets can be plugged in to use the library free Wi-Fi. If the library is closed Wi-Fi can be used in your vehicle parked beside the library building.

Teacher kits are available to school teachers and homeschoolers. The kits are big blue bags filled with books, crafts, and other materials to help children learn a certain topic. Just ask at the front customer service desk if you are interested. Another surprise the library offers is quilt patterns that can be checked out! I've enjoyed some of the beautiful quilts patrons have brought in while they were looking for the right patterns to use.

If for any reason, you can't get a library card we offer a swap/sale book case where you can take a book and swap it with one at home or bring the one you took and swap it with another. You can also just take some books and leave a donation in the box on the wall if you would rather.

You can understand my wide eyed wonder at all the library has to offer. I haven't even scratched the surface of all the possibilities at the library. So come to your local Columbus Library and discover the wonder of your library today!