

Librarian's Shelf by Rachelle McPhillips

Spread the Love of Reading with World Book Night

The Columbus Public Library is pleased to announce its involvement with World Book Night 2014.

From <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org>:

"On World Book Night, 25,000 book givers each give away 20 copies of a specially-printed, not-for-resale World Book Night U.S. edition of a book they have read and loved, chosen from a list of 35 titles selected by a panel of librarians and booksellers. The volunteer book givers personally hand out their copies to complete strangers, people who may never have owned a book of their own. Libraries and bookstores support this event as organizational participants, forming a nationwide advocacy and distribution network."

Here's how it works: Before January 5, 2014, visit the WBN website. Under "Get Involved" select, "Be a Book Giver." Read the giver application and guidelines, and fill out the application.

In April, approximately a week before World Book Night, go to your designated pick-up location and get your books.

On Wednesday, April 23, 2014, take your 20 copies of one book out into the community and share the love of reading!

This year WBN announced the 2014 titles via a live, online event. The technology for the event proved more challenging than anticipated, but it was still a lot of fun to hear each title announced.

Two of those were young adult novels. "Code Name Verity" by Elizabeth Wein is a novel about two young, female pilots in WWII. This novel lit up the young adult fiction world with all its starred reviews.

"The Perks of Being a Wallflower" by Stephen Chbosky has been very popular in the last two years with the release of the film adaptation. It's a favorite of CPL teens and might entice some young people to participate in WBN.

Two adult fiction titles are available in large print: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford, and "Where'd You Go, Bernadette?" by Maria Semple.

There are several nonfiction choices, as well. Among them are "Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly" by Anthony Bourdain, and a 2013 CPL Book Discussion Group title, "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed. Esmeralda Santiago's biography, "When I Was Puerto Rican" is available in English and Spanish.

On the WBN website, you can find the full list of 35 titles that givers can request to give away. Applicants list a first, second and third choice. Many applicants receive one of their top three

picks. Givers who have read the book they're handing out can have a richer experience with people receiving the book.

Many pick-up locations have receptions and goodies for givers to enjoy. Last year, CPL gave participants a book to keep for themselves and a pin to wear while they gave away their books at businesses around the community.

If you have questions about World Book Night, need help filling out the application, or want some assistance choosing a location to hand out books, please call me at 402-562-4201 and I will be happy to help.