

Librarian's Shelf by Rachele McPhillips

Programs for Movie Lovers and Reading Enthusiasts

While many area residents are busy baking holiday goodies, the library is whipping up fun winter programs for teens and adults.

The first of these boredom-busting programs is a Movie Marathon on Friday, December 27th. The first movie starts at 10:00 a.m. and our third movie should easily wrap up before 5:00 p.m. Patrons in grades 6-12 are welcome to bring their pillows, blankets, and bean bags and settle in for the day. They are also welcome to bring a snack or drinks to share, but it is not required. I will pop some popcorn to enjoy during the movies and pizza will be served for lunch.

The event is open to grades 6-12, but parents should be advised that one of the movies may be rated PG-13. Please call the library or visit the Teen Space to see which movies we'll be viewing.

On Friday, January 3rd, patrons in grades 6-12 are invited to "Read-In the New Year" at the library. Bring those pillows, blankets, and bean bags back to the library that day and curl up with a good book. No one will be told to "put down that book and go clean your room." This is one full day of guilt-free reading pleasure.

The Read-In begins at 10:00 a.m. and wraps up by 3:00 p.m. Snacks and prizes will be provided by the library. Lunch will be served at noon for participants. A quiet craft will be provided for anyone who needs to take a reading break. Like the movie marathon, the Read-In is free.

What about the grown-ups? Drop your teen off at the library for one of these programs and check out a book to take back to your quiet house. For reading inspiration, check out the CPL Book Discussion Group's 2014 reading list at <http://www.columbusne.us/index.aspx?nid=336>.

Ring in the New Year with a cathartic cry over John Green's "The Fault in Our Stars." This lovely story about two young people living with serious illness has had the book world buzzing since its publication in 2012. One of the characters from the story sums up how many readers feel about this novel:

"Sometimes, you read a book and it fills you with this weird evangelical zeal, and you become convinced that the shattered world will never be put back together unless and until all living humans read the book."

The book discussion group will meet on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. to put the world back together. Or to simply chat and eat Tootsie Rolls.

Make a resolution to spread the love of reading this year with World Book Night. Apply to be a World Book Night book giver! Go to www.us.worldbooknight.org, read up on the guidelines and list of books, and then apply!

If you have questions about any of these activities, please call me at 402-562-4201 or email me at rmcphil@columbusne.us.