

Librarian's Shelf by Melodee Pedersen

### Book Sale and Tea Upcoming at Your Library

Christmas is over, and I'm sure the thoughts of many are turning to-where do I put all this stuff? On behalf of the Friends of the Columbus Public Library book sale, I have a suggestion. Donate your extra books, DVDs, computer and music CDs, and other miscellaneous items to the book sale. Library staff evaluate all donations to determine if they should be added to the collection first, and anything that isn't added then goes to the Friends to be sold. This is a wonderful way to help the library offer just a little bit more to the public, or to help the Friends raise money that then benefits the library.

Donations are accepted year-round, and the next sale is coming up soon, January 30th through February 2nd. Thursday will be our usual preview night from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and a \$5 membership fee is charged. There are no obligations to membership, but the perks are free entrance into the August preview night for the book sale, plus being added to the new library e-newsletter. Friday through Sunday we will be open the same hours of the library, and Sunday we will sell all remaining items for \$1 per bag.

Books are our staple, but we could especially use donations of DVDs, as they are a high demand item for the library and they always sell like hot cakes at the sale as well. Any type of DVD is appreciated, whether an adult or children's movie, an instructional exercise video or whatever.

Music and computer CDs or books on CDs are other items that we would love to be donated, and some other things you might not think of that we accept are puzzles and games (please be sure all the pieces are there). If you have some Wii games you never play, we would take those, too. If you have any questions about what might be accepted, please call the library's information desk and they either answer your question or put you in touch with someone who can.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept magazines, audio cassettes, or old encyclopedia sets.

Switching gears, library staff would like to invite you to tea. January is National Tea Month, so on Saturday, January 18th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. patrons will have a chance to come and relax at the library with a cup of tea and snacks at the library.

There will be four teas from around the world to choose from, catered by Traditions. Patrons will be able to sample and choose their favorite tea, then choose some goodies and sit down at decorated tables. For Downton Abbey fans, it is a chance to "get your tea on". We won't promise you an atmosphere like Highclere Castle, but we will promise good eats and good company. Even if you aren't a Downton fan, who can resist a hot cup of tea on a January day in Nebraska?

You may register for the event at the Customer Service desk. Although registration is not required, we encourage it so that we have enough tea and snacks for everyone. So plan on joining us for this great event!