

Librarian's Shelf by Kelli Keyes

Family Program for Our Community

Things are really "hoppin" at our library, as always. We are now, finally, enjoying spring and getting ready for the Easter Holidays. I hope everyone has had a chance to soak in some sun after our long, cold winter. We have many great programs at the library that we've been enjoying and we continue to prepare more programming for our community. Every month we have something going for each age group.

In March we had a wonderful pie program with Phyllis Bartholomew. She showed us how to make the perfect pie crust and to the delight of all we were served samples of her blue ribbon work. MMM!

In April we are gearing up for the children's "Mystery Night at the Library". We are going to have so much fun. The Columbus Arts Council is partnering with the library to produce this program. The night of the mystery is Friday, April 11 at 6pm and it runs to 8pm. There will be a pizza supper served with all the fun. Tickets will need to be purchased at the library or down in the Arts Gallery. They will cost \$20 per ticket and that will cover up to 6 people, so invite your friends.

You will see Alice in Wonderland, Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, Goldilocks, Cinderella, Miss Marple, Sherlock Holmes, and many other characters at the library to help you solve our mystery. Those attending are welcome to come dressed in character also. The mystery is that King Henry the VIII has disappeared from the history books and we need to find out what happened to him. This guy is not a nice guy so it's no wonder he disappeared! All the other book characters are either suspects or witness to this crime and as you visit with them they will give you clues to help you solve the mystery. Everyone will be given a tablet to write their clues and deductions in. Then, like in the game "Clue", everyone will write down what they think happened and the answer will be given. A prize will be awarded to the sleuth with the right answer. If you are looking for some family fun on a Friday night, this is it folks, AND, with supper included. How neat is that? This all will take place after the library closes Friday evening so only those with tickets will be able to enter.

Also in April during library week, which is April 13th – 19th, the library is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Everyone will be able to come to the library and purchase books from Scholastic. This program and the mystery night program are fund raisers to help pay for supplies for this year's Summer Reading Programs.

In May we are planning a really awesome bike program for families and more details will follow as the time comes nearer. If you are looking for more information about our programs and when they are taking place, check out Columbus Public Library's Facebook page or the newspaper calendars. We also promote our programs on the radio, in the library newsletter, and on display posters and brochures around the library. Make plans to attend these delightful programs at your library!