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Wedding Season at Your Library

It's only April, but June, which is still the most popular month to have a wedding, will be here before you know it. If your wedding is in June you have probably already started planning for your big day, but maybe you still need wedding music or want a few tips to add a handmade element to your special day. Perhaps you've been asked to be a bridesmaid or groomsmen and aren't sure what your responsibilities are, or you have weddings to attend this Spring and Summer and want to learn more about wedding traditions. No matter what your situation is, Columbus Public Library has resources for you.

Access Video offers thousands of streaming videos from PBS, A&E, the History Channel, and more. Some of these videos may be of interest for those wanting to learn about wedding traditions. "Here Comes the Bride (Wedding Dress): A Stitch in Time" is a 12 minute video that explains things from how white became the standard for wedding dresses to the fluctuating popularity of veil lengths. You can also watch clips from various films and learn about wedding traditions in other countries and cultures such as Indonesia, the Afar tribe of Africa, and the Lau of the South Pacific.

If you are more interested in wedding 'how-to,' EBSCOhost Research databases and Overdrive are the resources for you. They both offer full text nonfiction ebooks with titles such as "Wedding Planner" by Jason Perry, "How to Get Married in Green: Have an Eco-Friendly Wedding Without Compromising Style" by Suzan St. Maur, "The Complete Best Man" by John Bowden, "Vintage Wedding Style" by Elizabeth Demos, and "Handmade Wedding" by Shana Faust. EBSCOhost ebooks are divided into sections that can be printed or emailed. Overdrive ebooks can be checked out for your choice of 1, 2, or 3 weeks and downloaded to your computer or mobile device.

So you aren't having live music at your wedding or reception; that doesn't mean you have to go without. Choose and download songs from Freegal music legally for free! From first dance songs to classical music for any part of your ceremony, and even dance music for your reception, Freegal music has over 10,000 songs from which to choose. If you start now, with three songs each week, you could have over 27 songs by your June wedding.

Perhaps you are planning a honeymoon to a country where a different language is spoken. Learn the basics before you go with Mango, an online language learning resource. You can create a free account that will track your progress and can be used on computers and mobile devices just by downloading the free Mango app.

Legal Forms Library might also be a resource you could use in preparing for your wedding. It contains downloadable, legal documents such as marriage contracts involving property agreements or settlements, remarriage waiting period petitions, common law marriage declarations, and more.

These online resources can all be accessed from our website, www.columbusne.us/library, by clicking the link to our E-Materials page and following the link to the desired resource. Simply

login with your library card number when prompted to get started. If you have any questions about these or any library resources and services, give us a call at 402-564-7116 or stop by.