



The Guinness Book of World Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.

Libraries & Ideas

The vast majority of Americans greatly value public libraries in their communities; however, 59% of Americans want “more comfortable spaces for reading, working, and relaxing” (Zickuhr, et al., 2013). Libraries of the 19th and 20th centuries were not designed with today’s technological and collaborative needs in mind. An open, inviting, comfortable and utilizable community learning space is vital to today’s library user. The changing economy means that “the future of bricks-and-mortar libraries will be less about what products a patron obtains at a library and more about the experiences the patron has while visiting” (Hendrix, 2010, p. 11). 21st Century libraries need open space that can be used flexibly and creatively, and change according to the changing information needs of the community for which it serves. “A successful library architecture, then, will reflect the idea of flexible spaces that can easily be reconfigured to serve a variety of uses” (p. 11). Columbus Public Library’s current building was not designed to be a library at all, and its floor plan makes this flexibility impossible.

The new building’s flexible floor plan will enable the library to serve many different types of learners simultaneously; and, most importantly, as library users evolve, so can the library space. *Library Journal’s* Design Institute (DI) panel also stresses the importance of malleable space when taking on a new library building design. “From raised floors to fixtures on wheels, architects at the DI encouraged libraries to build their outsides to last for the long haul—and their insides to morph” (Schwartz, 2012). Another suggestion from the DI is for specialized spaces, such as cozy reading nooks, to be available, but changeable; for example, avoid permanent displays and purchase easy-to-move furniture. Columbus Public Library’s new open floor plan will ensure that the library can meet the changing information needs of all variety of patrons for decades to come.

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2nd Annual Columbus Big Give a Success for Library Foundation



On May 20th and 21st, Columbus area residents showed their support by donating over \$59,000 to 38 local non-profit organizations. The Columbus Library Foundation received \$4,575.00 from 21 donors, bringing in the 5th highest amount of the day. The Library Foundation thanks everyone who participated in this event, from those who worked the various “giving stations” throughout the city, to the generous people who donated.



Bring in cans of food to the library and we will forgive fines. Library items need to be returned, lost items will not be forgiven. So, bring your items back--no matter how late--and your fines will be erased. If you have previous fines from returning late items, bring in canned goods and your fines will be waived.

We are only accepting canned goods; we are not accepting boxed dinners, boxed rice, or anything fresh, frozen or refrigerated.

ADULT SHORT STORY CONTEST

- Write a short story & enter it in our Short Story Contest by July 1
 - Submit in print to the library or via email to library@columbusne.us
- Grand prize, second, third place awards
- Winning story to be published in the library

Judging Criteria

- Plot & Characterization
- Setting & Atmosphere
- Writing Quality & Mechanics
- Passion



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Don't miss our Summer Reading Program

Summer reading registration is in full swing this week! You still have time to sign up to be a part of this exciting hero-themed program. All ages are welcome to participate. Check out the activities planned for the first half of June.



Children's Summer Reading: Each week has its own theme

Finned Heroes@ Your Library:

June 1st at 10:30 a.m.– movie in the Auditorium

June 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium– CPL Super Sidekicks (4th & 5th graders)

June 3rd at 10:30 a.m. in Pawnee Park East– Fishing with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission

June 4th at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.– Story Time in the Children's Room

Marvel Comic Heroes@ Your Library:

June 8th at 10:30 a.m.– movie in the Auditorium

June 9th at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room– Edgerton Explorit Center's Super Hero Powers Exposed Program

June 10th at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium– CPL Super Sidekicks (4th & 5th graders)

June 11th at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.– Story Time in the Children's Room

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Teen Summer Reading:

Anytime Activity June 1st–7th– Heroic Qualities Quilt

June 3rd at 1:00 p.m.– Decorate the Teen Space– Enjoy music and snacks while blinging out the Teen Space for summer!

June 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium– Movie & Popcorn



Anytime Activity June 8th-14th– Read-In

June 10th at 1:00 p.m.– CSI Columbus– The Columbus Police Department will help us investigate a crime scene, dust for fingerprints, and demonstrate the effect alcohol has on our ability to walk!

June 11th at 2:00 p.m.– Wildlife Encounters– Young adults will have a chance to see some of the world’s most amazing animals up close and personal. Beware, they call up volunteers from the audience, so you may have the opportunity to hold, feed, or pet one of these amazing animals.

Adult Summer Reading:

On Saturday, June 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, there will be a novice crochet class. This is a perfect time for those who have never crocheted, but are interested in trying it, to come and see what all is involved. We will provide crochet hooks and yarn, but if you have your own, you are encouraged to bring them. There was such a big interest in last year’s crochet class, that this year there will be classes for different levels of expertise.



Your Columbus Public Library

New Releases

There have been many great books added to our catalog recently. To place a hold on any of the titles listed below, or another book, please call the library at 402-564-7116.

A God In Ruins– Kate Atkinson

Day Shift– Charlaine Harris

Contents Under Pressure– Edna Buchanan

Born of Defiance– Sherrilyn Kenyon

The Forgotten Room– Lincoln Child

West for the Black Hills– Peter Leavell

Into the Fire– Tom Clancy

Jack of Spades– Joyce Carol Oates

Solitude Creek– Jeffery Deaver

The Fortress in Orion– Mike Resnick

Connecting Readers & Writers

But for my own part, if a book is well written, I always find it too short– Jane Austen

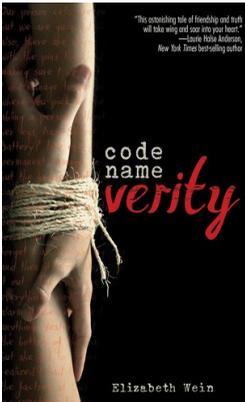
Happy Birthday to these authors:

Joe Hill– June 4, 1972

Richard Scarry– June 5, 1919

Patricia Cornwell– June 9, 1956

Anne Frank– June 12, 1929



Our CPL Book Discussion Group selection for June is “Code Name Verity” by Elizabeth Wein.

“On October 11, 1943, a British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before its barely begun.”

We will have our book discussion on Thursday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m.