

The largest library in the world is the Library of Congress, located in Washington, DC. If you connected all the bookshelves in the building, it would measure 838 miles long!



Libraries & Ideas

Libraries are finding they are increasingly living in the borderlands between content consumption and content creation. As job skills evolve, and curricula changes to keep pace, the library is working to develop fun opportunities to help people learn. STEM education is nothing new, nor are incentives and programs aimed at promoting it. Libraries jumping on board and actively promoting STEM-based activities are unique. As Phil Goerner describes the benefit in *Library Journal's Digital Shift*, "The beauty of libraries utilizing STEM projects is that students are learning about real-world problems, asking questions, and then looking at creative solutions to reduce, or perhaps even resolve, these problems. Through these types of projects, my students have been learning to creatively work together to gain skills in science and engineering while working to solve challenges in their own communities and sometimes even the world." In the last year, Columbus Public Library has conducted several STEM-focused programs aimed at young adult patrons. Visitors to teen programs have experimented with circuitry, music creation, and basic machine building. The Teen Space offers programmable robots for in-library check-out that allow young people to interact with unique technology and get an applicable sense of programming. Another recent project features a peg board marble run that gives teens an opportunity to practice engineering concepts. The growing collection of STEM-related items for visitors to tinker with includes electronic building blocks called LittleBits, and an invention kit called "Makey Makey" which allows kids to work as developers. STEM programs at CPL give learners an opportunity to connect to STEM concepts and think creatively in a relaxed environment. The new Library/Cultural Arts Center includes a maker space where these types of activities and efforts can take place in a dedicated space. The library is poised to provide even more unique opportunities for developing skills, confidence, and curiosity in kids.

Calendar Connection

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Our Food For Fines program was a big success! Thanks to all the patrons who participated, we were able to donate over 300 pounds of canned goods to the Platte County Food Pantry. This will go a long way in helping to feed many individuals and families in the community. The program also brought back many of our missing materials, so if you have been waiting on a particular item, it may be back on the shelf.

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**



You still have one more week to submit an original story to us. Our judges are anxiously waiting to read all the stories and choose the top 3 winners. Amazon gift cards will be awarded, along with the top story being published in the library for everyone to read. So get creative and wow us!

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Summer Reading Program

Our 2015 Summer Reading Program is going full force! You can still come in and register for the remaining four weeks. All ages are welcome. Check out the activities planned through the first half of July.



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

Jurassic Heroes@ Your Library:

June 29th at 10:30 a.m.– movie in the Auditorium

June 30th at 10:30 a.m. in the Children's Room– Omaha Children's Museum
Dinosaur Encounter

July 1st at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium– CPL Super Sidekicks. This program is for
students just completing the 4th & 5th grades

July 2nd at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.– Story Time in the Children's Room

Creative Heroes@ Your Library:

July 6th at 10:30 a.m.– movie in the Auditorium

July 7th at 10:30 a.m. in Frankfort Square– Art in the Park!

July 8th at 10:30 a.m. in the Auditorium– CPL Super Sidekicks. This program is for
students just completing the 4th & 5th grades

July 10th at 10:30 a.m. at Ag Park Exhibit Hall– Story Time@ the Platte County Fair

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Teen Summer Reading:

Anytime Activity June 29th-July 5th– DIY Superhero

July 1st at 1:00 p.m.– Superhero Emblems. Use special shrinking plastic to create a cool charm with the superhero logo of your choice

July 2nd at 2:00 p.m.– Superhero Jeopardy.

Test your superhero super knowledge with this fun Jeopardy-style game



Anytime Activity July 6th-12th– Read-In

July 8th at 1:00 p.m.– Henna “Tattoos”. Learn about the art of Mehndi and decorate yourself for summer. A signed permission slip from a parent is required for this event

July 9th at 2:00 p.m.– Survival Bracelets. Craft your own potentially life-saving bracelet and be your own hero

Adult Summer Reading

On Saturday, June 27th at 2:00 p.m., UNL Physics & Astronomy Professor Dan Claes will present “Comic Book Physics 101: Physics Disassembled”. He will discuss the physical limitations of giants, the possibility of new elements, and if the helicarrier from The Avengers would actually fly. Dan will also talk about the superpowers and significant events in the lives of iconic comic



book characters. Audience members will then be encouraged to ask questions about their favorite superheroes. This fascinating presentation is sponsored by the UNL Speakers Bureau.

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.

Beach Town– Mary Kay Andrews

Dead Ice– Laurell K. Hamilton

Secret Brother– V.C. Andrews

The Rumor– Elin Hilderbrand

In the Unlikely Event– Judy Blume

Water From My Heart– Charles Martin

On Scope– Jack Coughlin

I'll Stand by You– Sharon Sala

Radiant Angel– Nelson DeMille

The Wrong Man– Kate White

Connecting Readers & Writers

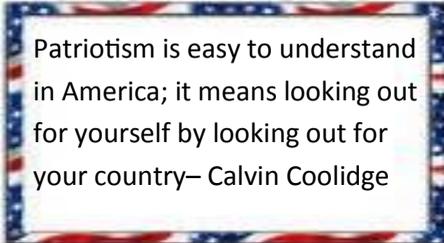
Happy Birthday to these authors:

Dorothy Gilman– June 25, 1924

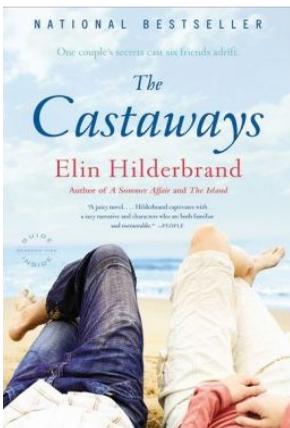
Lucille Clifton– June 27, 1936

John Toland– June 29, 1912

Nathaniel Hawthorne– July 4, 1804



Patriotism is easy to understand in America; it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country– Calvin Coolidge



Our CPL Book Discussion Group selection for July is “The Castaways” by Elin Hilderbrand.

Greg and Tess MacAvoy are one of four prominent Nantucket couples who count each other as best friends. As pillars of their close-knit community, the MacAvoy, Kapenashes, Drakes, and Wheelers are important to their friends and neighbors, and especially to each other. But just before the beginning of another idyllic summer, Greg and Tess are killed when their boat capsizes.

We will have our book discussion on Thursday, July 30th at 7:00 p.m.