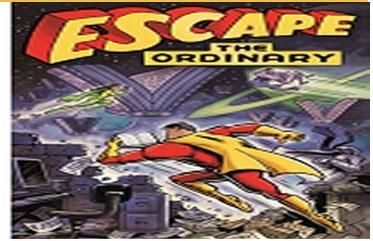
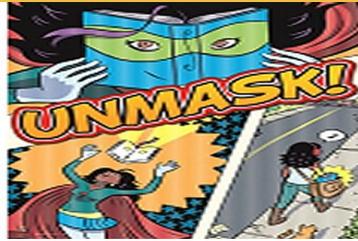
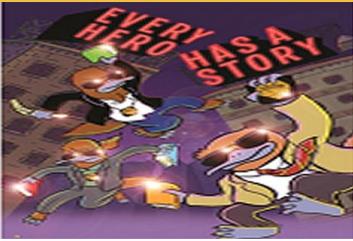


Summer Reading Program A Huge Success!



Columbus Public Library and the Platte County Bookmobile kept people of all ages entertained during our 8-week Summer Reading Program. We had 1,556 total readers registered for chances to win prizes by keeping reading logs.

The Children's Department reported the most participants with 845. Kids were treated to a movie and snack on Monday mornings. "Tangled", "Brave" and "The Incredibles" were a few of the featured films. There were various presentations and activities on Tuesdays. Omaha Children's Museum and Fontenelle Forest were just two of our awesome guest speakers. On Wednesdays, older kids met during our CPL Lab Rats Program, and on Thursdays we had Story Time. Wonderful people in our community gave their time to read numerous stories to the eager children.

Our Teen Department had 129 registered for summer reading, with 87 individuals attending programs. Total participation in all programs was 378. Teens had fun creating their own animated movies, investigating a crime scene with the Columbus Police Department, and making bleached T-shirts. There was a total of 935 hours read by the teens.

We had 214 adults signed up this summer. Crochet classes, "Comic Book Physics 101: Physics Disassembled" and a visit by local author Stephanie Grace Whitson were the entertaining program offerings for adults throughout June and July.

The Platte County Bookmobile proudly noted there were 331 students and 37 adults registered for its summer reading program. They read an amazing 86,323 total pages! Thank you to all who made this year's programs a huge success!

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Friends of the Columbus Public Library Book Sale!

August 13-16

Thurs. 6:00-9:00 pm NO preview fee!

Fri. 9:30-5:00 pm

Sat. 10:00-5:00 pm

Sun. 1:30-5:00 pm (buck a bag sale)

Most hardbacks are \$1.
Paperbacks, young adult and
children's books are 25¢.

Pick up a reminder bookmark at the desk!



Sharron Raimondo

**Thursday, August 27th, 7:00 PM
In Columbus library auditorium**



3 authors ~ 3 days



Alex Kava

**Brock Car and Alex Kava
Saturday, August 29th, 2:00 PM
In Columbus Library Art Gallery**



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Adult Short Story Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Melody McGowan on winning our short story contest! Her submission, "A Friend In Need", won over our judges. She was awarded a \$30.00 Amazon gift card, and her story is featured both on our website and here in the library. The second place prize of a \$20.00 Amazon card went to Zachariah Stone, and third place and a \$10.00 Amazon card went to Pamela Schwebach.

Sharon Hiemer won the grand prize of an e-reader tablet through her entries during our adult summer reading program. Congratulations again to everyone and keep reading!

Here is the first paragraph of Melody McGowan's winning story:

Beth turned the windshield wiper up another notch. It wasn't keeping up with the heavy snow, and now there was wind. She thought to herself that this trip was quickly turning into a bad idea. According to the weather report, this storm wasn't supposed to hit until late tomorrow, Christmas Eve. By which time she would have been safely in Yankton, SD, at her parents' home. But it was here now; one shouldn't trust the weather this time of year. She had really, really needed to be with her family this Christmas, at the end of a horrible, awful year. It had been almost ten months since Dave had asked for a divorce; it had been February 13th, the day before Valentine's Day. It had caught her completely by surprise; though looking back there had been clues. There were the phone calls that Dave had walked out on the deck to take, supposedly from his friend Alex. "Alex is going through a rough time", he had said. "You know how it is." Beth thought she did know how it was. After all, she had a couple of high-maintenance friends of her own who always seemed to have drama in their lives. And Dave had been working a lot of evenings. "They're running a lean staff at work. I have to keep up if I don't want to get caught in a layoff." Beth understood, even though she could have used some help at home with the children and the house-

hold chores, after working all day herself. Now she thought to herself, “Thank goodness I have my teaching job! The pay isn’t that great, but at least it’s keeping the wolf away from the door.” Dave complained every chance he got that the child support he was required to pay was bankrupting him. Beth hadn’t given him much sympathy. The amount was pre-determined, set by law according to income. She noticed that he somehow scraped together enough to take Candi to Hawaii for a holiday vacation. “Candi, the bombshell realtor,” she thought ruefully to herself. Even though the divorce had caught her unaware, when she found out who the “other woman” was, it was not entirely a surprise. Candi had worked with Beth and Dave when they bought their house. Beth had found her manner excessively flirtatious, but had given her the benefit of the doubt. Being friendly to customers was, after all, part of the job. “Funny the tracks our minds take when we are smacked with something so bad we can’t process it,” Beth thought. When Dave had hit her with the divorce request, all she could think of was the reservations she had made for the Valentine’s Day “lovers’ night out” special at The Drifter, a high-end restaurant, or what passed for one in their little community.

Read the rest online at www.columbusne.us/library or pick up a copy at the library.

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.

Dandelion Moon— Hannah Alexander

Finders Keepers: A Novel— Stephen King

Royal Wedding— Meg Cabot

The Fall: A Novel— John Lescroart

Independence Day— Ben Coes

Perfect Match— Fern Michaels

Blueprints— Barbara Delinsky

Final Breath— Kevin O'Brien

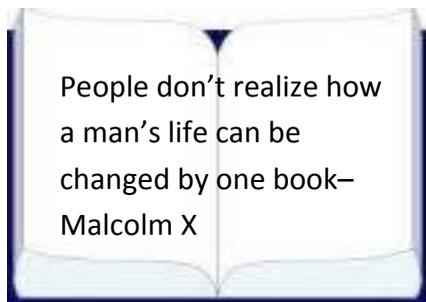
From a Droid to a Kill— Simon R. Green

Country— Danielle Steel

The Silence That Speaks— Andrea Kane

The Sound of Glass— Karen White

Connecting Readers & Writers



Happy Birthday to these authors:

P.D. James— August 3, 1920

Dennis Lehane— August 4, 1965

Jonathan Kellerman— August 9, 1949

Danielle Steel— August 14, 1947

The End
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Our CPL Book Discussion Group selection for August is “The End of Your Life Book Club” by Will Schwalbe.

“This is the inspiring true story of a son and his mother, who start a “book club” that brings them together as her life comes to a close. Over the next two years, Will and Mary Anne carry on conversations that are both wide-ranging and deeply personal, prompted by an eclectic array of books and a shared passion for reading. Their list jumps from classic to popular, from poetry to mysteries, from fantastic to spiritual.”

We will have our book discussion on Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m.