

Librarian's shelf by Kelli Keyes

3 authors – 3 days

I want to give a big thank you to the Columbus community for the awesome turnout we had for the second year of the adult summer reading program. We had 214 people participate this summer, with great enthusiasm and attendance for our adult programs. Just because summer reading is over does not mean that our adult programs are done. On the contrary, we have many events planned for the rest of this year that you will not want to miss. The first being the 3 author – 3 day event we are holding in the Columbus Art Gallery – the lower level of the Columbus Public Library.

Thursday, August 27th at 7 PM will be the first author visit. Our very own Sharon Raimondo will come and talk to us about her new book “Big Sky”. We will hear about John, Raimondo’s main character, and how he and his family suffered through the depression, dust storms, grasshoppers, illnesses, deaths, and poverty in their efforts to build a farmstead. In her story the theme that stands out is the kind generosity of the other farmers in the community as they all struggle to make a living on the Nebraska plains. I and my family can attest to the care and helpfulness of the farming community during tough times. It still exists to this day.

Our other two authors are coming on Saturday, August 29th at 2 PM. The famous author from Omaha, NE, Alex Kava is bringing her author friend, Brock Car. Their books cover the genres of thriller, mystery, and suspense. Kava’s newest book is the second in a series about Ryder Creed, a former Marine, and his K-9 dogs. Her new series starts with “Breaking Creed” and her latest and second book in the series is “Silent Creed”. Ryder Creed was a character introduced in the Maggie O’Dell book “Stranded”. Maggie O’Dell, an FBI criminal profiler with her own series, is also a character in the Ryder Creed books. You know you will get lots of action and adventure reading these books!

Brock Car is a new author, and her first book is “Dead Behind the Eyes”. She also resides in Omaha, NE like her friend Kava. Her book is about murder, addictions, and the abuse of power. A story that proves the old adage yet again, “crime doesn’t pay”.

All three authors will be bringing copies of their books to sign and sell. They would make perfect gifts for friends. If you want to read some of the books before the authors come, the library carries copies of each of them. Make plans to come to the library for the author visits. Bring a friend, your family, or a coworker. How often does this opportunity present itself to personally meet a successful local author? Treats will be provided at each event sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Columbus Public Library.