



Reference librarians answer nearly 6.6 million questions weekly in the United States. If all these people were lined up, the line would stretch from Ocean City, MD to Juneau, AK!

Libraries & Ideas

The Library/ Cultural Arts Center is an exciting, large-scale project that will benefit everyone in Columbus and Platte County. The project offers something for everyone: whether you are a library user of any age, interested in the visual and performing arts, or have a vested interest in the community's quality of life. As the project moves forward there have been some recurring questions that are addressed below. This important project will require a high level of community involvement. If you would like to be involved please contact Building the Next Chapter Capital Campaign General Chairs Jim and Connie Hellbusch, Mimi Ernst, or Library Director Drew Brookhart.

Why do we need a new library?

The library has outgrown the space it currently has. Waiting times exist for computers, space is limited in the children's room, space to expand the collection of books and other resources is limited, restrooms are not ADA compliant and the access to many areas are difficult for elderly and disabled patrons. This facility will not only serve as a center for education and enrichment, it also will provide our community with a competitive edge in attracting new business and new residents.

Aren't libraries going out of date, with technology as advanced as it is?

The Columbus Library is heavily used. More than 136,000 people visited the Columbus library last year, using the library's vast collection but also taking part in educational activities for children, teens and adults. There were 161,400 Wi-Fi sessions and 40,000 public computer sessions in the past year. The Art Gallery had 8,000 visitors from 17 states and 3 countries last year. The Arts Council educated and entertained 3,453 children. Imagine how many more people would use a new, modern facility.

How much support is there for this project?

Over the last several years a new library and access to the cultural arts have been identified as a priority for Columbus. Employers stressed the importance of the facility in attracting and retaining quality,

lasting employees. People already in Columbus identified the facility as critical for maintaining and improving their quality of life. The majority of respondents who participated in a recent fundraising feasibility study representing Columbus and surrounding areas said that they considered a new Library/Cultural Arts Center an important priority for Columbus.

Why is a new location proposed?

The new location is about one block east of the existing library. It will provide more room for parking (a dedicated lot), and it will not require relocating the fire station or tearing down other buildings.

Why do we need an auditorium?

There's nothing currently like it downtown. The 300-seat auditorium will include a stage, dressing rooms and a projection area. It would be used by the library for presentations and it would attract performing arts productions for people to enjoy. It would also be used for community meetings and presentations. Other auditoriums in Columbus, including the high school and community college, are regularly booked with events.

How much money do we need to raise?

Based on the strong support for this project, the campaign committee will seek to raise \$6 million to \$8 million to help fund roughly half of the overall cost of a new Library/Cultural Arts Center with gifts from individuals, families, businesses and foundations.

Will the Quality of Life grants be part of the fundraising?

The Library/Cultural Arts Center is designated as a Columbus-area Quality of Life project. There is a challenge grant tied to this project that is an unprecedented opportunity for Columbus. People investing the first \$2.72 million into the Library/Cultural Arts project will help the Library/Cultural Arts Center receive the challenge grant funds that total \$1.36 million—that will result in \$4.08 million, which is half of our overall fundraising goal.

Please Join Us!

Please join us in ***Building the Next Chapter*** for current and future generations. We urge you to consider how you can help in support of this vision for Columbus and Platte County.

Calendar Connection

Find more at www.columbusne.us/library



Our Fall 2015– Spring 2016 children’s programming schedule has started up to rave reviews! Both Story Time and Story ART have had their first sessions, with plenty more to come! Mr. H is also bringing back Monday Night Book Adventures and Super Sensational Saturdays, both to begin in September. He is also thrilled to announce a new program. Beginning September 8th, the Columbus Public Library (CPL) will be offering a new activity for students in the second through fifth grades entitled “CPL Word Warriors.” This book raffle is designed to encourage students to read/listen to three CPL chapter books, audio books, or e-books a month. Once this goal is met, participants complete a ticket with their name, phone number, the three item titles, and the last four digits of the books’ barcode numbers. A library staff member will initial and date the ticket. Students then enter it in the raffle, which will take place the last Tuesday of each month. Participants can enter as many tickets as they like, and do not have to be present to win.

The following list shows the dates and times for all our children’s events.

Story Time

10:30 a.m.–Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

September 3rd– Dinosaurs

September 17th– Fall/Leaves

Story ART

10:30 a.m.-Noon & 1:30 p.m.-3:00p.m.

September 10th– Ducks

Monday Night Book Adventures

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

September 14th– Friendship

There will be stories about friendship, crafts, and yummy bedtime snacks!

Super Sensational Saturdays

10:00 a.m.-Noon

September 12th

Sylvan will have activity stations set up to promote the S.T.E.M. curriculum (science, technology, engineering and math).

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The Teen Space has been very busy after school these last two weeks, especially on Wednesday afternoons, when activities are set up for young adults. September won't be any different, with many fun events planned. These all begin at 3:00 p.m. and are free for patrons in Grades 6 through 12. Check out the schedule below for the listing of programs through the middle of September.



September 2nd– Gadgets and Gizmos

Try out LittleBits, MaKey MaKey, and the Teen Space robots!

September 9th– Friendship Bracelets

Make a bracelet for yourself or a friend

September 16th– Supercharged Legos

Electrify your Lego creation with robotics!

Your Columbus Public Library

The Library now has laptops available for checkout in the Children's Room. If parents need to use a computer but need to bring their children with them, they can check out a laptop up in the Children's Room and take care of business while their little ones entertain themselves with books, Legos, colors, kid-friendly computers, and iPads.

In order to use the laptops, parents need to bring a photo ID and their Columbus Public Library or Bookmobile card.

If you have questions, please contact the Columbus Public Library at (402) 564-7116.

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.

One Way or Another– Elizabeth Adler

The Silenced– Heather Graham

The Darkling Child– Terry Brooks

The Naked Eye– Iris Johansen

A New Hope– Robyn Carr

Go Set a Watchman– Harper Lee

The Melody Lingers On– Mary Higgins Clark

Dexter is Dead– Jeff Lindsay

The Santangelos– Jackie Collins

Naked Greed– Stuart Woods

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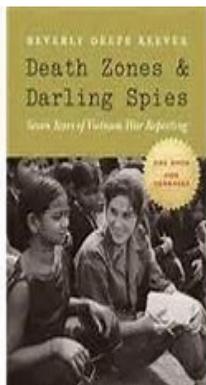
Happy Birthday to these authors:

Phyllis Whitney– September 9, 1903

O. Henry– September 11, 1862

Roald Dahl– September 13, 1916

Agatha Christie– September 15, 1890



Our CPL Book Discussion Group selection for September is “Death Zones and Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting” by Beverly Deepe Kever.

Beverly Deepe Kever describes what it was like for a farm girl from Nebraska to find herself halfway around the world, trying to make sense of one of the nation’s bloodiest and bitterest wars.

We will have our book discussion on Thursday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m.