



**90% of Americans say the closing of their local public library would impact their community, and 67% said it would affect them and their families.**

## Libraries & Ideas

For the last 15 years around Columbus Day, around 500+ people living in or near Columbus have attended a party filled with gourmet foods to sample, a variety of wines to taste, live music, unique things to buy, and lots of fun with friends and neighbors. In addition, those who attend help support the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and a local non-profit agency selected to co-host with the Chamber.

On October 11, you and 500 others can attend Taste of Columbus, to be held at the Columbus Ramada and River's Edge Convention Center starting at 4:30 PM. This year the Columbus Library Foundation will co-host Taste of Columbus and designate 100% of its share of the profits to the new Library/Cultural Arts Center to be built in downtown Columbus. Pre-event tickets can be purchased at the Columbus Chamber for \$35 each or \$50 at the door. Tickets will also be sold at the entrances to Hy-Vee from Sept. 23rd-25th, Sept. 28th-Oct. 2nd, and Oct. 5th-8th during lunch and supper hours. When you purchase tickets, you receive a 20-page booklet with descriptions and the value of all items on the Royal Auction.

Besides all this, someone will be the lucky winner of a \$3,400 diamond necklace donated by McChristy Jewelers. Want to be that lucky winner? Purchase a raffle ticket the night of the event or buy them now in downtown Columbus at Sip Espresso Bar, Chopper's Computers, Tooley Drug, Barbara Jeans, or Salon.cek.

The agenda will be a simple one: at 4:30 PM enter the main banquet area of the Columbus Ramada, sign up for a bid card, then find a seat at an open table or one reserved by your business or company. Open tables will have one color of table cloths and reserved tables will be covered in a different color. You'll then be ready to join the hundreds of people walking among the 14 food booths and the 9 wine vendors, filling their plates with gourmet treats created just for the evening's party. Don't forget to

sample the wines. Which wine to choose? Just ask the wine stewards— they know the best tasting ones. You can go back and fill your plate and wine glass as many times as you'd like.

Remember when I wrote that Taste of Columbus was a fundraiser? Here's a way you can buy some of your Christmas gifts and at the same time donate to a good cause. From 4:30 to 6:30 PM one area of the banquet hall is dedicated to silent auction items. Walk around the tables checking out approximately 100 unique gifts. Find one? Write your bid number and the amount you want to pay for the item on the bid card lying nearby. Be sure to check back during the designated bid time to make sure you still have the top bid.

At 7:00 PM sharp the bid tables close and the Royal live auction begins. Professional auctioneers lead the crowd through the bidding process for around 50 bid packages valued between \$500 and \$3,200. Last year's items included a NYC 4-day get-a-way, a new laptop computer, two days of unlimited golfing for a foursome at two 18-hole courses in the Nebraska Sand Hills plus one night's lodging, a selection of top cuts from a half processed hog, a set of new patio furniture and a round glass mosaic fire pit table, one annual family membership to the Columbus Family YMCA, gift cards for \$100 worth of groceries each month for one year, a family photograph session and one free 20 x 24 inch portrait, a spa day for you and 3 friends, and more. Buy your tickets early, so you can study the booklet and target the items you want to bid on.

This is a crazy fun event and it will help support two historical institutions in Columbus who exist to provide the quality of life enjoyed by the residents of Columbus and the surrounding area. Come be part of it.



## Calendar Connection

Find more at [www.columbusne.us/library](http://www.columbusne.us/library)



If happy kids are the way to gauge a successful children's program, then Mr. H has passed with flying colors! Kids have been enjoying listening to stories, making crafts, building at the Lego table, and playing on the computers and iPads. More great activities are planned to take us through the end of September. Check out the schedule below. Also, for students in 2nd-5th grades, don't forget to enter the raffle for a new book, which will take place on September 30th.

### Story Time

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

October 1st– Things That Go

### Story ART

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

September 24th– Hugs/Kisses/Love

### Monday Night Book Adventures

**6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.**

September 28th– Colors

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

The Teen Space is the place to be after school! Rachelle has entertained up to 70 young adults at one time! That's a lot of kids to keep happy. Luckily, there are always computers, great books, and fun activities to keep these young minds occupied. Check out the calendar below for the Wednesday event planned to bring September to a close. It will begin at 3:00 p.m. and is free for patrons in grades 6-12.

### September 30th– Kid Crafts

Relive your childhood with crayons and watercolors!



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A canning workshop will be held September 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Jackie will show us how to preserve garden produce with a delicious salsa recipe. If you've never tried canning salsa, but are interested, then this is the perfect opportunity to try it before you spend the money on all the equipment and supplies. The workshop is free, no pre-registration is required, and all the necessary items will be provided. A library staff member will also be available to translate the instructions into Spanish. Tortilla chips will be set out for everyone to sample the finished product, and you will be able to leave with your own jar of salsa.

## Your Columbus Public Library

All the staff here at the library would like to thank Joie Taylor and Mimi Ernst for their service as members of the Library Board. Both women have been strong advocates of the current library and the Library/Cultural Arts Center Capital Campaign. With Joie's background as a school librarian, and Mimi's career as a middle-school Language Arts teacher, both understand the value of reading and the importance of providing materials to people of all ages to enjoy. We all greatly appreciate the time and effort you have put in during your terms to help make our library a respected institution in the community.

*Thank  
You*

## 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.

Deceptions: A Cainsville Novel– Kelley Armstrong	Silent Creed– Alex Kava
Friction– Sandra Brown	Guardians of the Heart– Loree Lough
Last Bus to Wisdom– Ivan Doig	How to be a Grown-Up– Emma McLaughlin
Devil’s Bridge– Linda Fairstein	Brush Back– Sara Paretsky
X– Sue Grafton	Refining Fire– Tracie Peterson
Deceived: A Novel– Irene Hannon	The Bourbon Kings– J.R. Ward

## Connecting Readers & Writers



### Happy Birthday to these authors:

Robert B. Parker– September 17, 1932

Thomas H. Cook– September 19, 1947

George R.R. Martin– September 20, 1948

Stephen King– September 21, 1947

T.S. Eliot– September 26, 1888

Stan Berenstain– September 29, 1923

Books are the perfect entertainment: no commercials, no batteries, hours of enjoyment for each dollar spent. What I wonder is why everybody doesn't carry a book around for those inevitable dead spots in life- Stephen King