

## ***“Librarian’s Shelf” by Rachelle McPhillips***

### CPL Welcomes Back Students

Many Columbus Middle School students walk to the Columbus Public Library after school to wait for parents to pick them up. The library is an excellent place for young adults to spend time. Whether they are talking with their friends in a relaxed environment or reading and studying on their own, the library can be a safe haven for tweens and teens.

Daily interaction with library staff provides children an opportunity for positive relationships with adults other than their parents. These relationships can make young adults feel valued in the community. It can also teach our youth how to be responsible community members.

If your child will be spending time at the library after school, here are some things you can do to assist in maintaining a pleasant atmosphere for the public's use of the library.

- Please come in and meet the staff who will be interacting with your child. Young adults typically demonstrate better behavior if library staff has met a parent.
- Whenever possible, please park and come into the library to pick up your child. Students who wait outside to watch for rides can cause traffic jams at the front door.
- Encourage your child to use the library's services. Services include board games, books, magazines, computers, and special activities and events just for young adults.
- Our behavior policy applies to patrons of all ages and can be found on our website at <http://www.columbuslibrary.info/policies.htm>. In most cases, CPL staff will offer assistance and make an attempt to redirect misbehavior. When redirection isn't successful, one verbal warning may be issued. If the behavior continues, the patron is asked to leave the area or the building.
- Behavior that is violent or criminal will result in a call to the Columbus Police Department.

I enjoy getting to know CMS students throughout the school year. Columbus youth are humorous, creative, and thoughtful. If your child spends time at the library after school, please stop in and meet our staff and see what we're up to at your library. If you have any questions or want to know how you can support young adult programming, please contact me at 564-7116 option 2.

The Friends of the Columbus Public Library would like to thank everyone who has donated books and other items to our upcoming sale. Donations have been coming in very steadily and we'll have a great selection. If you've been meaning to donate but just haven't gotten it done yet, donations are accepted any time the library is open. We could particularly use VHS tapes and DVDs. We also need shoppers, so mark your calendars for the Columbus Days Sale, August 19th-22nd. Thursday, August 19th will be the preview sale from 6:00-8:45 p.m. and there will be a \$5.00 non-refundable charge for the privilege of having first pick. Friday and Saturday, August 20th and 21st, the hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Sunday, August 22nd we'll open at 1:30 and close at 4:45 p.m.; all day on Sunday we'll be selling all items for \$1 per bag.