CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**Storytime**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10-10:30am  
March 19 to May 15  
Books, songs, and crafts that help your child develop important early literacy skills!  
**Recommended for ages 2 and up. Storytime is best when shared! We ask that caregivers remain with their children at all times.**

**Baby Storytime**
Thursdays, 10-10:30am  
March 21 to May 16  
Learn songs, rhymes, and stories to share with your baby, then chat with other caregivers while your little one plays. Open to ages 0-24 months. Siblings and other children welcome.

**Stay and Play**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10-10:30am  
March 5-13 & May 21-29  
Storytime may be on break, but the library is still open! Come to the library and play with our puppet theater, read with your grown-up, or color a picture!

**Baby Stay and Play**
Thursdays, 10-10:30am  
March 7 & 14 & May 23 & 30  
Storytime may be on break, but the library is still open! Our baby storytime toys will be set out in the programming room so babies can play and socialize.

**Crafternoon: Unicorn Masks**
Thursday, March 7, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages 5+  
Become a unicorn by creating your very own unicorn mask. Wear it around to spread joy, kindness and magic wherever you go.

**Paws to Read**
Thursday, March 7, April 4, May 2, 5-6:30pm  
Ages 5+  
Snuggle up with a book and a dog! Bring a favorite story or find one here to read aloud to Honey the golden lab—she’s a great listener. **Call (920) 623-5926 to register for your time slot!**

**Family Game Night**
Wednesday, March 13, 6-8pm  
All Ages  
A night full of board games to play with other kids, teens, and families. All ages welcome! Play a round of Guess Who, or level up and try Ticket to Ride. Bring your favorite games or try something new that we have at the library.

**LEGO Club**
Thursday, March 14, April 11, May 9, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages 5+  
Play, build, and explore with LEGOS at the library! We’ll provide the LEGO bricks and a snack, you provide the creativity. Photos of your LEGO creations will be displayed on our Facebook page.

**Pokémon Club**
Thursday, March 21, April 18, May 16, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages 5+  
Do you collect Pokémon cards or want to get started? Come to the library and talk with fellow Pokémon fans about your favorite characters! We will have snacks and space for you to play the Pokémon card game or trade your cards.

**STEAM Power: Binary Bracelet**
Thursday, March 28, 3:30-4:30pm  
Ages 5+  
Kids will explore binary code by creating a star bead bracelet. We’ll use two different kinds of beads, each bead representing 1 or 0 in Binary to spell out the word STAR. They’ll come home with knowledge and an accessory!
Crafternoon: Mindfulness Glitter Jars
Thursday, April 4, 3:30-4:30pm
Ages 5+
Everyone needs tools to help them calm down, and now you can make one yourself! Mindfulness Glitter Jars are filled with slow moving, mesmerizing glitter. You shake it up and calm down as you watch the glitter fall to the bottom of the jar. It’s amazing what a bit of glitter water can do to help you settle your mind.

Family Game Night
Wednesday, April 10, 6-8pm
All Ages
A night full of board games to play with other kids, teens, and families. All ages welcome! Play a round of Chutes and Ladders, or level up and try Settlers of Catan. Bring your favorite games or try something new that we have at the library.

Family Storytime
Monday, April 22, 6-7pm
All Ages
An evening storytime for the whole family. Read stories, sing songs, and do a craft or activity. Kids of all ages are encouraged to bring their adults and older siblings.

STEAM Power: Water Filtration Activities
Thursday, April 25, 3:30-4:30pm
Ages 5+
What can kids do to help keep the Earth clean? Keep its water clean! The Earth is over 70% water, so learning about water pollution and filtration is key to helping the Earth thrive. Kids will test out their own filtration systems to see which materials work best, how clean their water can become once polluted, and how hard it is to make it perfectly clear again.

Crafternoon: Easter Egg Fireflies
Thursday, May 2, 3:30-4:30pm
Ages 5+
Make your own little critter that lights up like a real firefly. Made of Easter eggs, pipe cleaners and other odds and ends, this low mess craft will really light up with an LED light in each firefly for every kid to take home with them.

Family Game Night
Wednesday, May 8, 6-8pm
All Ages
A night full of board games to play with other kids, teens, and families. All ages welcome! Play a round of Clue, or level up and try Code Names. Bring your favorite games or try something new that we have at the library.

STEAM Power: Heart Model
Thursday, May 23, 3:30-4:30pm
Ages 5+
How does the heart pump blood through your whole body? Kids will build a functioning model of the heart and be able to pump water from one bottle to the next to learn how the heart functions.

Friday Night Out
Summer Reading Kick-Off
Friday, May 31, 4-6pm
All ages
Wisconsin’s favorite juggling comedy duo Miller and Mike will delight with “A Universe of Stories,” filled with laughter and fun for the whole family. Enjoy free ice cream and sign up for the Summer Reading Program while you’re at it! The Friends Book Sale will also be open at the Library Annex.
TEENS (Grades 6-12)

TACOS Tuesday
Tuesday, March 5, 6-7pm
The Teen Advisory Committee of Students, or TACOS, is a group dedicated to planning teen events and volunteering in the community. Be part of something big for your community and your resume.

Monday Madness: Board Game Night
Monday, March 18, 6-8pm
From Settlers of Catan to Encore, Bannanagrams to Monopoly you can play your kind of tabletop game here. Join fellow gamers for plenty of dice rolls, extra turns, and fun. Bring your own favorites or use the board games we have at the library.

TACOS Tuesday: Money Talk with Becky
Tuesday, April 2, 6-8pm
Attend the regular TACOS meeting, followed by a chat with special guest, Becky Kirchberg, local financial advisor. Whether you’re saving up your allowance, babysitting for cash, starting your first job, or planning for college, Becky will provide helpful tips and tricks for managing your money.

Monday Madness: Fandom Fairy Jars
Monday, April 15, 6-8pm
A fairy jar doesn’t always have to capture a fairy, it could be anything you want! Create a twinkling lantern that features your favorite fandom: think Naruto, Harry Potter, or Hamilton himself. Email the pic you want to use to info@columbuspubliclibrary.info, or be ready to find an image online. We’ll provide the rest.

TACOS Tuesday
Tuesday, May 7, 6-7pm
The Teen Advisory Committee of Students, or TACOS, is a group dedicated to planning teen events and volunteering in the community. Be part of something big for your community and your resume.

Monday Madness: Stress Buster
Monday, May 20, 6-8pm
Finals are approaching, but you can escape the stress for a night at the library. Make a stress ball out of water beads, color to your heart’s content, or create a Perler Bead key chain.

Booked for Lunch
Friday, March 22, April 26, and May 24
Grades 9-12
This book club meets once a month at both Columbus and Fall River high schools during the school day. We provide the books and lunch or snacks, depending on location. Fall River meets during WIN time and Columbus during lunch, in the school library. These book clubs are only open to students of the school at which it takes place.

Adult

Mindfulness Matters
Every Tuesday, 6:30-8pm
At the Columbus Community Center (161 N Dickason Blvd.)
A book study with discussion about basic mindfulness practices. Books available for check out at desk.

Get To Work, Part 1: Get Started
Thursday, March 7, 6:30-8pm
At the Library Annex (251 W. James St.)
Workshop for those returning to the work force or changing gears in a career. Assistance with basic computer skills for submitting employment applications online, accessing employment searches, or composing application documents. Tips on dusting off that old resume (or starting from scratch).

Afternoon Book Club
Monday, March 11, 1-2pm
At the Senior Center (125 N. Dickason Blvd.)
Dead Madonna by Victoria Houston
Get ready for murder in familiar north woods settings, with a little bit of fly fishing tossed in just for fun. Rhinelander author Victoria Houston’s lighthearted mystery is part of her Loon Lake Mystery series, but you need not have read any of the other books in the series to join in the fun.

Columbus Area Historical Society
Tuesday, March 12, April 9, May 14, 7-8:30pm
At the Library Annex (251 W. James St.)
The monthly meeting of the Columbus Area Historical Society which is dedicated to preserving the memories and artifacts of Columbus and the surrounding communities. All are welcome!
Adult cont.

Friends of the Library
Tuesday, March 19, April 16, May 21, 7-8pm
At the Library Annex (251 W. James St.)
Join the Friends for their monthly meeting and find ways to volunteer support for the library as they share ideas and plan events. Stop by and get involved!

Columbus Quilters
Thursday, March 21, April 18, May 16, 7-8pm
Monthly meeting of the Columbus Area Quilt Guild. The group’s main focus is sharing a new block each month with the idea that they will learn new things from each other. They also partner with a local nonprofit to make weighted blankets several times a year. Quilters of all skill levels are encouraged to come.

Short Stuff: Seuss-O-Vision
Thursday, March 21, 7:30-8:30pm
At Fast Lanes (277 Industrial Dr.)
Short trivia and short discussion about short stories. Remember reading Dr. Seuss books as a child? Well, they might not be quite what you remember. In celebration of the author’s birthday, we will be discussing several of Dr. Seuss’ sharp witted, insightful stories that have some underlying political tones in . Our featured short stories will be The Sneetches, Butter Battle, The Lorax, and Yertle the Turtle. Copies of these titles can be picked up at the library’s upstairs desk. Light appetizers provided, but buy your own beverage. You need have read any or none to join us for some trivia, cake, and fun!

“Tell Me More. . .” - A Legacy Writing Group
Tuesday, April 2 & May 7, 6:30-8:30pm
At the Library Annex (251 W. James St.)
Learn how to share your stories, values and wisdom with those you care about with local history hunter Jim Schieble. Be encouraged and helped by others doing the same.

Afternoon Book Club
Monday, April 8, 1-2pm
At the Senior Center (125 N. Dickason Blvd.)
The White Queen by Philippa Gregory
In fifteenth century English history, “the War of the Roses” refers to the battles between the House of Lancaster and the House of York for the British throne. This lavish and fascinating historical novel tells the story from the point of view of three powerful women in these families, most notably Elizabeth Woodville, queen consort of King Edward IV.

Creative Writing Workshop: Write With Us!
With Valerie Biel
Wednesday, April 17, 5:30-7:30pm
At the Library Annex (251 W. James St.)
Whether you’ve been writing for years or have only recently said the magic words, “I am a writer,” you’re invited to build your skills within a supportive group. We’ll discuss current projects, writing goals, and work on specific skills for effective storytelling. There’ll be plenty of time for questions and some fun, short writing exercises. For more information about Valerie Biel visit her website www.ValerieBiel.com.

Get To Work, Part 2: Polish It Up
Thursday, May 9, 6:30-8pm
At the Library Annex (251 W. James St.)
Attendance at the Part 1 session not required, but if you did attend that session, bring your materials along and we’ll pick up where you left off. You may not know your worth to a potential employer. We’ll help you figure it out and learn how to highlight your talents and abilities in your job applications.

Afternoon Book Club
Monday, May 13, 1-2pm
At the Senior Center (125 N. Dickason Blvd.)
The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman
It is 1926 on an isolated island off the coast of Australia. As lighthouse keeper Tom Sherbourne and his wife Isabel yearn for a baby, something unimaginable comes crashing in on their world. This story of isolation, love, loss, and the morality of telling the truth has been made into a movie starring Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander, and Rachel Weisz.

Reality Break Sci-Fi Book Club
Thursday, May 23, 7-8pm
How to Live Safely in a Science Fictional Universe by Charles Yu
A razor-sharp, hilarious, and touching story of a son searching for his father . . . through quantum space-time. It’s a book hopes and dreams, living up to expectations (or not), remembering your past and figuring out your future.
Community Potluck and City Planning: Columbus Road Map to 2050

Tuesday, March 12, 5:30-6pm Potluck, 6-7:30pm Planning
*Fireman’s Park Pavilion (1049 Park Ave.)*

*Change happens and the City of Columbus is planning for it. We need YOU to help us plan.*

Using an inclusive, community-driven participatory process, local volunteers and City staff are creating a plan for growth. It will be a 30-year vision and action plan for fiscally-responsible investment in our community. Columbus Road Map to 2050 will be focused on community services, programs and facilities. And YOU should have a voice in the process.

*Get up, get out, share your thoughts, join the conversation.*

Special Events

**Friends Book Sale at the Library Annex**
Saturday, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, 10am-2pm
*At the Library Annex (251 W. James St.)*
The Friends of the Library Book Store will open for people to come in and browse donated books, with the proceeds funding new projects at the library. Now open the 2nd and 4th Saturday each month!

**Gettin’ Crafty**
Saturday, April 13, 10am-12pm
Create a colorful faux stained glass piece using Sharpies and paint. All supplies provided. All ages welcome, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Chalk Walk at Redbud Days**
Saturday, May 11, 10am-2pm
*Dickason Blvd. in front of City Hall*
Stop by and create a beautiful sidewalk drawing. This event is open and free for all. Register at the event site to be assigned space to design a colorful work of art! Chalk provided or feel free to bring your own.

**Pedal Days**
Monday, May 13—Friday, May 17, 5-7pm each day
Bike to a different destination each day of the week! Participants will receive a sticker to put on a supplied passport at each destination. Each sticker is redeemable for a door prize ticket at the Bike Rodeo on Friday. A healthy snack and beverages available at each site.

- **Monday** — Columbus Community Hospital main entrance
  Take a ride on the Wellness Walkway.
- **Tuesday** — Columbus Public Library
  Create a bike wheel sun catcher.
- **Wednesday** — Columbus Elementary School
  Enjoy bike obstacle course and races.
- **Thursday** — Senior Center
  How far can you coast in the coasting contest?
- **Friday** — Recreation Department at Kiwanis Park
  Bike Rodeo at Kiwanis Park! Ride your bike with an officer, ice cream, games, and prizes.

The library will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.

**CASA “I am for the Child” Luncheon**
Wednesday, April 17, 12-1pm
*Columbus Country Club (301 Ingalsbe St.)*
Join the Columbia County CASA, former Judge Daniel George and other community members as they discuss the legal side of the child protective system at this informative and free luncheon. Come and learn how you can help make a positive change for area children.

**Arbor Day Festival**
Saturday, April 27, 10am-2pm
*Fireman’s Park (1049 Park Ave.)*
Come join us and browse the Friends Book Sale! Free trees, live music, brat fry, bake and craft sales, flea market, medication drop-off, and fun activates for the kids!
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**Columbus Road Map 2050 Community Potluck & City Planning**

Tuesday, March 12, 5:30-6pm Potluck, 6-7:30pm Planning  
Fireman’s Park Pavilion (1049 Park Ave.)

Your opinion matters! The City of Columbus is planning for the coming 30 years. The plan is only as good as the input. YOU should be part of that input. Join us for this planning conversation potluck, share your food, your thoughts, and join the conversation.
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**Creative Writing Workshop: Write with Us! With Valerie Biel**

**Wednesday, April 17, 5:30-7:30pm**

At the Library Annex (251 W. James St.)

*Interested in writing? Come build your skills as we discuss idea generation, writing goals, and specific skills needed for successful storytelling. There’ll be plenty of time for questions and some short writing exercises.*
Summer Reading Kick-Off  
Friday, May 31, 4-6pm  
On the library lawn  
The library is kicking off its Summer Reading Program with a BLAST! Rocket on over to sign up for the Summer Reading Program, enjoy the interactive comedy shenanigans of Miller and Mark, and enjoy some free ice cream. Family fun for all ages!