



As the seasons change so do the times.

We live in a new age, an age that is very virtual. In the interest of public health, the Columbus Public Library has chosen to continue to host programming virtually for the time being. Information about how to join or view a program can be found in each section or in the program details. Please be advised that not all programs use the same format or media platform and some programs may require pre-registration.

The Columbus Public Library building is currently open with regular hours and regular services including public internet computers, wireless printing, copying and faxing. Curbside services are still available for holds pick up as well as copying, faxing and wireless printing. Patrons need to contact the library by phone, 920-623-5910, to schedule a curbside service. At this time, the library meeting room and the Library Annex are not available for public use.

While in the library, patrons and staff are encouraged to practice social distancing and best hygiene practices as recommended by the CDC.

The library continues to monitor public health concerns related to the spread of COVID-19. Hours and services are subject to change at anytime to ensure the health and safety of our patrons, staff, and community. Any changes will be promptly posted to the library's website and social media pages.

If you have any question about programming or services, please contact the library and staff will assist you.



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 Hours: Mon. - Thr. 9:00am - 8:30pm • Fri. 9:00am - 5:30pm • Sat. 9:00am - 1:00pm 

Columbus Public Library is now on YouTube!

We are excited to announce that the Columbus Public Library now has its own YouTube channel! Find us on YouTube by searching for Columbus Public Library WI. Then follow us by liking and subscribing to our page. You can also choose to get a notification when a new video is posted.

We will post weekly programming videos aimed toward ages 5 and up. Storytimes will also be posted weekly but will only be up for a 24 hours due to copyrights.

This is a great alternative for those who do not use other social media sites to still have access to our instructional videos and storytimes. Videos will still be shared on Facebook for those who prefer to watch through that site.



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

All library programs are currently being done virtually. Programs will be posted on Facebook (@ColPubLib) and YouTube channel the morning of the date listed unless a specific time is listed.

Storytime Online

Every Tuesday, Sep. 1—Nov. 24
10:00am

Join us on our Facebook page for a slightly different kind of storytime. All ages of children and their grown-ups are welcome.



Crafternoon: Bag Puppet

Wednesday, September 2

Follow along with Bethany as she shares some of her favorite puppet-making ideas. Then, stop by the library to pick up a paper bag to make your own puppet at home! (Glue not included)

STEM: Popcorn

Wednesday, September 9

Watch as Bethany does some experiments with a favorite snack. Can she resist eating it long enough to record her findings? Tune in to find out.



Doodles and Drawings

Wednesday, September 16

A drawing prompt will be released on this day. Tune in to see what Bethany creates and try it yourself at home! If you would like, you can bring your drawing into the library to be displayed on the office door downstairs.



Game Spotlight

Wednesday, September 23

We're going to be unboxing and sharing a board game that will be available at the library for checkout.

Pedal Day is back!!!

All around Columbus September 14-18, 2020

Grab your bike, skate boards, walking shoes, strollers, etc. and find your way to some fun and prizes!

We will have photos of something at each of the following locations for you to find: Prairie Ridge, Columbus School District, City Hall, Columbus Library, Senior Center, Aquatic Center, Kiwanis Park, Werner Park, Rotary Park, Fireman's Park, the Department of Public Works, and Meister Park and Avalon Park.

Take a picture of you with the item and email or text to: commotion@columbuswi.com or text it to 920-484-8556.

Each picture will earn you a ticket with your name on it in a drawing for prizes!! The drawing will be held on Monday, at 10 am and winners will be notified by email or text.

Watch our Facebook and web pages for pictures and more details.

Mystery Bonus Video

Wednesday, September 30

There are five Wednesdays in September. That means there is a mystery bonus video. Tune in and find out what it could be about.

Crafternoon: Textured Pumpkins

Wednesday, October 7

Miss Bethany will be exploring surfaces in her house with a pumpkin coloring sheet and an orange crayon. Then, come to the library and pick up a sheet of your own to try it!



STEM: Dissolving Candy Corn

Wednesday, October 14

What happens when you put candy corn in vinegar? Can you build with candy corn? Find out the answers to these questions and more on our STEM video for October.

Doodles and Drawings

Wednesday, October 21

A drawing prompt will be released on this day. Tune in to see what Bethany creates and try it yourself at home! If you would like, you can bring your drawing into the library to be displayed on the office door downstairs.



Game Spotlight

Wednesday, October 28

We're going to be unboxing and sharing a board game that will be available at the library for checkout.



Crafternoon: Model Magic Air Dry Clay

Wednesday, November 4

Receive a bit of air-dry clay from the library, shape it, and let it dry. What will you create?



STEM: Balloon Floats

Wednesday, November 11

Think you can turn a balloon into your favorite book or movie character? Give it a go! Pick up a free balloon at the library to begin your creation. Design a small balloon character around a regular balloon or design your own basketball hoop.



Doodles and Drawings

Wednesday, November 18

A drawing prompt will be released on this day. Tune in to see what Bethany creates and try it yourself at home! If you would like, you can bring your drawing into the library to be displayed on the office door downstairs.

Game Spotlight

Wednesday, November 25

We're going to be unboxing and sharing a board game that will be available at the library for checkout.



TEENS (Grades 6-12)

For the next few months we will be doing take and make projects. You can pick up a project kit by the chalkboard in the Teen Lounge area on the main floor of the library. One kit per person please. If you are interested in a virtual group meet-up to just talk or play a game or trivia, feel free to email Bethany@columbuspubliclibrary.info. If there is interest Bethany will pull a virtual program together!

Wednesday, September 2: Design Your Own Sketchbook Cover

We will have a number of sketchbook kits available for the teens that they can take home.

Wednesday, September 9 to November 4: Weekly Sketchbook Prompts



For 9 weeks we will be releasing a sketchbook prompt each Wednesday. Prompts will be posted in the library's Teen Lounge area and on Instagram. Prompts can also be emailed out to participants. To receive email prompts, please contact Bethany@columbuspubliclibrary.info.

We'd love to see your creations! Feel free to share with us via social media or email. We will not share your work with other unless given permission.



Wednesday, October 7: Gnome Craft and Scavenger Hunt

Take and make a gnome, then bring it back and hide it somewhere in the library! Update the gnome counter on the chalk board in the Teen Lounge area and look around to see if you can find some of the others.



Wednesday, November 4: Pouch-making and Dice Games



There are lots of dice games out there! Receive a collection of your own and a kit to make your own drawstring pouch for them.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram for program updates and other library info.

 @ColumbusLibTeens

Adult

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Afternoon Virtual Book Club

Thursday, Sep. 17, Oct. 22, and Nov. 19

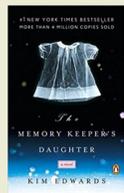
1:00pm-2:00pm

To register for this free online event, visit the library's web page or Facebook page, where you will find a link to a Google document for you to provide your name and email address. We will use your email address to send you the link to the event a day or two beforehand.

Thursday, September 17

***The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards**

On a winter night in 1964, Dr. David Henry is forced by a blizzard to deliver his own twins. His son, born first, is perfectly healthy. Yet when his daughter is born, he sees immediately that she has Down's Syndrome. Rationalizing it as a need to protect Norah, his wife, he makes a split-second decision that will alter all of their lives forever. A #1 New York Times bestseller, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* is a brilliantly crafted novel of parallel lives, familial secrets, and the redemptive power of love. (Random House)



Thursday, October 22

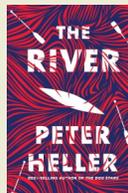
***Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly**

This #1 New York Times bestseller is the phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space. Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Among these problem-solvers were a group of exceptionally talented African American women, some of the brightest minds of their generation. (Amazon)

Thursday, November 19

***The River* by Peter Heller**

Wynn and Jack have been best friends since college orientation, bonded by their shared love of mountains, books, and fishing. When they decide to canoe the Maskwa River in northern Canada, they anticipate long days of leisurely paddling and picking blueberries, and nights of stargazing and reading paperback Westerns. But a wildfire making its way across the forest adds unexpected urgency to the journey. One night, with the fire advancing, they hear a man and woman arguing on the fog-shrouded riverbank; the next day, a man appears on the river, paddling alone. From this charged beginning, master storyteller Peter Heller unspools a headlong, heart-pounding story of desperate wilderness survival. Edgar Award nominated novel. (Amazon)



Adult Take-and-Make Craft

Tuesday, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3

An instructional video will be posted to Facebook and YouTube on the given dates. Free kits containing the supplies for the craft will be available for pick up from the library throughout the month or until gone. The video link will continue to stay up after kits are gone. This program does not require pre-registration or sign-up.

September 1: Picture Frame Craft

Grandparents Day is September 13. This craft is a cute way for adults and kids to make a gift together. Adults create a unique frame and the kids can create a work of art to display in the frame.

October 6: Painted Rock Owls on a Branch

You won't want to miss this one! Pick up a kit and paint your own rock owls and night scene for this fun fall project.



November 3: Thankful Sign Painting

Words of thanks will be transferred and then decoratively painted on a rustic wood board.

Wellness Book Report Club with Susan Running

Thursday, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, and Nov. 12, 6:30-7:30pm

Because of the wealth of books currently available on the topic, local certified mindfulness and wellness counselor Susan Running hosts a "book report club" on wellness topics, introducing you to books you may want to read.

September 10: *Indistractable: How to Control Your Attention and Choose Your Life* by Nir Eyal

October 8: *Tiny Habit: The Small Changes That Change Everything* by B.J. Fogg

November 12: *Lost Connection: Why You're Depressed and How to Find Hope* by Johann Hari

To register for this free online event, visit the library's web page or Facebook page, where you will find a link to a Google document for you to provide your name and email address. We will use your email address to send you the link to the event a day or two beforehand.

Genealogy Group with Chris Behl

Saturday, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7, 9:30-11:30am

Workshop with local genealogy researcher Chris Behl for those who are interested in searching their ancestry.

To register for this free online event, visit the library's web page or Facebook page, where you will find a link to a Google document for you to provide your name and email address. We will use your email address to send you the link to the event a day or two beforehand.

Special Events

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On The Farm with Jerry Apps

Saturday, September 19, 1:30-3:00pm



You've seen him on Wisconsin Public Television as he presents his down-home stories of yesteryear and life on the Wisconsin farm. Now see him live online, as the Columbus Public Library presents author

Jerry Apps for an afternoon of reminiscence and laughter. Jerry will talk about his books, notably his most recent book, "The Land Still Lives," which also happens to be his very first book, first published 50 years ago. He'll also be stressing the importance of Telling Your Story, encouraging audience members to recall and record their own precious memories.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a front-row seat in your own living room to hear this master storyteller work his magic.

To register for this free online event, visit the library's web page or Facebook page, where you will find a link to a Google document for you to provide your name and email address. (You may also leave a question for Jerry to answer! He will get to as many as time allows.) We will use your email address to send you the link to the event a day or two beforehand. The first 300 applicants will receive the link to the event.

Wisconsin's Most Haunted Locations with Paranormal Investigator Chad Lewis

Wednesday, September 30, 6:30-8:00pm

Paranormal researcher Chad Lewis is a researcher, author, and lecturer on topics of the strange and unusual. His background is in Psychology as he did both his Bachelor and Master degree work in the field- but for the last 20 plus years he has traveled the globe in search of unique and bizarre stories and history. Tonight, Chad will lead us in an exploration of the most haunted locations in Wisconsin.



To register for this free online event, visit the library's web page or Facebook page, where you will find a link to a Google document for you to provide your name and email address. We will use your email address to send you the link to the event a day or two beforehand.

The Pros & Cons of Independent (Self) Publishing with Valerie Biel

Choose either Tuesday, Oct. 27, 5:30-8:30pm or Friday, Oct. 30, 9:30am-12:00pm

In this comprehensive overview of self or independent publishing, independently-published author Valerie Biel will discuss why you might want to self-publish (based on your goals) along with an honest look at the pros and cons. She'll also cover how to best assess what you're capable of learning/doing on your own and when you'll want to hire a professional to assist you. Then she'll dive into the details of the lingo of the publishing world, business basics you need to consider, book readiness and formatting, categories and keywords, plus options for both print, e-book, and audio distribution. There'll be time to ask questions!



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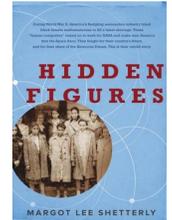
Evening Book Review and Discussion

Thursday, October 22, 6:30-7:30pm

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Open to any one ages 14+

Join the library for a discussion about the phenomenal true story of a group of exceptionally talented African American female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space.



We will also be discussing how the biases faced in the book are similar to some of the issues that people are still facing today.

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Friends Book Store at the Library Annex



Located at the 251 W. James Street

Watch Facebook and library's website for information about re-opening dates and times.

The library will be closed on:

Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day

Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday

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