

Library News

The library building is currently open to the public for all regular services. Curbside services are still available upon request.

In-person programming is limited and pre-registration is preferred. Walk-in/day of sign up is welcome if space is available. Pre-registration links can be found on the library's website. Any changes to in-person programming would be announced via the library's website and social media.

Masks are required for ages 2 and up while in the Library or Library Annex buildings. Mask requirements are subject to change following recommendations from the City of Columbus and the CDC.

The library's meeting room is currently not available for public use or reservation, however the Annex has limited availability and can be reserved upon agreeing to the terms of the Library Annex Use Policy. Please contact the library for more information.

Current library hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM—7:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Dive Into Reading

Prepare your child for a lifetime of learning by participating in this free year-round early literacy program! Upon signing your child up, you will receive logging sheets, and your child can add a submarine to our 1,000 Books Deep Dive visual. You can also keep track of your progress on Beanstack just like our summer reading challenges. Your child will receive a small prize for every hundred books read to them, and when they finish 1,000 they receive a free book to keep! Book binding for paper logs is available after completing the program. For ages 0-5.

Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:00am

At the Library Annex (the "house" next to the library)

In-person storytimes are happening at the Library Annex! Miss Bethany and Miss Susan are excited to see you! There will be books, songs, and a craft to take home! Storytime videos will still be posted twice a month on our Facebook page.

Please sign up to guarantee your spot on our website or by calling the library. Walk-ins/signing up day of is welcome if there is space available.

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Wednesdays Kids' Programs at the Library Annex 3:30PM

After-school activities geared for K5 through 5th grade.

Please sign up to guarantee your spot on our website or by calling the library. Walk-ins/signing up day of is welcome if there is space available. [You can pre-register by visiting the library website.](#)

Crafternoon: Candy Canes and Reindeer

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 3:30pm

Join Miss Bethany in making some candy cane and reindeer decorations! Participants for the in-person event are encouraged to sign up (limited number of spots). A video of the craft will go up as well the day of the program, and Take and Make kits will be available after the program date.

Movie Day

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 3:30pm - Registration Required

We will be watching a movie on the big screen! Popcorn included. Movie choices will be selected ahead of time and voted on at the event.

STEM: Gingerbread House Building

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 3:30pm

Come try your hand at being a confectionary house designer! Take and Make kits will not be available after this program, so please sign up in the library or on our website. Participants for the in-person event are encouraged to sign up (limited number of spots). We will post a video on the program day as well.

Crafternoon: Snowman Card

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 3:30pm

Come build a snowman indoors on paper! We'll have a few different design ideas for you to try, and you can either keep the card or give it someone to brighten their day. Participants for the in-person event are encouraged to sign up (limited number of spots). A video of the craft will go up as well the day of the program, and Take and Make kits will be available after the program date.

Movie Day

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 3:30pm

We will be watching a movie on the big screen! Popcorn included. Movie choices will be selected ahead of time and voted on at the event.

STEM: Play-dough Marble Run

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 3:30pm

Mold and design a path for a marble to go! Kits will not be available after this program. Participants for the in-person event are encouraged to sign up (limited number of spots). A video will go up as well the day of the program. There will be no kits available from this program.

Crafternoon: Heart Sun-catchers

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 3:30pm

We'll be decorating some heart-shaped sun-catchers this month! Participants for the in-person event are encouraged to sign up (limited number of spots). A video of the craft will go up as well the day of the program, and Take and Make kits will be available after the program date.

Movie Day

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 3:30pm

We will be watching a movie on the big screen! Popcorn included. Movie choices will be selected ahead of time and voted on at the event.

STEM: Penguin Rescue

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 3:30pm

Oh no! The penguins are trapped in ice! Help Miss Bethany free them and learn about what can make ice melt faster. Participants for the in-person event are encouraged to sign up (limited number of spots). A video of the craft will go up as well the day of the program. Take and make kits will not be available after this program.



Cookie Decorating

Dec. 22, 3:30pm

Library Annex

Sign-up required for this event

We are getting out the frosting and the sprinkles for some festive cookie decorating! Take and Make kits will NOT be available after this program, so please sign up in the library or on our website. [Participants for the in-person event are required to sign up \(limited number of spots\).](#)

TEENS (Grades 6-12)

All events are subject to change. In accordance with current city policy, those ages 2 and up must wear a face mask within city buildings unless unable to do so.

Keep an eye out in the teen area of the library for crafts and other activities!

Cookie Art

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 6:00pm

At the Library Annex

Cookies are an edible canvas. We'll be providing the materials, and teens can show off their creativity before tasting their creations. Participants are highly encouraged to sign up on our website to guarantee their spot, but walk-ins are welcome if there is space available (limited number of spots).

Hyggelig Hangout

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 6:00pm

At the Library Annex

Hygge is a Danish concept of creating a cozy and content atmosphere in the winter months. We'll have hot cocoa and some tea, some treats, glowing lights, a craft or two, coloring, and perhaps even a fake fire to gather round. Bring a blanket along if you'd like! Participants are highly encouraged to sign up on our website to guarantee their spot, but walk-ins are welcome if there is space available (limited number of spots).

Painting Squishies

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 6:00pm

At the Library Annex

We'll have a variety of squishies to choose from, and you can paint it yourself. Kits will not be available after this event, so be sure to sign up! Participants are highly encouraged to sign up on our website to guarantee their spot, but walk-ins are welcome if there is space available (limited number of spots).

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



Adult

All adult programs are all virtual for the time being. Please see each program for information about how to participate.

Virtual Mindfulness Matters Meditation Group

The first three Wednesdays of each month

6:30-8:00pm

In a group setting, learn the basics of meditation and share some thoughtful time together.

Meetings are conducted online via Zoom. You may use a smart phone, tablet, or computer to attend this virtual event. Visit the library's website at columbuspubliclibrary.info or our Facebook page for the link to sign up for this event. Event is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Virtual Genealogy Workshop with Chris Behl

Saturday, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5

9:30-11:30am

Workshop with genealogy researcher Chris Behl for those who are interested in searching their ancestry. Meetings are conducted online via Zoom. You may use a smart phone, tablet, or computer to attend this virtual event. Visit the library's website at columbuspubliclibrary.info or our Facebook page for the link to sign up for this event. Event is free and open to the public. All are welcome.



Virtual Beginning Piano for Adults with Catherine Brick

Friday, Jan. 7, 21, and Feb. 4, 18, 4:00 PM

This online course is for adults who want a jump start to playing the piano for pleasure, or a refresher for those who have played piano in the past. We will start with the basics of reading music and finding the notes on the keyboard, then move on to chords and key signatures in a down-to-earth method for getting your hands into the music as quickly as possible. The ability to read music is a plus, but not a requirement. We have a few keyboards available to check out at the library, as well as an instruction booklet. Register on our Facebook page or on the library's web page. Any questions, contact Catherine Brick at the library at 920-623-5910 or email her at cathe@clibrary.org



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Adult Take-and-Make Craft

Kits available starting the 1st Tuesday of each month.

A different craft each month. An instructional video will be posted to Facebook and YouTube on the given dates. **Free kits containing the supplies for the craft can be picked up from the library.** This program does not require pre-registration or sign-up.

December: Bow Making

Tune into our tutorial video to learn how to make your own fancy, inexpensive bows. This kit will come with a small bow maker for you to keep so that you can make bows for years to come!



January: Penguin Sock

This adorable penguin sock craft is a perfect project to help you battle the winter blues. Hurry up and pick up your kit as these will go fast!



February: Personalized Key Holder

Personalize your own functional, wood key holder to fit your home décor. Mount your unique, finished project to your wall to keep track of your keys.



A Book and a Movie Virtual Book Club

Thursday, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10, 1:30pm-2:30pm
Virtual and at the Columbus Senior Center, 125 N. Dickason St.

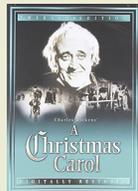
Exploring books that have been made into movies. Meetings are conducted online via Zoom and at the Columbus Senior Center. Visit the library's website at columbuspubliclibrary.info or our Facebook page for the link to sign up for this event. Event is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 9

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

With its characters exhibiting many qualities — as well as failures — often ascribed to Dickens himself, the imaginative and entertaining tale relates Ebenezer Scrooge's eerie encounters with a series of spectral visitors.

Journeying with them through Christmases past, present, and future, he is ultimately transformed from an arrogant, obstinate, and insensitive miser to a generous, warmhearted, and



caring human being. Written by one of England's greatest and most popular novelists, A Christmas Carol has come to epitomize the true meaning of Christmas. — Amazon

The movie version is the classic 1951 production starring Alistair Simm as Scrooge. (Rated TV-PG)

Thursday, Jan. 13

Wonder Boys by Michael Chabon

A modern classic, Wonder Boys firmly established Michael Chabon as a force to be reckoned with in American fiction. At once a deft parody of the American fame factory and a piercing portrait of young and old desire, this novel introduces two unforgettable characters: Grady Tripp, a former publishing prodigy now lost in a fog of pot and passion and stalled in the midst of his endless second book, and Grady's student, James Leer, a budding writer obsessed with Hollywood self-destruction and struggling with his own searching heart. — Amazon



The 2000 movie stars Michael Douglas and Tobey McGuire. (Rated R)

Thursday, Feb. 10

The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger

In October 1991, three weather systems collided off the coast of Nova Scotia to create a storm of singular fury, boasting waves over one hundred feet high. Among its victims was the Gloucester, Massachusetts-based swordfishing boat the Andrea Gail, which vanished with all six crew members aboard.



It was the storm of the century, boasting waves over one hundred feet high a tempest created by so rare a combination of factors that meteorologists deemed it "the perfect storm." When it struck in October 1991, there was virtually no warning. "She's comin' on, boys, and she's comin' on strong," radioed Captain Billy Tyne of the Andrea Gail off the coast of Nova Scotia, and soon afterward the boat and its crew of six disappeared without a trace.

In a book taut with the fury of the elements, Sebastian Junger takes us deep into the heart of the storm, depicting with vivid detail the courage, terror, and awe that surface in such a gale. The Perfect Storm is a real-life thriller that will leave readers with the taste of salt air on their tongues and a sense of terror of the deep. — Amazon

The 2000 movie stars George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg. (Rated PG-13)

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Virtual Afternoon Book Club

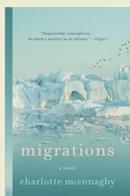
Thursday, Dec. 12, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, 1:00pm-2:00pm
Virtual and at the Columbus Senior Center, 125 N. Dickason St.

Exploring newly-published books. Meetings are conducted online via Zoom and at the Columbus Senior Center. You may use a smart phone, tablet, or computer to attend this virtual event. Visit the library's website at columbuspubliclibrary.info or our Facebook page for the link to sign up for this event. Event is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy

Franny Stone has always been the kind of woman who is able to love but unable to stay. Leaving behind everything but her research gear, she arrives in Greenland with a singular purpose: to follow the last Arctic terns in the world on what might be their final migration to Antarctica. Franny talks her way onto a fishing boat, and she and the crew set sail, traveling ever further from shore and safety.



Epic and intimate, heartbreaking and galvanizing, Charlotte McConaghy's *Migrations* is an ode to a disappearing world and a breathtaking page-turner about the possibility of hope against all odds.

- Amazon

Thursday, Jan. 20

The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

New York Times Bestseller: From the bestselling author of *Before We Were Yours* comes a dramatic historical novel of three young women searching for family amid the destruction of the post-Civil War South, and of a modern-day teacher who learns of their story and its vital connection to her students' lives. Bestselling author Lisa Wingate brings to life startling stories from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold away. - Amazon



Thursday, Feb. 17

Ask Again, Yes by Mary Beth Keane

"This is one beautiful book. I was wowed by Keane's writing and narrative skill—and by what she knows about trouble." —Stephen King

How much can a family forgive? Francis Gleeson and Brian Stanhope, rookie NYPD cops, are neighbors in the suburbs. What happens behind closed doors in both houses—the loneliness of Francis's wife, Lena, and the instability of Brian's wife, Anne, sets the stage for the explosive events to come. One shocking night their loyalties are divided, and their bond will be tested again and again over the next thirty years. — Amazon



The library will be closed on:
Friday, Dec. 24, Saturday, Dec. 25, and
Monday, Dec. 27
Friday, Dec. 31, Saturday, Jan. 1, and
Monday, Jan. 3

Friends of the COLUMBUS Public Library

BOOK STORE

OPEN 2ND and 4TH Saturdays
of the month
from 10 AM to 2 PM

Proceeds funding new projects at the library.

Contact
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December 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Crafternoon: Candy Canes and Reindeer 3:30pm Virtual Mindfulness Matters Meditation Group 6:30-8pm	2	3	4 Virtual Genealogy Group with Chris Behl 9:30-11:30am
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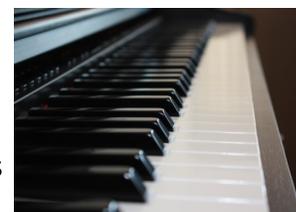
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February 2022

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