

October is a traditional month for lots of **new book releases!** Here are some of them:

A Time for Mercy by John Grisham

The Sentinel: a Jack Reacher novel by Lee Child

Three Women Disappear by James Patterson

Troubles in Paradise by Elin Hilderbrand

Shakeup (Stone Barrington) by Stuart Woods

The Searcher by Tana French

Elsewhere by Dean Koontz

Jingle All the Way by Debbie Macomber

The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop by Fannie Flagg

Truly, Madly, Deeply by Karen Kingsbury

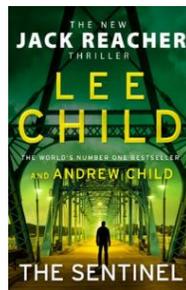
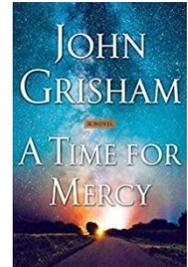
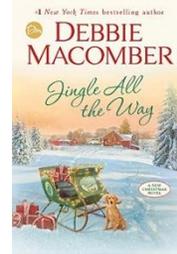
Love Your Life by Sophie Kinsella

The Noel Letters by Richard Paul Evans

The Dirty South (Charlie Parker) by John Connolly

A Dog's Perfect Christmas by W. Bruce Cameron

Cardiff by the Sea by Joyce Carol Oates



New DVDs coming out:

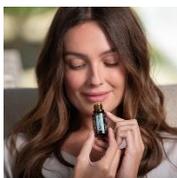
“Cats and Dogs 3: Paws Unite!”

“Blues Clues and You: Caring With Blue”

“Happy Halloween, Scooby Doo”

“Christmas at the Plaza”

The library is a place for people to gather, socialize, and learn. It is very frustrating to not be able to have group presentations. One option is to have a virtual presentation by providing links to participants. There are two programs held virtually that I would like to make everyone aware of:



Tabitha Carbaugh is a licensed doTerra representative. **DoTerra is a leading provider of essential oils (www.doterra.com).** Each Tuesday evening at 7 PM, Tabitha offers a ZOOM program on the basics of essential oils. There is NO SALES PITCH; it is strictly informational. You even get a free gift! **Contact Tabitha at punnyoilmom@yahoo.com to register.** She will email you the link to join the virtual presentation.

Brian Long is the creator and administrator of Columbia News, Views, and Reviews. He also supports older PA residents through **Berks-Lancaster-Lebanon LINK to Aging and Disability Resources**. Brian is promoting a free LINK virtual webinar titled “**Love Hurts: Staying Safe from Romance Scams**”. Everyone



dreams of meeting their soul mate, but, sadly, they are many **criminals infiltrating online dating sites with the goal of stealing money and identity**. Alan McGill and Jerry Mitchell, of the PA Attorney General’s Office, take a look at internet and phone scams designed to take advantage of vulnerable people. They will also offer **internet safety tips, how to recognize a scammer, and how to report this crime to the proper authorities**. There are two time slots available for this **Wednesday, October 14 program**: one morning, one evening. To gain access to the **9:30 to 11:30 AM** presentation, visit <https://bit.ly/3kmEe7c>. If you prefer the **7 to 9 PM** evening session, the link is <https://bit.ly/35LuWgW>. All LINK programs are free of charge.

No need to worry about germs in our library! Our operations manager Heather **keeps our library sanitized exceeding the CDC guidelines!** We want to be certain to keep a safe environment for all of our patrons, staff, and volunteers. I’ll try to give a few updates regarding COVID19 and library materials:

- Books continue to be quarantined
- Items still must be returned to the book drop (instead of giving to a staff member)
- Sadly, donations still cannot be accepted – but we will announce when we can accept them!



There is a new virtual resource for both students of all ages and job seekers on our online resources lineup. **Brainfuse HelpNow** provides live tutoring, writing assistance, and homework help for students from 1st through 12th grade. For adults, Brainfuse HelpNow offers high school equivalency prep, prep for the citizenship test, and assistance with all Microsoft Office programs. Brainfuse HelpNow is **available every day from 2 PM to 11 PM**. It replaces the former resource Tutor.com.

Attention teachers!! I will still be doing read alouds at local schools, homeschools, and daycares – except through virtual platforms! Smartboards in the classrooms allow all students to be able to see and hear the story. This technology is a godsend during a time when personal visitation is not possible. Our Reading Therapy Dogs, Tommy and Jaeger, will also be joining in some Zoom sessions as well. If you are a teacher (homeschool counts too!) or work with a daycare class and would like to **schedule a time for me to read virtually to your class**, please call 717-684-2255 or email lgreybill@columbiapubliclibrary.org. I can choose my topics based on your current lessons!



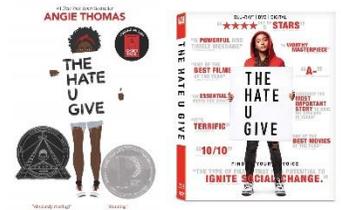
Pennsylvania CareerLink

And please don’t forget **Tammy Garza is Columbia’s Career Link representative** – even though she cannot do group meetings, she is happy to meet you one on one on the library terrace. Tammy’s email is tgarza@jobs4lancaster.com. Please reach out to her if you are looking for a job – she is very happy to help you!

GED update: we plan to continue to host classes once group meetings are allowed. **Please contact Jenny at jenny@literacysuccess.org (717-295-5523) as she continues to take registrations for future classes.**



Did you know it is **TeenTober**? October is officially designated as Teen Reading Month. We often have a film based on a book this month, usually on Columbus Day, when there is no school. Since indoor films are not yet possible, we have created a display: “Before It Was a Movie”. How many movies and TV series can you think of that are based on books? From “The Outsiders” to the Divergent series, there are LOTS. Come check them out!



Another TeenTober activity is “Get Caught Reading”. Take a selfie (or someone else can take) a pic of you reading. It can be anywhere – home, school, you name it! PLEASE DO NOT INDICATE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION – simply a first name, last initial. We will post some of these on the library’s Facebook page, so please be sure you and your family are comfortable with that. Email photos to info@columbiapubliclibrary.org. We hope to catch a lot of you reading!



Columbia Parks and Recreation is offering a **Halloween Costume Party! Free to everyone in the community from on October 31 from 6 to 8 PM in Locust Street Park.** There will be music, a photobooth with props, and treats. Hope to see you there. Mardi Gras parade is cancelled for this year.

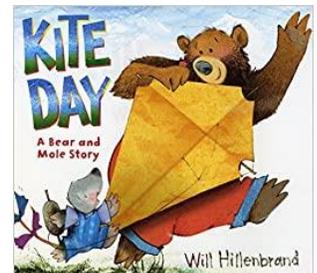
Also on **October 31**, desk staff will be offering a **free treat** to every child who stops in the library and checks out a book! **Saturday hours are 9 AM to 4 PM. Ages 12 and under.**

We are trying to think of family activities that do not involve Zoom or social gatherings. Two that we have come up with are Take and Make bags and the Story Walk around the library.



We have begun a “**Take and Make**” activity for each month. Children aged 12 and under may pick up a bag with a simple craft to make at home. Materials are included – you must supply glue sticks, scissors, and crayons or markers. **October’s project is a skeleton made of Q-tips.** Also included is a brief list of books about bones and the human skeleton. Take and Make bags will be **available throughout October.** New bag each month!

The **StoryWalk®** consists of laminated panels around the library. Each panel represents a page spread of a story. Follow the walk around the entire library to read the entire story. **Our first story is “Kite Day” by Will Hillenbrand.** We hope to change the StoryWalk® periodically – it may have to end when the weather turns bad but it will resume in the spring. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. For more information about Story Walks, visit

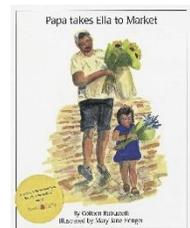


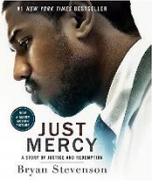
<https://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk>. **We cannot give a precise date when the StoryWalk® will open due to constructing the panels. It should be sometime in October.**



You may have received an email or letter regarding Columbia Public Library’s **Fall Fund Drive.** This is normally done in the spring, but, due to economic struggles for most of us, we decided to wait until Fall. Monies raised from our fund drive go toward the library’s utility costs and also toward our collections budget. Appreciate your library? Please give as generously as you can. No amount too large or too small!

Are you looking to get an early start on Christmas shopping? Would you like to help others at the same time? Colleen Robustelli and her mother, Mary Jane Henger, are selling copies of their picture book “**Papa Takes Ella to Market**” **at the library. Cost is \$15.00 and ALL proceeds go to Power Packs,** which are in higher demand right now. The book focuses on the Central Market in Lancaster City. Stop by the library to view a copy!





This month, our **Adult Book Club** will be reading its second nonfiction selection: **“Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson**. As a young lawyer, Bryan founded the Equal Justice Initiative – a program for helping the poor, wrongly convicted, and other trapped in the criminal justice system without an advocate. While the book can be heartbreaking, it is also hopeful – as Bryan shares victories and steps forward in making lives better.

Book Bingo for Grownups! Stop by the library for your bingo card. Each time you read a book that matches the square’s description, mark it off. Categories include: classics, childhood favorites, a place I’d like to visit, biography or memoir, a book with a one word title, and so on. Book Bingo runs from **September 1 to November 30** to allow time for reading. When you get five in a row (you can fill the card if you like!) drop off your card at the front desk. You’ll be entered in a drawing for some great prizes from local merchants!



Some of those merchants who have so generously offered prizes in support of our library:

- AJ’s Discount Grocery
- Black Olive Diner
- Columbia Pizza
- The ReUzit Shop
- Hinkle’s
- Half-Nuts Popcorn Company
- Giant
- And more to come!



If you’re like me, you can always use another **tote bag**. The Columbia Public Library is selling heavy canvas tote bags with custom embroidery of our logo. Cost is \$15 and benefits the library. Thanks to Kelly Skiptunas and her friend Jane at “Stitchin Witch”. You can see more of our logo items at <http://www.columbialibrary.deco-apparel.com/>.

Computers are available! Three public machines will be available. **You must call 717-684-2255 for an appointment** beginning at 10 AM each morning. Appointments must be for same day. Each computer user is limited to one hour per day and stations accommodate one individual only due to social distancing requirements. To ensure safety of all, the computers will close for 30 minutes between appointments to allow for sanitizing and disinfecting. Just like all other library patrons, computer users must wear a mask.



At this time, group gatherings in places such as public libraries are still a no-go. Our **TERRACE** is always an option for one-on-one meetings and small groups. Sadly, meetings cannot be held in the library at this time. Of course, I will keep all posted with any updates regarding ANY of our services and their safe reinstatement!

