

Daylight Savings time has left us, meaning an extra hour of darkness each evening. Chase away the winter blues with one of these good books released in November:

Deadly Cross by James Patterson

Daylight (Atlee Pine) by David Baldacci

The Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly

Piece of My Heart by Mary Higgins Clark

All That Glitters by Danielle Steel

Ready Player Two by Ernest Cline

Hidden In Plain Sight by Jeffrey Archer

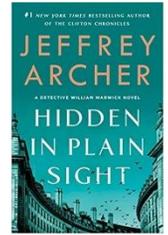
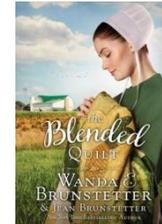
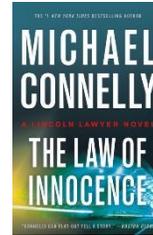
Marauder (Oregon Files) by Clive Cussler

The Archer by Paulo Coelho

The Blended Quilt by Jean Brunstetter

Frontier Follies: Adventures of Marriage and Motherhood by Ree Drummond

Didn't See That Coming: Putting Life Back Together When Your World Falls Apart by Rachel Hollis



New DVDs coming out: There are not many films being released now, because film studios and theaters are still struggling with the pandemic. We do have some new TV series:

The Crown: Season 3

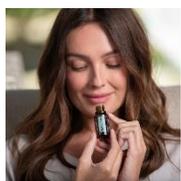
New Amsterdam: Season 2

Possibly some new children's Christmas videos

Breaking news! Our reading therapy dog Tommy received the Seger award at the 2020 Colonial Rottweiler specialty awards program. We could not be more proud of all of the community service Tommy has provided through the years, with well over 500 visits and thousands of hours at not only the Columbia Public Library, but also in schools, libraries, hospitals, nursing homes and community events. Congratulations, Tommy! Well deserved.



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 is a weekly program 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.

Tabitha will also be doing live classes here at the library once we are permitted to have gatherings indoors again

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!

Attention teachers!! I now have TWO options of sharing stories with your class during this period when I cannot enter the buildings.

First are actual **read alouds live through Google Meet or Zoom**. 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!



Second are **read alouds using Google Slides**. This technology allows static pictures from the book while I read aloud on linked audio for each slide. This option requires you to have a Google Drive account. I need to be able to share the presentation with you via Google Drive. This part is important, as I must ensure my read alouds are going to private classroom or homeschool gatherings due to copyright law. If you would like me to share my Google drive account stories with you for your class, I will need your email address. And a very special thank you to Kelsey Bucks, Park and Taylor librarian, for tutoring me in

this technology!



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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!

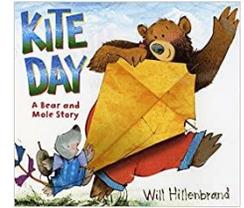
GED update: we plan to continue to host classes once group meetings are allowed. **Please contact Jenny at jenny@literacysuccess.org (717-295-5523) as she continues to take registrations for future classes.**

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. **November's Take and Make is a Turkey Headband**. The only supplies you will need at home for this project are a glue stick and tape. A list of Thanksgiving books from the Columbia Library is included with each Take and Make.

The **Story Walk** 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.** It is displayed every day from 10 AM to 5 PM – but not during bad weather. We hope to change the Story Walk periodically – it may have to end when the weather turns bad but it will resume in the spring. For more information about Story Walks, visit



<https://www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk>. Story Walk is the brainchild of the Kellogg-Hubbard Public Library in Vermont.



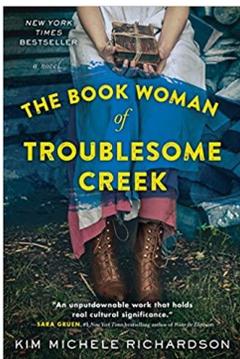
You may have received an email or letter in October regarding Columbia Public Library’s **Fall Fund Drive**. This is normally done in the spring, but, due to economic struggles for most of us, we decided to wait until Fall. Monies raised from our fund drive go toward the library’s utility costs and also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

You can also support the library AND do some Christmas shopping by purchasing Holiday Book Bundles! Beginning Friday, November 27 we will have Holiday book bundles available for purchase. Books for all ages! Great selection of books at GREAT prices! This sale will run through December 23. All proceeds benefit the library. Thank you!



This month, our **Adult Book Club** is returning to fiction – with [The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek](#).

The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek, Kentucky have to scarp for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Franklin Roosevelt’s Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome has its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter.



Cussy's not only a book woman - she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of **blue** unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachian mountains and suspicion as deep as the holler.

Inspired by the real blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, [The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek](#) is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home. If you enjoyed JoJo Moyes’ *The Giver of Stars*, you will love this book! To join us, email Patti at pfischer@columbiapubliclibrary.org. **Date of the discussion is Wednesday, November 18 , at 4:45 PM. Since the weather is now too cold for the park, we are switching to ZOOM. Patti will set it up and send you the link to join prior to 4:45 on November 18.**

Book Bingo for Grownups! ends November 30th and we’ve already have some cards turned in! 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 **to November 30** so you still have some 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
- Kleen-Rite Car Wash
- Andy's Market



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/>.



A few updates for November events which happen in "non-pandemic" times:

Since book donations are not okayed yet, we also cannot accept clothing apparel or canned food items at this time. Mitten Tree will resume next year and food drives for the Food Bank will occur in 2021.

Extraordinary Give will be virtual this year. No gatherings at the Crossing or Café Garth. Date for Extraordinary Give is **Friday, November 20**. Please support your library and other valued Columbia services!

The pandemic does not stop holiday decorations! Please visit in December to see our Christmas village and decorated tree!!

To all library patrons and Columbia residents: thank you for your patience during this unprecedented time. I think we all will be glad to put 2020 behind us. It is my prayer that all of our services will once again be available soon!!

Lisa