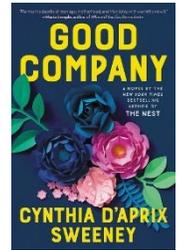
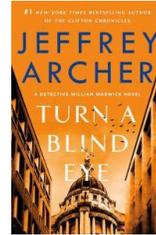
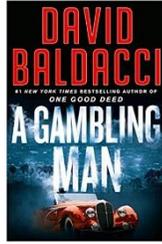
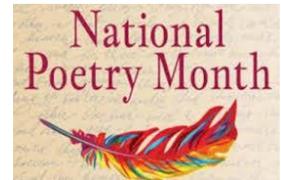


“Spring” into one of these new books coming out in April:

- [A Gambling Man](#) by David Baldacci
- [Ocean Prey](#) by John Sandford
- [Finding Ashley](#) by Danielle Steel
- [When the Stars Go Dark](#) by Paula McClain
- [Turn a Blind Eye](#) by Jeffrey Archer
- [A Distant Shore](#) by Karen Kingsbury
- [Stargazer](#) by Anne Hillerman
- [Good Company](#) by Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney
- [Mother May I](#) by Joshilyn Jackson
- [The Last Night in London](#) by Karen White
- [The Venice Sketchbook](#) by Rhys Bowen
- [Miss Julia Happily Ever After](#) by Ann B. Ross
- [Country Proud](#) by Linda Lael Miller
- [The Hill We Climb: an Inaugural Poem for Our Country](#) by Amanda Gorman



It’s time for **Poetry Month** at the Columbia Public Library! We have added quite a few new poetry books for all interests and genres. Poets include Amanda Lovelace, Amari Soul, Sylvia Plath, Allan Ginsburg, William Butler Yeats, and Louise Gluck. In addition to the new titles, we also have:



- **“The Tree of Poets”**, in which you can familiarize yourself with both contemporary and classic poets.
- Try the **“30 Days of Poetry Challenge”** and write a different poem for each day of April. (Feel free to send your poems to lgreybill@columbiapubliclibrary.org if you want to share on Facebook – but you don’t have to!)
- April 29 is **“Poem in Your Pocket Day”** but we are expanding it to all month. Pick a poem from one of the flowers that you can take home to share with family and friends.
- **Poetry Podcast** – visit poets.org to sign up for a daily poem podcast.
- Special thanks goes to Sharon for sharing her creative talent in spearheading this project!

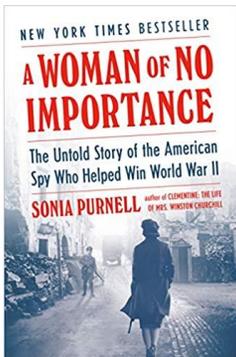
Come celebrate **National Library Week** with us! Between April 5 and April 10, any person checking out a book or movie will be entered in a drawing for a prize:

- Birth through age 11:** a “Summer Fun” basket
- Ages 12 through 17:** an “Art and Goodies” basket.
- Ages 18 and older:** choice of a Black Olive Family Diner gift certificate or a Kleen Rite Car Wash gift card.



Special thanks to Black Olive Family Diner, Kleen Rite Inc., and Columbia Pizza for their generous donations of prizes.

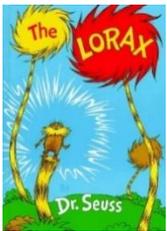




Adult Book Club has a new name – “The Bibliomaniacs”! April’s selection will be **“A Woman of No Importance”**. This biography focuses on the life of Virginia Hall. Virginia Hall was an ordinary woman living in Baltimore - who became the first Allied woman deployed behind enemy lines and, despite her prosthetic leg, helped to revolutionize secret warfare as we know it. Based on new and extensive research, Sonia Purnell has for the first time uncovered the full secret life of Virginia Hall--an astounding and inspiring story of heroism, espionage, resistance, and personal triumph over shocking adversity. *A Woman of No Importance* is the breathtaking story of how one woman's fierce persistence helped win World War II. Email Patti at pfischer@columbiapubliclibrary.org if you would like to join us! With the weather getting warmer we are hoping to hold our club on the library terrace.

Date is Wednesday, April 14, at 4:45 PM.

Book Nook Sale for April will feature a half-price sale on our specially-priced books. Purchasers will take half off the tagged price. These books feature a variety of topics for adults, many being nonfiction and biography. Please note we only accept cash or check as payment at this time. All proceeds benefit the library. Happy Shopping! Sale runs throughout the month of April.



Miss Lisa will do her annual **Earth Day Read Aloud of “The Lorax”** – but not at Sahd’s! Sahd’s is unable to hold a live event this year. Instead I will be reading on the library terrace. We do have 12 seats there, but please bring lawn chairs or a blanket for your group in order to maintain distance. Reading time runs from 10 AM to noon, so stop by anytime. I’ll read continuously, as I do at Sahd’s. Date is **Saturday, April 24, from 10 AM to Noon.**

For **more Miss Lisa read alouds**, I do have Google Slides that many be used by teachers, homeschool families and parents / grandparents. Here are some of the titles and topics:

“Miss Bindergarten Stays Home from Kindergarten”

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

John McCain

“The Bus For Us”

“The Mitten”

“Jamie O’Rourke and the Big Potato”

“Berenstain Bears’ St. Patrick’s Day”

“My Brother Martin” (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

“George Washington’s Teeth”

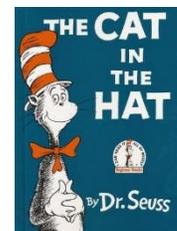
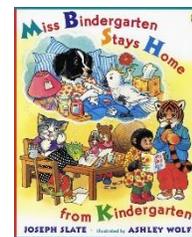
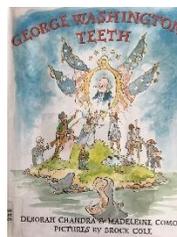
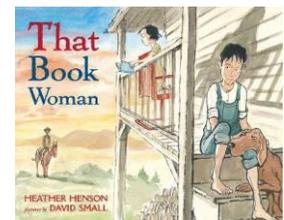
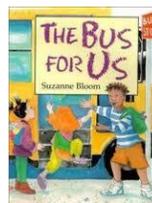
“That Book Woman”

“Green Eggs and Ham”

“The Cat In the Hat”

“Santa Comes to Little House”

“Pilgrim Cat”



If you would like any Google Slide stories, simply email lgreybill@columbiapubliclibrary.org and I will send you a link. I only ask that these stories not be posted on the internet or on Facebook, due to copyright restrictions.

Children’s Book Bingo winners!!

Ria S. won the Seven Seas Water Table

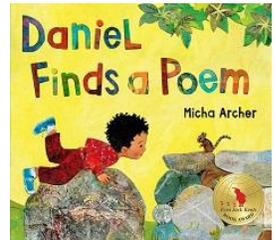
Emerson D. won the Target Gift Card

Thanks to all who entered!!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten! Columbia Public Library offers you and your child a free early literacy program. This free program encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he or she enters school. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day. Reading together helps develop important pre-reading skills that provide a solid foundation, a key to school and learning success. Reading each day to your child is one of the best gifts that you give to them. Plus, sharing stories together is fun! Just ask at the desk for your 1,000 Books record booklet.

The **Story Walk**® has returned with warmer weather and longer evenings! A Story Walk® is a fun way for families to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Pages from a children's picture book are attached to posts, which are installed at regular intervals along an outdoor path. In this case, you'll see the posts along the front of the Columbia Public Library, and sidewalk that is along the backside of the library. As a family walks down the path, they are directed to the next page in the story.



This spring -- *Daniel Finds a Poem* by Micha Archer

The Library's Story Walks® encourage healthy lifestyles, and they also connect families with nature! 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>.

In addition to the Facebook pages and our webpage, there is now another way to see not only Columbia Public Library events, but events throughout the community. The **Columbia Borough School District now maintains a Community Events calendar**. Simply visit <https://www.columbiabsd.org/> and click on "All Events". This calendar also downloads as a phone app via Googleplay or The App Store. Thanks to Betty Sue Ryno for her efforts in keeping this calendar up to date!



The Columbia Public Library – where New Worlds Await – for you. We are located on 24 S. 6th Street, next to Park Elementary School. (Cattycorner to CVS Pharmacy and across the street from St. John’s Lutheran Church). Phone number is 684-2255 and web address is www.columbiapubliclibrary.org Find us on Facebook! Please stop by and visit often!