



Columbia County
Rural Library District

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Director's Report by Ellen Brigham, MLIS

Quote of the Month

“Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.”

— Maya Angelou

Staff and Programming

Youth and Families

Family Storytime is back! We had our first storytime of the school year on the 7th, where everyone had a lovely supper provided by the hospital, and Charlie read “The Crayons Go Back to School” and “Splat the Cat: Up in the Air at the Fair.” Children attending got copies of these two books to take home with them. As always, family storytime is generously funded by the Friends of the Library.

Humanities Washington

Our first Humanities Washington lecture this month was on the 13th. Dr. Steven Olsen spoke about nuclear energy in Washington throughout history and into the future. Our next guest lecture will be tomorrow night, where Dr. Steven Stehr will present about incivility in the current political landscape. These lectures are paid for by a grant from Humanities Washington.

Other Events

- We have switched lawn mowing services to Sunshine Lawncare. They come weekly just to mow. So far, it's cheaper and more consistent than our previous lawncare person. We can switch to a full service 12-month contract in the future, which would include sprinkler maintenance, leaf blowing & pickup, weed control, winterizing, and tree trimming.
- Senske Services has given us a quote for tree services. They recommend completely removing the tree on the side of the building.
- I've been continuing my weekly director's column in our newsletter. If anyone doesn't want to subscribe to it, you can always find them on our website, or you can come into the library we can print you out a copy.