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Lisa 00:17

Hi, everybody, welcome to another episode of our CMPL podcast. My name is Lisa and I am the Head of Children's and Teen Services here at the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. And today I have two other special guests with me to help.

Celia 00:33

I'm Celia. I'm the Head of Collection Management here at Clinton-Macomb.

Sarah 00:39

And I'm Sarah and I'm an Adult Services Librarian at the Clinton-Macomb Library.

Lisa 00:44

We thought that since newsletters just hit the houses, for May through August that this would be a great time to highlight some of our favorite programs that are coming up over the next couple of months. We are going to kick it off with Sarah to tell us the first of her programs and rotate around so you hear a little bit from everybody.

Sarah 01:06

All right, so I'll get started with probably the first thing coming up for anyone who's listening to this podcast. On Wednesday, May 26, we have an adult spelling bee. Now this program will be held on Zoom as all of our programs are this summer. This is a spelling bee. That's basically a spelling, you know the way you think of a spelling bee for kids, but it's for adults, people will have to play by themselves. So it's not a team based event. And the fun thing is, we're taking the words from classic literature. So participants will get a word list ahead of time. And this is to help with you know, making sure that everyone's playing fairly on Zoom. So you won't have a word list in front of you. But all the words will be picked from classic literature. So there'll be like unique words, you know, not everyday things. Anyone who signs up will get a list of the titles that the words will come from so you could study ahead if you wanted to. And during the spelling bee, if you say can I hear that in a sentence? The sentence will be a quote from the book.

Lisa 02:16

Oops, that sounds so sounds super fun. I have always wanted to do an adult spelling bee. And I love the twist you've done by pulling out words from literature.

Sarah 02:26

Yep, we're making it even more library related.

Lisa 02:31

Can you give us a sneak peek of one book that books or titles or words may come out of?

Sarah 02:38

Ooh, I can't I am not the one running this program. And I'm not sure what the list is. But that's fair. People could call the library and find out registration will open registration will open by the time you hear this podcast, but it's on Wednesday, May 26, at 6:30 pm.

Lisa 02:55

And you can always register for any of our programs by clicking on the Events tab on our website, which is cmpl.org. or by calling 226-5000. Or if you happen to be in any of the desk, please just stop by and ask and we'll gladly help you out. Sarah, that sounds super fun. I'm going to tell you about one of my favorite programs of the summer, because it involves penguins. So the Omaha Zoo, because we're more in a virtual format right now, is going to bring us to live virtual programs this summer. The first is Penguins Live, and it will take place on Monday, June 21 at 10am. For ages four to 11. We'll be able to meet the 75 penguins at the zoo and learn about their habitat and behavior. I don't know about you, I have never had a penguin in a library program. And I am really excited by this. Especially since I don't have to walk in the penguin house to see them.

Celia 03:56

Or we couldn't have penguin in the library.

Lisa 03:58

Yeah, that's right, doesn't that sounds great? There are other program is on Monday, July 1 at 2pm. They'll be back and they will be doing a rain forest tour for us. What's really neat is the Omaha Zoo has the largest indoor rain forest in the Americas. And we'll explore the four layers and many aspects of a diverse habitat. And this program is for ages four to 11. So while COVIDs been a weird thing to get used to I'm really liking some of these referral programs that were able to bring in because I never would have been able to bring in a rain forest tour or penguins any time in the past. And I'm very excited to see what they do.

Sarah 04:45

Yeah, that sounds awesome. It's like you can going to a zoo without actually having to travel anywhere.

Lisa 04:50

Right? And you can do it right from your own house.

Celia 04:54

I'm in.

Lisa 04:55

Yeah. Celia?

Celia 04:57

Well, the first programs I'm going to be talking about a collection of programs, our book discussions for children that we offer. So we offer a couple of different types of book discussions, depending on the age group. We've got Book Blasters, which are for ages seven to nine. And we've got looks like five dates for those scattered throughout the summer starting with May 22, which may have passed when this comes out. But it goes all the way through August. And some of the titles for Book Blasters this time around include The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey.

Lisa 05:43

Oh, I love The Bad Guys.

Celia 05:45

Um, we've got a classic Boxcar Children Mystery at Camp Survival. We've got planet Omar, Accidental Trouble Magnet, by Zanib Mian and Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson. For a little bit older group, we've got the Xtreme Readers. This is for children, ages 10 to 12. Some of those titles are the Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier.

Lisa 06:16

Ooh. That's a whole big series now in the app, and it's on Netflix. So it's one of those series that I pass out to kids when they don't know what they want to read.

Celia 06:27

Absolutely. Blended by Sharon Draper is another title that's going to be on Xtreme Readers. And then we also have the graphic novel book club happening this summer. And that will be for kids for kids ages nine to 11. And so that one is going to be in August, so plenty of time still to sign up.

Lisa 06:49

I'm excited about the graphic novel book club. This isn't the first time it's coming out. And we're hoping to continue it into the fall. It looks great.

Celia 07:00

So August is going to be the first...

Lisa 07:02

August is the first one of their book club. But that'll work out well because Book Blasters and Xtreme Readers take a break for August, so it helps balance things out.

Celia 07:14

Absolutely.

Lisa 07:15

Sarah, what do you have for us next?

Sarah 07:18

All right. So another type of program that we have running all summer long is trivia. We started doing trivia programs at the library, pretty much at the beginning of the pandemic, and we have seen our numbers grow, people keep coming back for more. So we are gonna keep doing trivia and till until people are not interested anymore. we advertise the trivia as being for both teens and adults. But really, it's family friendly. So it's just that the questions are written with assuming a teen or adult level of knowledge. But the topics are engaging for all ages. Some of our trivia is are themed coming up in June. On June 8, there's going to be a Simpsons trivia on the fifth. On June 15, Indiana Jones trivia. On June 22, Percy Jackson trivia which I know was a patron request from earlier this year. And then the last Tuesday of every month is a pub style general knowledge trivia with a mix of categories. And in addition to this running all summer, May through August, we are going to have for adults, a special Summer Reading kickoff trivia event on Saturday, June 12. All of these trivias are at 6:30pm. And the Summer Reading trivia will be like our pub style trivia but more! There will be more categories and more questions and even more prizes.

Lisa 08:54

This sounds super fun. I know I always like competing with my family and friends. So this would be a good way to do it.

Sarah 09:02

This can be a solo adventure or a team-based thing we play via Kahoot which I think a lot of people have started using these days. So we share our screens to show the questions and people enter their answers via the app on their phone.

Commercial 09:21

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Lisa 09:38

Super fun. Super fun. So from the children's angle, we have Cameron Zvara will be performing his magic live on Zoom on Monday, August 9 at 10am. If you haven't seen Cameron Zvara before he has been it's our Main Library. I think of him like those performers on America's Got Talent who are super crowd-friendly, and do these amazing tricks. And he's really not an old school style magician. He's great for entertainment. And this is a perfect program for the entire family. The other fun thing he's doing with us is if you watch CMPL's YouTube channel this summer, Cameron Zvara, is releasing a magic trick every Friday morning at 10am, from June 25, through August 13. So if you're looking for something that you can do on your own time, whenever is convenient for you keep an eye on that YouTube, and maybe you'll learn something fun and new. Or you can tell me how he does his tricks, because he's really awesome.

Celia 10:46

Sounds great. I love following up with the YouTube channel, there's, there's a lot of there's a lot going on there. I always forget how many cool programs we've had until I go back and check them out.

Lisa 11:01

It is and what I love about the YouTube channel is that it really is an on-demand program. You can watch it on your time, it doesn't have to follow the 10am schedule or, you know, on this Saturday, so if it's two in the morning, and that's when you have free time, that's when you can watch the show.

Celia 11:22

Indeed, well some of our live programs, I'm going to turn to book discussions for adults. And we have four, almost said five, we have four book discussion groups.

Lisa 11:36

Wow.

Celia 11:39

Which is, which is a lot but they all bring in different people and talk about different books and it's they're all a lot of fun. We've got a book discussion, but ah, we've got discussion groups at each of our three locations. Although since they're all on Zoom, you can easily attend them all without traveling anywhere right now. The one that's usually hosted the North Branch is mystery-themed. The one that's usually hosted at the South Branch is more of a general fiction, although I've heard that the attendees really like historical fiction. So if that's something you're into too, they do tend to go towards the historical fiction titles, which we have Books on Tap which unfortunately is not held at the bar at the moment. Someday it will be again and Sarah will be very excited about that not seen Books on Tap over Zoom. And then we have our nonfiction book club, which is also usually at the main library and held over Zoom right now. Some of the highlight titles from these include The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware I'm just highlighting ones that I've read personally just so you know, or heard of. Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware which freaked me out I couldn't sleep

Lisa 13:02

Is that from the history book club or from one of the...

Celia 13:05

That's...that's one of the fiction book clubs.

Lisa 13:08

Wow.

Celia 13:09

The mystery book club has titles like Crimson Lake by Candace Fox, Caged by Alice Cooper, Ellison Cooper, and a couple of others for this summer. And I'm gonna let Sarah say which one she's excited about for Books on Tap.

Sarah 13:27

Yeah, so books on tap are our theme. It has sort of developed into new books, new popular titles, so we're catching them you know, within a year of publication, we mostly hope. So coming up in June, we're doing The Guest List by Lucy Foley, which was a Reese Witherspoon pick, and the one I love but we'll see what everyone else thought the Invisible Life of Addie LaRue, by V.E. Schwab. And this is a fantasy title. We haven't done a lot of fantasy, we do a lot of general fiction, some historical, some mystery. This will be our first foray into into fantasy and we'll see how people like it.

Celia 14:02

Nice. And then for our nonfiction book club, we've got a couple of different memoirs Between Two Kingdoms and Smallest Lights in the Universe. And then also The Choice Embrace the Impossible by Edith Edgar. So, a lot of interesting and hopefully some books you haven't heard of some books you may have heard of, and some books that you read and just need to talk to somebody about like The Guest List.

Lisa 14:32

Well, as we all learned this year, it's...we're looking for outlets to talk to people. And this is a great way to do it. If you join one of the book clubs and yes, it's on Zoom, but you're going to meet interesting people and be able to talk about your thoughts and different things around the books.

Sarah 14:50

And I will say one of my one of the Books on Tap, longtime attendees who also does Let's Get Real now she has enjoyed pretty much everything we've ever read, and across both book clubs and says that she really just loves picking up something she wouldn't have chosen for herself. She can always find something to appreciate in the in the titles that the library has selected.

Celia 15:15

That's great.

Lisa 15:16

It does sound great. Sarah, do you have another program? Or were you part of that one too?

Sarah 15:23

Oh, no. No, I was gonna bring us back to...we have a lot of lecture programs planned for adults this summer. We've got a lot of great presenters coming. I was just going to mention there are too many to talk about. So I've just mentioned two of them very briefly. On Wednesday, June 2, we will have Bill Loomis presenting Secret Societies in Detroit.

Lisa 15:46

Ooh, we have those? Wow.

Sarah 15:51

I'm just intrigued by the title. Apparently secret societies have operated in Detroit for most of the city's history. Many started for fun and companionship, but others had more serious ends in mind. I don't know what those are, you'll have to attend in order to find out.

Lisa 16:07

That sounds super fun.

Sarah 16:10

And then in July, on Tuesday, July 27, we've got Finding a Tale: Sport, Ship Dog of the Great Lakes. And so this will be presented by the author of a book. Her name is Pamela Cameron and she published a book called Sport Ship Dog of the Great Lakes. It was a library of Michigan notable book in 2020. And so the author will be there to describe how she got the idea for this book, how she went about writing it, it is the true story of a Newfoundland retriever who lived on a lighthouse service tender. From 1914 to 1926. She'll be able to present photographs and documents found during her visits to the Great Lakes research centers.

Lisa 16:58

That's really interesting. Especially if you like animals. And like, I know I like programs about my dog.

Sarah 17:05

It's about dogs, it's about Michigan history, it's about lighthouses it has all kinds of things that sound really awesome.

Lisa 17:13

That really does. That really does. So I'm going to go back to animals with mine. The Howell Nature Center will be presenting Fantastical Beasts on Saturday, July 10, at 2:30pm on Zoom. So coming from somebody who loves fantasy, I can't wait to see which Michigan wildlife will be a part of the presentation. And that's something that the Howell Nature Center is really known for is finding the local Michigan wildlife and using it in their educational programs. So, I can't wait to see because the article description talked about dragons and Griffins. And for sure, those cannot be in my backyard, or at least I hope not. But I'd be interested to see what actually is.

Sarah 18:00

Unless the dragons are invisible or something.

Lisa 18:03

I mean, they could be but at the point they're invisible, that's fine.

Celia 18:11

Cool. Well, the next one I am going to talk about is actually part of our summer reading program, which will be our the topic of our next podcast when we'll go over how to participate in summer reading and the activities that are involved with that big program. But in July, we're going to have a scavenger hunt. This will be at all three locations and run for the month of July. You can pick up a scavenger hunt form at any location. And you'll have to use our physical buildings and some of our databases and some of our online materials to answer

the...or find all the scavenger hunt clues. You can turn them in at any of our locations before the end of the month. And you will get both a unique Summer Reading badge and entered in for a prize.

Lisa 19:08

That sounds fun. Yeah, that should be especially...especially if you are somebody who doesn't want to be tied to a specific time. You can come in anytime that the library is open to do the scavenger hunt.

Celia 19:20

Yes. If you're not sure what a summer reading badge is tune in for the next podcast, we'll go over exactly what that is.

Lisa 19:34

Sarah, do you have another program?

Sarah 19:36

Yeah. So, on the topic of databases and technology. We do have a program coming up in August called Google like a Librarian. And our searcher extraordinaire, Meghan will be teaching participants how to get better search results and in fact, Google Like a librarian. So, the program will teach a basic understanding of how Google gives you your search results, will teach people how to formulate better keyword searches to get at what they're really looking for, learn the difference between a database and the internet, and get some tools to evaluate the reliability of various websites so that people can go beyond just clicking on the first thing that pops up and understand how Google is giving you those results.

Lisa 20:33

I really like this type of program, which I already Google like a librarian, but I can speak just from my family, when my husband and I both search for the same thing. He does not get good results. And I would like to send him to this program. But I'm not prepared to teach him how to do it.

Celia 20:54

That's why we offer these so you know, what you're getting into when you run the program...

Lisa 21:01

And there really are a lot of tricks that we use every day as we search for things that do give us better results.

Sarah 21:08

Exactly. So this is like letting you in on our little secrets that we have learned from years and years of experience.

Celia 21:18

We don't want them to be secrets.

Lisa 21:20

No, we don't, but it but it's like anything else. They don't come up unless there's like a reason or a purpose for them to come up. And, you know, every day, that's hard. So...so one of the programs I'm looking forward to this summer is one that actually Miss Brittany's putting together. And it is Baby Sitter's Club kid kits on Wednesday, July 14 at 2pm on Zoom for ages 10 to 12. If you are my age range, you read the Baby Sitter's Club books when you were little. And you used to go to the bookstore, the library and you'd pick up all your books, and we read them as they were released, because that's how old I am. And then last summer was super fun, because the Baby Sitter's Club came out on Netflix, so it researched all of this Baby Sitter's Club stuff. And they are working on releasing season two, which I hope is still sometime this summer. So the kid kits are something that kids in the Baby Sitter's Club would take out when they babysat and would have different activities and projects that you can use with young kids. And I'm really excited to see what Miss Britney puts together in her tickets as we create them via Zoom.

Celia 22:42

It will say I read Baby Sitter's Club, and I've really been enjoying the Baby Sitter's Club graphic novels that are being released to I think those were started years ago. They're not super new.

Lisa 22:56

They're not we're because Raina Telgemeier helps illustrate them all.

Celia 23:01

Yeah,

Lisa 23:02

And she's the author of Smile and Ghosts and Drama. Yeah, the graphic novels are a lot of fun. I've been rereading Baby Sitter's Club in graphic novel form, right? I'll agree today, Lisa loves the Baby Sitters Club graphic novels.

Celia 23:19

Mm hmm.

Lisa 23:20

But...but Lisa, from data years ago, really loved the chapter books because we didn't even know what graphic novels were.

Celia 23:29

Indeed. And I also read the Baby Sitters Club, Little Sister, the Karen books.

Lisa 23:34

Yeah. See, I was too old for NGOs, when they we also are now a graphic novel series.

Celia 23:42

Oh, so much reading to catch up on. Right? In the meantime, some more programs. One of the programs I'm really excited for because I'm a part of it. And I don't do as much programming as I used to. So then I get to attend more, which is exciting, is the murder mystery. We took a break from murder mysteries this spring, winter/spring. And now we're back, a murder has taken place at the beach. And we need the help of our amateur detectives, participants, public member members of the public to help us solve this mystery. There will be six actors from our library staff. We will be answering questions that you posed to us. It's over Zoom. It takes place over two nights. And so far, everyone's had a lot of fun with it. The questions start flying. It's...it's hard to keep your story straight when you're acting. I can attest to that. And I write the stories. So it's a lot of fun. We throw around wild accusations and then at the end, we have a big, big reveal.

Lisa 24:58

So I love a couple things about this program. First, it is highly competitive for staff to participate, to the point where they start asking ahead of time. Hey, Celia, can I do your next murder mystery? I have still not had a chance to participate, and it's okay. But it's also just fun to listen to. And it's extremely entertaining. For the last one, I was somewhere I didn't want to be at that time. So I said, Hey, Celia, can I borrow the login for the murder mystery program and just listen, I won't ask any questions. And I think I laughed for a full hour and a half the night of that murder mystery. And it was the first night as the actual murder happened. And all the clues started popping out. It's a lot of fun.

Celia 25:43

The staff get really into it and start making up side stories and improving and it's...

Lisa 25:51

It's the people you wouldn't think!

Celia 25:54

It's the people you wouldn't think.

Lisa 25:55

I mean there are some people who we work with who seemed like really nice, sweet people and that stuff they've done in this murder mystery is...is really funny.

Celia 26:07

Yes, indeed.

Lisa 26:08

And shocking, but funny.

Sarah 26:11

As someone who has acted in this before, rather poorly, I assume it is a lot of fun

Celia 26:18

That's nonsense, Sarah. No one's accused you.

Sarah 26:22

Oh, that's true.

Celia 26:23

No, wait, no, I think you did get some accusations. Anyways, anyway.

Lisa 26:31

Sarah, do you have another program left?

Sarah 26:34

I don't, but I could talk about something.

Lisa 26:37

That's okay. I have one last program I was going to talk about as we're wrapping up. We've been having different Take and Make kits throughout the year, as we've been testing this out, and they've been really popular. But for the summer, we are going to do something in July called taken make crafty summer fun, which will require no registration and a new craft releases at each location until it's gone on Wednesdays during July. So we'll be making yarn rainbows, straw rockets, rainbow scratch animals and grab bags that buy for one or all is your in. And then I love that they don't require registration. So that means you can come in and just grab what you need for your family and go as you're picking up books, and it can give you something to work on later. But lots of fun.

Celia 27:33

And I wanted to wrap mine up by saying that if you are a teenager or you know a teenager, or you have a teenager in your house who you're trying to keep entertain this summer. We've got a lot of different sorts of programming for teens. Some of them are more fun educational base, so teen tech coding, and 3D printing. And then other ones are just fun. We have game days.

Lisa 28:02

Pineapple string art is one.

Celia 28:05

Got some we've got some crafts. We also have the Maker Monday is for teens, which are also not registration and you can pick them up on Monday, first come first serve. And there's some there's some fun programs coming up for that.

Lisa 28:20

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