

# CONNECTIONS

## Libraries and patrons win in Ky. Supreme Court ruling

**O**n Dec. 10, the Kentucky Supreme Court let stand the March 19, 2015, Court of Appeals ruling that the Library acted in good faith and followed the correct statute in determining its annual property tax rates.



**Cathy Howard** The Kentucky Supreme Court declined to reconsider the ruling, denying the motion for discretionary review submitted by the appellants.

“We are thrilled and relieved,” said Cathy Howard, Campbell County Public Library board president. “This is a great victory for libraries all across the state. Libraries do so much good for the community. We have always been open and accountable to the taxpayers.”

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## Game on!

**Minecraft Club @ Cold Spring welcomes Twitch sensation Darkosto!**

**A** special treat awaits teens and tweens at Minecraft Club, 5 pm Feb. 8 at Cold Spring: online star Darkosto live via Twitch stream!

Darkosto, known for his Minecraft Modpack *Journey to the Core*, will talk about making YouTube videos and coding the game packs he

created. Darkosto has almost 30 videos on his YouTube channel, most being how-to guides for mods and his own Modpacks. Most of his content is via Twitch.

Register to save a spot on the limited Library laptops or bring your own. Ages 8-19.

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# F O R E W O R D



The Library will be OPEN on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 15

## DROP YOUR DRAWERS BY THE NUMBERS

**C**lap, clap, clap and a huge thank you to you! In November and December, we asked you to donate packages of new underwear for boys and girls to replenish Campbell County elementary schools' supplies of emergency underpants and provide assistance to each school's Family Resource Centers. Your response was, simply, incredible. The numbers tell the story.

**3,000**

Goal for Drop Your Drawers campaign was 3,000 pair of underpants.

**185**

Pair donated by Susan Mitchell of Cold Spring.

**372**

Pair donated by the Cline Social Club.



Cam & friends from Cornerstone Montessori School celebrate the success of Drop Your Drawers.

**4**

Extra display boards needed to track all the donations!

**200**

Pair donated by the 2015 class of Leadership Northern Kentucky

**14**

Number of public elementary schools in Campbell County that will receive donations.

**5,297!**

**Grand total! Your generosity is awesome!**



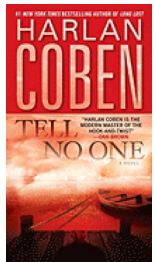
## We Suggest

### LIBRARY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

#### *Tell No One*

by Harlan Coben

This was Mr. Coben's breakout novel. Dr. David Beck watched his wife die. Eight years later, he got an e-mail that said, "I'm alive. Tell no one." Described by the author as a love story first and a thriller second, this is the story of those eight years.



— Carrico/Fort Thomas Circulation Staff

#### *The Kind Worth Killing*

by Peter Swanson

This is a modern retelling of Highsmith's *Strangers on a Train* (also recommended). Ted and Lily meet at an airport bar. After some drinks, flirtations and secrets shared, a plan begins to form. It is an unfortunate plan for Ted's cheating wife Miranda. The plot unfolds through the voices of four characters: Ted, Lily, Miranda, and a perceptive detective.

— Anne Fertitta,  
Circulation Supervisor, Cold Spring

#### *Playing With Fire*

by Tess Gerritsen

This enchanting historical novel is wrapped with the kind of characters who are interesting, and have a tale to tell. The story is told in two parts, in current time and around WWII in Italy. It is a love story, a mystery and provides some historical facts.

— Pat Wade, co-leader  
Cup of Crime Book Club

## Ruling, continued

The ruling settles a case that began in January 2012 when a lawsuit held that public libraries should follow Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 173.790 instead of KRS 132 in setting their annual tax rates. KRS 132 applies to all taxing districts in Kentucky.

In April 2013, Campbell County Circuit Court ruled in the plaintiff's favor, a decision reversed by the Court of Appeals in a unanimous decision last March. The current tax rate of 7.7 percent per \$100 of real property tax remains the same, as it has since 2012.



The Dec. 10 decision does not, however, have any immediate impact on the tax rate. The Library's Board of Trustees has not discussed plans to construct a branch to serve southern Campbell County since the ruling. The Library continues its capital campaign and still owns property at 1045 Parkside Ave., Alexandria, Ky.

# ArtsWave Presents Macy's Arts Sampler

A day of free, family-friendly entertainment on **Saturday, Feb. 27** @ all three branches



# Cold Spring

## February Calendar

### Book Discussions

New members welcome. No need to register.

### Cold Spring Book Club

11 am Tuesday, Feb. 9  
2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 10  
***A Song for Nagasaki***, by Paul Glynn.

### Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 17  
***Bad Things Happen***, by Harry Dolan.

### Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, Feb. 25  
***A Full Life: Reflections at 90***, by Jimmy Carter.

### Adults

#### Coloring for Adults

6 pm Tuesday, Feb. 2  
Bring your own coloring pencils and crayons or use ours! Ages 16 & up. Register.

#### Cold Spring Writer's Club

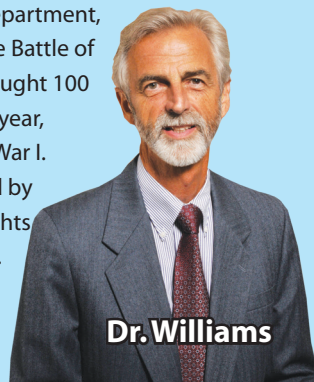
2 pm Monday, Feb. 15  
Hear what others are working on or share your own. Ages 17 & up. No need to register.

### CCPL Board of Trustees Meeting

5:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 17  
The Board meets monthly on a rotating basis among the branches. No need to register.

### City Barbeque Food for Thought Series

6:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 23  
Dr. Jeffrey Williams, of the Northern Kentucky University History and Geography Department, will discuss the Battle of the Somme, fought 100 years ago this year, during World War I. Food provided by Highland Heights City Barbeque. Ages 16 & up. Register.



### Teens

Ages 11-19 unless noted differently.

#### Teen Hangout

5 pm Monday, Feb. 1, 15, 22 & 29  
Play games, relax or read. Register.

### Ready. Player. One. Appreciation Day

6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 1  
Show your appreciation for the awesome book, ***Ready. Player. One.***, by Ernest Cline! Ages 13-19. Register.

### Harry Potter Roleplay

6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 4  
[See details, page 4.](#)

### Dungeons & Dragons

6 pm Friday, Feb. 5  
Experienced and new players welcome. Ages 13 & up. Register.

### Spoiler Alert Teen Book Club

6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 11  
***Grasshopper Jungle***, by Andrew Smith. Register.

### After Hours Game Night

7 pm Friday, Feb. 12  
Snacks, games, prizes. Register.

### Un-Valentine's Day Party

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 13  
It's a fun anti-love party! Ages 11-19. Snacks. No need to register.

## Cold Spring teens, cont.

### Smash Bros. Club

6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 15

You can win a random Amiibo. Register.

### Teen Advisory Board

6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 29

Help plan future Teen programs. Register.

### Harry Potter Book Night

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 4

This exciting event gives young fans a chance to share the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories.

Grades 1-5. Register.

### Harry Potter Roleplay

6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 4

Enjoy a role-playing game in which you're the wizard!

Ages 11-19. Snacks. Register.



## Teens & Tweens

### Minecraft Club

5 pm Monday, Feb. 8

See story, cover and below.

### Pokemon Club

6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 22

Enter our Beauty Contest Spectacular!

Register. Ages 9-19.

## Families

### Heart Magnets

1 pm Saturday, Feb. 6

Paint and Bake Ceramics will help us make Valentine's Day magnets. Register.

### Valentine's Day with Belle

10 am Saturday, Feb. 13

Take a picture with the princess! Register.

### Family Tabletop

1-5 pm Sunday, Feb. 14

Choose from collection of more than 60 game titles, or bring a home favorite. Snacks. No need to register.

### ArtsWave Macy's Arts Sampler

11 am Saturday, Feb. 27

See lineup, page 3.

### Fun with Maisy!

11 am Saturday, Feb. 20

Celebrate the birth month of popular children's author Lucy Cousins. We will have a short story time with all things Maisy followed with some fun crafts and snacks. Register.

## Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

### Homeschool LEGO Club

1:30-3 pm Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Homeschooling families can network while kids enjoy LEGO fun. Siblings welcome. Register.

### Harry Potter Book Night

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 4

See details, above.

### Free Play

4 pm Wednesdays, Feb. 10 & 24

Choose one of our many board games! Ages 4-13. No need to register.

### Valentine's Day Party

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 11

Games, crafts & treats. Register.

### LEGO Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 18

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 27 (families)

Build masterpieces with LEGOs. Register.

### Book Bingo

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 25

Come play bingo and win books. Register.

## Young Ones

No need to register.

### Baby Time

10 am Mondays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Develop pre-literacy skills. Ages 0-2.

### Tot Time

11 am Mondays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Stories, songs, and playtime. Siblings welcome. Ages 18 months-2 1/2 years.

### Growing Scientists

4 pm Wednesdays, Feb. 3 & 17

Books, songs, learning stations.

Feb. 3: Snow.

Feb. 17: Magnets. Ages 3-7.



### Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

Songs, stories and a fun craft Ages 2 1/2-4.

### Movers & Shakers

11:30 am Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Musical story time. Ages 2-5.

## Darkosto, continued

Darkosto, looking forward to his virtual visit, recently took time to answer a few questions:

### How long he's been YouTubing?

Twitch stream began Aug. 8, 2014 and YouTube channel Sep. 3, 2014.

### Number of hours a week spent doing

this? 48-65 just streaming, with an average of 8 hours a day, 6 days a week. Including off-stream, 60-75 hours.

### What's a healthy time limit for a child/tween to devote to gaming/YouTube?

The former teacher suggests 1/2 hour a day, but socializing can be a good way for an introvert (like him) to make friends in a safe environment.

What does he read? Malcolm Gladwell and anything that focuses on sociology and psychology, as well as biographies about society's "outliers."

### Games he plays for enjoyment:

Fallout 4, Factorio, Seven Days to Die, Skyrim, GTA, Space Engineers and The Binding of Isaac.



# Carrico/Fort Thomas

## February Calendar

### Book Discussion

#### Brown Bag Book Club

Noon Monday, Feb. 1

*Wine to Water* by Doc Hendley.

Ages 18 & up. New members welcome. No need to register.

### Adults

#### Six @ Six: Community Lecture Series

6 pm Wednesday, Feb. 3

[See story, below.](#)

#### Coloring for Grown-Ups

10 am Friday, Feb. 19

We'll provide the tools and coloring pages especially for adults. Register.

#### Senior Scrabble

10 am Mondays, Feb. 8 & 22

Friendly competitive wordplay. Games, drinks and snacks. No need to register.

#### Foster Care and Adoption: The Facts You Need

6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 25

DCCCH Center for Children & Families will discuss qualifications and requirements to become a foster or adoptive parent. No need to register.



Help make a Freedom Quilt,  
4 pm Monday, Feb. 1.

### Teens & Tweens

Ages 8-18.

#### Teen Art Club

4 pm Wednesday, Feb. 10

All artists welcome. Register.

#### DIY Journals

4 pm Wednesday, Feb. 17

Use a variety of crafting materials to create a one-of-a-kind journal. Register.

#### Chess Club

4 pm Wednesday, Feb. 24

Open to all levels. Register.

### Families

#### ArtsWave Macy's Arts Sampler

[See lineup, page 3.](#)

#### Family Valentine's Day Party

11 am Saturday, Feb. 13

Games, crafts and snacks. Register.

### Make and Take Instruments

10 am-3 pm Saturday, Feb. 27

Make your own instrument to take home. No need to register.

### Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

#### Freedom Quilt

4 pm Monday, Feb. 1

Learn about Black History Month and help us create a Freedom Quilt to display all month. Register.

#### Valentine's Day Craft

4 pm Monday, Feb. 8

Make something special for someone special. Register.

#### Doodle Art

4 pm Monday, Feb. 15

Turn your doodles into art. Register.

#### Puppy Tales

2 pm Saturday, Feb. 20

Come read to Wilma the German Shepherd. Register for 15-minute session; staff will contact you to schedule time. Ages 3-11.

#### Game Day

4 pm Monday, Feb. 22

We have board games and snacks, so come hang out with us! Register.

## 2016 Six @ Six starts with look at "The Good Life"

**W**hat is "the good life" and does everyone have an equal chance to share in it?

**Dr. Rachael Clark, an instructor in the Northern Kentucky University Department of Psychological Science, looks at residents in an impoverished**

**community to examine hope and the meaning of life. She will discuss her team's findings in "Project Hope & the Study of the Good Life" as the the Six @ Six community lecture series begins its 2016 schedule at 6pm Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Carrico/Fort Thomas.**

**six@six**  
a lecture series

**The Six @ Six Community Lecture Series** is sponsored by Northern Kentucky University's Scripps-Howard Center for Civic Engagement. Cost for each event is \$6. Call **859-572-7847** to buy tickets or discount subscriptions. Tickets are available at the door if event isn't sold out.

## Carrico/Fort Thomas children (continued)

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### Leap Day Party

4 pm Monday, Feb. 29

Help us celebrate 2016's extra day. Register.

### Young Ones

#### Full STEAM Ahead

Mondays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Ages 3 & up. Register.

#### Toddler Time

10 am Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Stories and crafts. Ages 2-3. No need to register.

#### Preschool Time

11 am Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Stories and crafts. Ages 4-5. No need to register.

### Growing Readers

4 pm Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Keep new readers excited about books and develop reading skills. Ages 4-7. Register.



**Baby Hoopsters,  
10 am Saturday, Feb. 6.**

### Lap Time

9:30 am Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

Rhymes, bounces, lullabies and books. Ages 0-2, especially for pre-walkers. Register.

### Movers & Shakers

11 am Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

Shake out your sillies. Ages 2-5. Register.

### Baby Time

9:30 & 10:30 am Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Clap, sing and move! Ages 0-2, especially for walkers. Register.

### Baby Hoopsters

10 am Saturday, Feb. 6

We'll have basketball books, songs and tot-sized hoops so you can get your game on. Ages 0-2. No need to register.

### Mommy and Baby Yoga

10:30 am Saturday, Feb. 20

Please bring a mat if you have one and wear comfortable clothes. Ages 0-2. Register.

# Newport

## February Calendar

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### Book Discussion

#### Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 2

*Transatlantic*, by Colum McCann. No need to register.

### Adults

#### Valentine's Day Crafts

6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 1

Craft a festive centerpiece to get your home ready for the holiday. Register.

#### AARP Tax-Aide Tax Preparation Service

10 am-2 pm Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23 (through April 12)

Appointments available on a first-come, first-served basis. No need to register.

### Cards to {Love}

6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 15

Show your appreciation for someone as we make Cards to {Love}. Register.

### Youth Job Fair

3 pm Thursday, Feb. 18

The Kentucky Career Center (KCC) Youth Job Fair will feature some of the area's best employers with summer employment opportunities and more. Bring copies of your resume. KCC representatives will share information about programs and services with job seekers. Ages 16-24. No need to register.

### Paper Garden

6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 29

Craft your own paper garden that doesn't need watering! Register.

### Teens

#### Valentine's Card for Friends

3 pm Thursday, Feb. 11

Make fun Valentine's cards. Ages 12-19. No need to register.

#### Owl Be Your Valentine

5 pm Friday, Feb. 12

Make a cute little owl, fill it up with candy, and surprise someone! Ages 8-13. Register.

#### Youth Job Fair

3 pm Thursday, Feb. 18

See listing under "Adults."

#### Yarn Art

3 pm Thursday, Feb. 18

We will make a one of a kind piece of art. Ages 12-19. No need to register.

## Families

### Valentine Bingo

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 13

Win sweet prizes at Valentine Bingo! Snacks.

No need to register.

### ASL Movie Night at the Library

6:30 pm Friday, Feb. 19

See story, at right.

### ArtsWave Macy's Arts Sampler

2:30 pm Saturday, Feb. 27

See lineup, page 3.

### Sensory Friendly Films: *Minions*

6 pm Saturday, Feb. 27

See story, at right.

## Children

1st-5th grades.

### Magnet Mayhem

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 2

Have fun with tables full of magnets.

Register.

### Mad Hatter's Valentine Party

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 9

Make a balloon hat! Snacks. Register.

### LEGO Club

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 16 (register)

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 27 (no need to register)

Build stuff with thousands of LEGOs. Snacks.

### Make a Fairy House

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 23

Work your artistic magic by making a fairy house! Register.

## Young Ones

### Ready for K Through Play

10 am Mondays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Games, songs, stories and a craft. Ages 3-5.

Register.

### Bounce & Rhyme Babies

10 am Tuesday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Silly puppets, songs & rhymes that develop pre-literacy skills.

Ages 0-2.

Register.



## Rave reviews for movie nights!

The Newport Branch is making movie night enjoyable for all with two great events in February.

At 6:30 pm Friday, Feb. 19, *Versa Effect*, an American sign language film appropriate for all ages, will be shown at **ASL Movie Night at the Library**. There is no audio for the PG-rated movie.

At 6 pm Saturday, Feb. 27, by popular demand, **Sensory Friendly Films** returns with *Minions*. The event debuted in November with *InsideOut* and the strong turnout, 51 people of all ages, "made me giddy," said Newport Adult/Teen Services Librarian Valerie Davis. Sensory friendly films offer an accepting environment for individuals with autism or other special needs and is open to everyone. The room is brighter, the volume lower and moving around and talking are allowed.

**No need to register for either event.**

### Pajama Time

7 pm Tuesdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Stories, songs, activities and a craft. Wear your PJ's if you like. Only one registration is necessary for Winter PJ Time. Ages 3-6.

### Movers & Shakers Dance Party

10 am Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

Sing and dance with scarves and shakers and play with parachutes. Siblings welcome! Ages 2-5. Register.

### Play Art

4 pm Wednesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24

**Feb. 3:** GIANT Valentines

**Feb. 10:** Valentine's Candy Lab

**Feb. 17:** Fun Foam Craft.

**Feb. 24:** Glitter-Cano Paintings

Ages 3-6. Siblings welcome. Register.

### Toddler Time

10 am Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Sing, dance, play games, read books and make a craft! Ages 2-3. Register.

### Valentine's Day Bash

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 6

Games, crafts and treats. Ages 2-6. Siblings welcome. Register.

### Gnome & Fairy Tea Party

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 20

Fun and games in our enchanted forest! Siblings welcome. Ages 2-6. Snacks. Register.

### Cook the Book: I Heart You!

10 am Friday, Feb. 26

Join us for a special party where we celebrate love! Ages 3-6. Register.



### Cold Spring Branch

3920 Alexandria Pike  
Cold Spring, KY 41076  
859-781-6166

### Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

1000 Highland Avenue  
Fort Thomas, KY 41075  
859-572-5033

### Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street  
Newport, KY 41071  
859-572-5035

### Hours for all branches

9 am – 9 pm Monday-Thursday  
9 am – 7 pm Friday  
9 am – 5 pm Saturday  
1 pm – 5 pm Sunday

**Open President’s Day, Monday, Feb. 15.**

### Who to talk to

#### Cold Spring

David Anderson, Branch Manager

#### Carrico/Fort Thomas

Pam Posik, Branch Manager

#### Newport

Chantelle Bentley Phillips,  
Branch Manager & Assistant Director

#### Administration at Cold Spring

JC Morgan, Director  
Kiki Dreyer Burke, Public Relations  
Rachel Folz, Digital Marketing  
Terrie R. Hatfield, Human Resources

### 24-hour services

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Storytelling: 859-572-5039

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## Looking ahead: March at the Library

#### COLD SPRING

##### City BBQ Food for Thought Series:

**Kathleen Quinn** of Northern Kentucky University discusses Troy After Antiquity, **6:30 pm Tuesday, March 15.** Registration opens Jan. 15.

#### CARRICO/FORT THOMAS

##### Arts & Culture Series: CCO Presents The

**Fab Five:** Take “The Long and Winding Road” to the ‘60s and hear a classical twist on the Beatles. The CCO string quartet will be joined by

guitarist and Beatles aficionado Roger Klug, **7 pm Friday, March 4.** Registration opens Jan. 4.

#### NEWPORT

**Signature Series: Doc Hendley** discusses “Digging for Hope: Turning Wine to Water & Other Modern-Day Miracles” at **7 pm Friday, March 18.** Registration opens Jan. 18.



**The Fab Five**

Mikki Schaffner Photography

#### ADA Compliance Statement

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