

CONNECTIONS

Today's library: Your all-around hot spot

Transplanted New Yorkers Suzan and Tom Trevor of Covington moved to the area a few years ago, but they're never at a loss for things to do.

"We take advantage of what I consider the first-rate caliber of things that the Library offers," Mrs. Trevor said recently.

They're not alone. In fiscal year 2015-16, the Library held 2,575 programs and total attendance was 56,659. That's just a part of the changing face of the public library in which more options are offered on an expanding array of platforms.

Read all about these many changes in our **Annual Report to the Community**, pages 10-11.

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Does it pay to
get a head start
loving books?



Kennedy
Stith

**A
thousand
times
YES!**

Kennedy Stith of Alexandria, Ky., didn't just read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. She did it before she turned 3.

Kennedy became the first child to reach the milestone since the Library began issuing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten passports and prizes in May. She and her mom, Rachel Stith, celebrated

her accomplishment at the Cold Spring Branch on Wednesday, Aug. 31, two weeks before her third birthday.

The Library's 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is open to all children from birth to five years and participation is free. Kennedy began her journey in May.

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What's New

FICTION

A Great Reckoning by Louise Penny

Publisher comments: When an intricate old map is found stuffed into the walls of the bistro in Three Pines, it at first seems no more than a curiosity. But the closer the villagers look, the stranger it becomes.

Rushing Waters by Danielle Steele

Publisher comments: Danielle Steel fearlessly tackles a catastrophe and its aftermath with characters who are joined together by accident, then share their vulnerabilities, regrets, losses, and hopes.

Family Tree by Susan Wiggs

Publisher comments: From the No. 1 *New York Times* bestselling author comes a powerful, emotionally complex story of love, loss, the pain of the past and the promise of the future in which a single cell, joining with another, and then dividing, suddenly changes the world.

To the Bright Edge of the World by Eowyn Ivey

Publisher comments: An atmospheric tale of adventure, love and survival from the bestselling author of *The Snow Child*, finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

Bullseye by James Patterson & Michael Ledwidge

Publisher comments: Caught in the crosshairs of a deadly standoff in Manhattan's snow-covered exclusive West Side, Detective Michael Bennett must kill . . . or be killed.

The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

Publisher comments: A magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South.

Insidious by Catherine Coulter

Publisher comments: FBI agents Savich and Sherlock must discover who is trying to murder a powerful, wealthy society icon.



We suggest

LIBRARY STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

All Things Cease to Appear

by Elizabeth Brundage

In this tense mystery, George Clare comes home one winter afternoon in upstate New York to find his wife killed and their three-year-old daughter alone in her room across the hall.

He had recently moved his family into a tight-knit, impoverished town that has lately been discovered by wealthy outsiders in search of a rural idyll.



—Beth Jacob

Reference Librarian, Cold Spring

Eruption: The Untold Story of Mount St. Helens

by Steve Olson

To hear news coverage of the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, one might think the only casualty was an eccentric old coot named Harry Truman. Unfortunately, the truth was many lives were needlessly lost and the devastation was much worse than predicted.

Eruption is a vivid tale of a perfect storm of tragedy involving egos in the scientific community and the media.



—Jim Pleshinger, PR Specialist

Trevors, continued

The couple, who moved here four years ago to be closer to their son, have become regulars at Campbell County Public Library events. "Most people hear library and they think repository of books," Mr. Trevor said. "I think that definition is obsolete."

They attended children's programs when their grandchildren were babies and regularly enjoy musical performances,

authors' visits and opportunities to learn about a variety of topics such as a recent talk on a vintage portrait of the U.S. Capitol.

"We have family in Florida and New York and we talk about what we did over the weekend. Invariably I talk about the Signature Series we went to, the musical events we went to, authors' talks and we get comments like, 'That's so cool, I wish we were there,'" Mrs. Trevor said.



Of all the diverse types of events the Trevors attend, the ones that stand out are . . . all of them. "I don't think there was one so far that we haven't liked," Mrs. Trevor said.



World's Largest Storytime rocks Fort Thomas stage

More than 200 kids of all ages rocked, rattled and rolled at Tower Park Amphitheater in Fort Thomas for the World's Largest Storytime on Wednesday, Aug. 10.

CCPL was proud to participate in the event, which was part of the Childhood Literacy Initiative, sponsored by the United Way, the **Cincinnati Enquirer** and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Simultaneous story times were held at other locations in the area. In Fort Thomas, CCPL Children's Librarians revved up the youngsters, who were supplied free maracas, with singing and dancing to kick things off.

Then Newport Children's Librarian Joan Johnsen, who has since retired after 14 years, led a raucous reading of Bill Martin Jr., John Archambault and illustrator Lois Ehlert's children's classic, **Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**. The party continued with a reading of Eric Litwin's **Pete the Cat** by Carrico/Fort Thomas Children's Librarian Laura Stanfield.

The event was a big success, but the same fun, festive celebration of reading continues at weekly story times at all of our branches. Check out our events calendar (page 4, Cold Spring; page 7, Carrico/Fort Thomas; page 9, Newport) for details.

1,000 books, continued

Rachel Stith said she read Kennedy 10 books a day — five before nap and five before bedtime. In the program, every book counts, even repeats. Kennedy's favorites were **Little Critters** books by Mercer Mayer and Mo Willems' **Pigeon** books.



Kennedy's 1,000th book was read before bedtime on Tuesday, Aug. 30, and the next morning, she and her mom bounded into the Cold Spring branch to pick up her prizes, which included a certificate and her own forever book. After poring through her choices, Kennedy selected **The Hat** by Jan Brett.

Your child can join the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten club, too. Just stop by any branch to pick up a paper reading record

or download the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten app available for Android and iOS users. Fill in a circle for each book you read with your child on your reading record or keep track with the app. Again, if your child wants to hear the same book again and again, you can count it each time. Books read at your branch's story times count, too!

For the first reading record you complete, you will receive a Reading Passport. With each 100-book milestone, you will receive a sticker and the prizes listed in the passport. And when you reach 1,000, come to the Library, like Kennedy did, to celebrate and receive your certificate and free book.

Congratulations Kennedy and keep on reading!

Tracy Smith joins board

Tracy Smith of Alexandria was appointed Aug. 3 to the Board of the Campbell County Public Library by the Campbell County Fiscal Court. She fulfills the unexpired term of Steven Trumbo, who resigned in May. Her term will end Sept. 30, 2018.

In addition, Cathy Howard of Fort Thomas and Paul Johnson of California, Ky., were reappointed to serve their second four-year terms, which expire in 2020.



Tracy Smith

Ms. Smith, a practicing attorney and member of the law firm Morgan, Smith, Porter, Guidugli, practices in the areas of personal injury, family law and criminal law. She and her husband Jeff are parents of two children in Campbell County Public Schools.

Ms. Howard will continue her role as president of the library's board; and Mr. Johnson will continue to fulfill the duties of board treasurer. Other current board members are Christie Fillhardt of Highland Heights and Carla Landon of Fort Thomas.

Staff notes

Amy Bruce, who had been Adult/Teen Programmer, is now Children's Librarian at Newport. She succeeds Joan Johnsen, who retired in August.



Amy Bruce

Teresa Payne moves from Cold Spring, where she was a reference assistant, to Newport, succeeding Amy as Adult/Teen Programmer.



Teresa Payne

Amy Carroll is the new Adult/Teen Services programmer at Cold Spring. She had previously worked at Cincinnati Landmark Productions.



Amy Carroll

Cold Spring

October Calendar

Book Discussions

New members welcome. Snacks. No need to register. Ages 18 & up unless noted otherwise.

Cold Spring Book Club

11 am Tuesday, Oct. 11

2 pm Wednesday, Oct. 12

The Wright Brothers by David McCullough.

Spoiler Alert YA Book Club

6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 13

Star Wars: The Force Awakens by Alan Dean Foster. Ages 13 & up. Snacks.

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, Oct. 19

Body Movers by Stephanie Bond.

A Little Help with My Friends

7 pm Tuesday, Oct. 25

The Gratitude Diaries by Janice Kaplan.

Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, Oct. 27

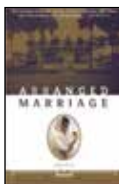
A Most Dangerous Book: Tacitus's Germania from the Roman Empire to the Third Reich by Christopher B. Krebs. Women & men welcome.

Adults

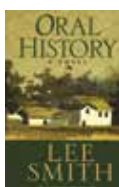
Let's Talk About It Lecture Series

6:30 pm Tuesdays, Oct. 4 & 18

On Oct. 4, Dr. Parmita Kapadia, Professor of English at NKU will discuss *Arranged Marriage* by Chitra Divakurani.



On Oct. 18, Dr. Paige Soliday, Associate Professor of English at NKU, will discuss *Oral History* by Lee Smith.



Let's Talk is sponsored by the Friends of the Campbell County Public Library.

Horror Movie-thon

5-8:45 pm
Monday, Oct. 31

Dress up as your favorite classic horror movie monster and enjoy popcorn and candy as you and friends watch old-time scary movies. There will be a costume contest, and prizes to be won during a monster quiz. All movies will be PG-13 and lower. Ages 11 & up. Registration required.



Teens

Teen Hangout

4 pm Mondays, Oct. 3, 17 & 14

Play games, relax or read. Snacks. Register.

Pokemon Club

5:30 pm Monday, Oct. 3

Play with your friends or join a tournament. Ages 9-19. Register.

Cold Spring Coding Club

6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 6

Register early because laptops are limited. Ages 11 & up.

Dungeons & Dragons

6 pm Friday, Oct. 7

Experienced & new players welcome. If you are interested in DMing a game, contact Clara at cgerner@cc-pl.org. Ages 13 & up. Register.

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, Oct. 10

Register to save a spot on one of the Library's laptops or bring your own. Ages 8-19. Register.

Perler Bead Crafts

5:30 pm Monday, Oct. 17

Bring your own pattern or use some from the Library. Supplies provided. Ages 11 & up. Register.

Table Top Club

6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 20

Card games, board games, anything that can be played on a table top. Ages 10 & up. Snacks. Register.

Short Story Jam

5:30 pm Monday, Oct. 24

Bring a favorite short story or a new creation to share with others. Have fun hanging out with fellow-minded authors. Ages 11 & up. Register.

After Hours Game Night

7-10 pm Friday, Oct. 28

Play your favorite games. Snacks and pizza. Ages 11 & up. Game rating T for Teen. Register.

Horror Movie-thon

5-8:45 pm Monday, Oct. 31

See details, page 4.

Families

Build a Bird House

11 am Saturday, Oct. 1

Assemble your very own birdhouse. Ages 4 & up. Register.

Monster School Friends Meet & Greet

1 pm Saturday, Oct. 15

Meet Frankie & Dracula at this fun-filled event. Don't forget your camera. Register.

Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

Apple Pie Party

4:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 6

Celebrate the fall season with a slice of apple pie, games & crafts. Register.



Invention Day

4:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 13

Build something new and exciting. Register.

Pumpkin Painting

4:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 20

11 am Saturday, Oct. 29 (Ages 0-12)

Pick and paint your own pumpkin. Register.

Halloween Party

4:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 27

Spooky fun, crafts, games & snacks. Register.

Young Ones

No need to register unless noted differently.

Baby Time

10 am Mondays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Stories, songs, nursery rhymes & playtime.

Siblings welcome. Ages 0-2.

Tot Time

11 am Mondays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Help develop pre-literacy skills. Siblings welcome. Ages 1-2 1/2.

Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26

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

Preschool Time

9:30 am Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Have fun and prepare for preschool and kindergarten. Ages 4-5.

Movers & Shakers

11 am Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Shake out your sillies. Ages 2-5.

Baby Sign Story Time

10 am Saturday, Oct. 8

See details, below.

Growing Scientists

4 pm Wednesday, Oct. 12 & 26

Explore science with books, songs and learning stations. Ages 3-7.

Boo Babies

10 am Saturday, Oct. 22

Join Miss Molly in this special baby story time that celebrates Halloween. Costumes encouraged. Ages 0-18 months.

Baby Sign Story Time

Baby Sign Language gives young ones the opportunity to communicate long before they can verbalize their wants & needs. In this story time at 10 am Saturday, Oct. 8, we will sing songs, share nursery rhymes & learn simple sign language for babies. Ages 0-18 months. No need to register.



Carrico/Fort Thomas

October Calendar

Signature Series examines Gen. Patton & his legacy

Robert H. Patton discusses his distinguished family as our Signature Series continues 7 pm Friday, Oct. 7, with "The Self-Invention of General George S. Patton: Its Triumphs & Costs."



Robert H. Patton

sense of inherited family destiny with his interest in classical literature, spiritualism and military history. He's remembered as one of America's greatest generals.

Mr. Patton's presentation will examine the roots of Gen. Patton's famed warrior persona, which combined a

An ASL interpreter will sign his talk. There will be a book sale & signing after the event. Ages 18 & up. Free tickets are required. Go online or call 859-781-6166, ext. 31.



Thanks to Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Crestview Hills, and Comfort Suites Riverfront.

Book Discussion

Brown Bag Book Club

Noon Monday, Oct. 3

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing

of the Lusitania by

Erik Larson. Bag lunch optional. New members welcome. No need to register.



Adults

Introduction to Watercolor

6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 6

Registration is full. Register for the wait list.

Signature Series

7 pm Friday, Oct. 7

See story, above.

NEW PROGRAM!

Craft for a Cause

6:30 pm Tuesday, Oct. 18

Put those crafty skills to good use! Join us this month as we make fleece tie blankets to donate to the Campbell County Animal Shelter. These blankets will help keep pets warm and comfortable as they wait for new homes. Adults & teens. Register.

CCPL Board of Trustees Meeting

5:30 pm Wednesday, Oct. 19

Meetings are held on a rotating basis among Library's branches. No need to register.

Halloween Altered Books

6:30 pm Thursday, Oct. 20

Create a spooky altered book. Registration full; register on the wait list.

Six @ Six Lecture Series: Privacy & Risk in the Digital Age

6 pm Thursday, Oct. 27

Nathaniel Hudson, a senior at Northern Kentucky University studying computer science, will examine the balance between the good provided by technological advances in society and the potential negatives. Call NKU Scripps Center at 859-572-7847 to buy tickets. Cost is \$6. Call 859-572-7847.

Teens

Teen Art Club

4 pm Wednesday, Oct. 5

Guided and not-so-guided activities. Ages 10-18. Snacks. Register.

Chess Club

4 pm Wednesday, Oct. 12

All levels welcome. Snacks. Ages 8-18. Register.

Creepy Key Chains

4 pm Friday, Oct. 28

Use pony beads to create a Halloween-themed key chain. Ages 8-18. Register.

Families

Playhouse in the Park presents *Robin Hood*

2 pm Saturday, Oct. 8

The Library is turned into Sherwood Forest. Watch Robin Hood fight greedy Prince John. Register.

Let's Get Moving

11 am Saturday, Oct. 22

Are you ready to get your heart beating? Are you ready to sweat? Are you ready to have fun? Join us for an afternoon sure to get you on your feet. Register.

Children

1st-5th grades unless noted otherwise.

Crazy Pasta Sculptures

4 pm Monday, Oct. 3

Come play with your food and make some fun art, too. Register.

Lego Marble Mazes

4 pm Monday, Oct. 10

Use Legos to create a marble maze, then challenge your friends to make it through your obstacles. Register.

Puppy Tales

2 pm Saturday, Oct. 15

Read to Wilma the German Shepherd, a specially trained therapy dog. Sessions will be 15 minutes. Register, then staff will contact you to schedule a specific time. Ages 3-11.

Picture Scavenger Hunt

4 pm Monday, Oct. 17

Join our high-tech scavenger hunt and find all the clues hidden in the Library. Register.



The Space Painter

4 pm Monday, Oct. 24

The Space Painter presents silly scary stories & an amazing juggling show. Register.

Make Your Own Treat Bags

4 pm Monday, Oct. 31

If you still need a way to carry your loot, come make a treat bag. Grades 1-5. Register.

Young Ones

Babies on the Farm

10 am Saturday, Oct. 1

Sunrock Farm brings friendly, gentle animals to the Library. Ages 0-2. Register.

Full STEAM Ahead

7 pm Mondays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Let your child explore his or her natural curiosity about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). Ages 3 & up. Register.

Toddler Time

10 am Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Young ones learn & explore a different theme each week. Ages 2-3. No need to register.

Preschool Time

11 am Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Unlock a big world of fun and learning for your child. Ages 4-5. No need to register.

Growing Readers

4 pm Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Keep new readers excited about books. Ages 4-7. No need to register.

Lap Time

9:30 am Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26

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

Movers & Shakers

11 am Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Shake out your sillies while we sing, dance & play. Ages 2-5. No need to register.

Baby Time

9:30 & 10:30 am Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Clap, sing & move with your baby. Ages 0-2, especially for walkers. Register.

Mommy & Baby Yoga

10:30 am Saturday, Oct. 15

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

Baby Ghosties

10 am Saturday, Oct. 29

Wear your costume & come celebrate with stories, songs & cookies. Ages 0-2. Register.

**Baby Ghosties, 10 am
Saturday, Oct. 29.**



Newport

October Calendar

Book Discussion

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Oct. 4

The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly

Obsession in the Amazon by David Grann.

New members welcome. No need to register.

Adults

Pumpkin Tea Light Holders

6:30 pm Monday, Oct. 3

Create a new decoration. Registration is full; register on the wait list.

CPR Class, Blood Pressure Checks & Narcan Training

11 am Friday, Oct. 14

Members of the Rho Theta Nursing Honor Society will offer a hands-only CPR class. No certificate earned. Plus, learn protocol for administering Narcan in the event of a drug overdose. In addition, get blood pressure checks & referrals to clinics in the area. No need to register.

Scrabble Tile Coasters

6:30 pm Monday, Oct. 17

Have the best word score with this coaster. Supplies provided. Register.

Friends Book Sale

9 am-noon Thursday, Oct. 27

25 cents for paperback, 50 cents for hardcovers, \$2 for select titles. Some books are free! No need to register.

Medicare Open Enrollment Event

10 am Thursday, Oct. 27

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is offering free Medicare prescription drug plan comparison assistance for Medicare beneficiaries. You must make an appointment by calling 1-866-516-3051. Please bring your Medicare card & list of prescription medications you take. Last appointment is 3 p.m.

ASL Movie Night

We invite families from our Deaf Community to enjoy *The Legend of the Mountain Man* (PG) on Friday, Oct. 21. It's a family-friendly story, presented in American Sign Language with no audio.

The movie features children sent to live at their grandparents' Montana ranch for the summer where they unexpectedly encounter a creature that has never been seen or recorded in history books.

Doors open @ 6:30 pm and movie begins at 7 pm. Popcorn and other movie snacks provided. No need to register.



After-Hours Board Games

6-8 pm Saturday, Oct. 29

Enjoy a night of tabletop gaming with the Library's selection of board games. Snacks. Ages 18 & up. No need to register.

Teens

Ages 12-19 unless noted differently.

Guitar Pick Jewelry

3 pm Thursday, Oct. 13

Show up looking like a rock star with jewelry made from picks you create. No need to register.



Anime Afternoon

3 pm Thursday, Oct. 20

Enjoy an afternoon of Anime & snacks. No need to register.

Tweens

Halloween Frame

5 pm Friday, Oct. 7

Drop in and create a Halloween frame. It could be scary, it could be funny, it could be so scary it's funny (or so funny it's scary). Ages 8-12. No need to register.

Families

Homework Help with Computer Access

3-5 pm Tuesdays, Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Need a computer to complete a project and some assistance finding the information you need? We are reserving four to six of our public computers just for homework. Librarians are on hand to help. Elementary through college age. No need to register.

ASL Movie Night at the Library

6:30 pm Friday, Oct. 21

[See story, page 8.](#)

Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

Pumpkin Painting

4 pm Tuesday, Oct. 4

Unleash your creativity and get a little messy as you paint your pumpkin to perfection. No need to register.

Hocus Pocus

3 pm Saturday, Oct. 8

Celebrate this spooky season with **Hocus Pocus** and some popcorn. No need to register.

Bingo

4 pm Tuesday, Oct. 11

A fun time is in the cards. No need to register.

Halloween Carnival

4 pm Tuesday, Oct. 18

Step right up all you ghouls and goblins and enjoy our Halloween Carnival. No need to register.

Lego Club

3 pm Saturday, Oct. 22

Help build a haunted mansion out of Legos. No need to register.

Young Ones

Decorate Foam Pumpkins

3 pm Saturday, Oct. 1

Decorate foam pumpkin; craft supplies provided. Ages 2-5. Register.

Ready for K Through Play

10 am Mondays, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Play our way through the alphabet and get ready for kindergarten. Ages 3-5. Register.

Pumpkin Painting for children 1st-5th grade, 4 pm Tuesday, Oct. 4.



Pajama Story Time

7 pm Tuesdays,

Oct. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Enjoy stories, songs, activities & a craft with your child.

Wear PJs if you like! Ages 3-6.

No need to register.

Movers & Shakers Dance Party

10 am Wednesdays,

Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26

A silly dance party for your little ones.

Ages 2-5. Register.

Play Art

4 pm Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19 & 26

Creativity is messy!

Oct. 5: Painting Palooza

Oct. 12: Bubble Pop Art

Oct. 19: Messy Magnet Painting

Oct. 26: Play Dough Monsters

Ages 3-5. No need to register.

Toddler Storytime

10 am Thursdays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Sing fun songs, play and make a craft. Ages 2-3. Register.

Lil' Monsters Halloween Party

3 pm Saturday, Oct. 15

Enjoy games, crafts & treats. Wear your costumes if you like. Ages 2-5. Register.

Cook the Book: Spooky Snacks

10 am Friday, Oct. 21

Enjoy a silly (and just the littlest bit spooky) story time, then "cook" a fun Halloween snack with your little ones. Ages 3-6. Register.

Spooky Science

3 pm Saturday, Oct. 29

Bring your mad scientists to do silly Halloween science experiments. Lab coats and safety goggles will be provided for our tiny scientists. Plastic aprons available for grown-ups. Ages 3-6. Register.



2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

CHANGE =



By JC Morgan • Director

I've been working in libraries since high school. My first library, in Camden, S.C., had just switched to an automated card catalog when I started. That experience taught me two somewhat conflicting facts: **1.** changes in libraries can rattle people; **2.** things are always changing in libraries.

A whole lot of changes are still going on in libraries – and Campbell County is no exception. People use the library for books, music, videos, reserving meeting rooms, attending programs, studying – way too many to list. Only today, the library provides many new and exciting ways for people to get the information and entertainment they desire.

Library card catalogs have evolved into online

systems that provide photos, information on various formats and availability of the item – all information readily accessible via a computer or Smartphone. So far, 8,000 people have downloaded our Library's app and use it all of the time. And we're still looking at ways to make the App even more user-friendly, making changes that would allow patrons to manage multiple accounts, for example.

Over the years we adapted to the heavy use of our public computers. We added computers and had time-out software to track users' time. Still, waiting for a computer, especially on Sundays, was not uncommon. Now, however, more people are using our free high-speed Wi-Fi networks. Public computer usage is still high because not everyone can afford a computer or wants to use a small screen, but more and more, people are using the library as a comfortable environment to access our Wi-Fi with their own devices. Now, data ports and easy-to-reach electrical outlets are standard.

Still, some things never change. Hundreds of excited kids come through our doors each week to find good books to read. We know that libraries and early literacy skills are

WIFI USE

2014-15

Year total 33,728

2015-16

Year total 38,845

REPORT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-16 & 2016-17

2015-16 ACTUAL

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Donations	\$31,740	Capitol	\$351,177
Fees & Services	\$51,168	Collection	\$666,393
Grants & State Aid	\$208,682	Operating	\$1,097,618
Miscellaneous	\$471	Personnel	\$2,832,192
Tax Income	\$4,541,090		
Interest Income	\$9,060		
Total	\$4,842,211	Total	\$4,947,980

2016-17 BUDGET

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Donations	\$31,000	Capitol	\$267,880
Fees & Services	\$45,000	Collection	\$770,000
Grants & State Aid	\$197,045	Operating	\$1,230,065
Miscellaneous	\$276,000	Personnel	\$3,026,100
Tax Income	\$4,745,000		
Total	\$5,294,045	Total	\$5,294,045

2014-15

Meetings: 2,112
Groups: 1,119
Attendance: 8,924

PUBLIC USE OF OUR MEETING ROOMS

2015-16

Meetings: 3,059
Groups: 1,507
Attendance: 14,383

even more important in a wired society. The internet, even with its smorgasbord of visual content, is still, for the most part, a reading experience. Social media and email have changed communication but, again, it's a very text-based system.

Libraries are integral to the early learning experience. We've transformed our story times – programs for children from birth to age six – with tablets and digital apps that aid children in both the online and print arenas. Our "kids only" computers have programs that develop those skills. Minecraft Club and "coding clubs" are just part of our world now. Librarians – information leaders in any age – are more necessary than ever in today's high-tech, fast-paced information world. Our library provides training and services to help our community learn and improve their technology skills on a number of devices, and we provide programs and services that attract and hold the attention of all ages.

Going digital, however, is not for everyone. While an increasing number of people enjoy using e-materials through our online collection, our primary circulating material type is still the printed book. Even streaming video through online sources hasn't squelched the popularity of our video collection.

The feedback in our recent strategic planning process showed that people expect libraries to change. They want their libraries to offer clean, modern buildings, a safe place to come and bring their children, advanced technology, popular and educational books, and convenience services to meet their needs now and in the future. People expect the

E-MATERIAL USE

2014-15

Total: 62,290
**Increase from
2013-14:** 59.32%
Monthly Avg.:
5,191

2015-16

Total: 84,188
**Increase from
2014-15:** 35.15%
Monthly Avg.:
7,016

Library to use the income entrusted to us wisely, and be good and honest stewards of the public's funds. We appreciated all of the great feedback, and learned that the vast majority of people – 96 percent – said the Library is "on the right track."

As we move forward, more changes are anticipated. Plans are in the works to provide a pick-up/drop-off box in Melbourne, and possibly limited library access in Alexandria. We're looking at fixing parking issues and

providing easier, safer access to drive through and park at Cold Spring. And we're looking at further expanding children's outreach to develop early literacy skills among the youngest in Campbell County.

Libraries change because we want to keep up with how you need and want to use them. Like Yogi Berra once said: "The future ain't what it used to be." Too true. We're glad to be making the changes that keep you happy . . . hopefully without rattling you too much.



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

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
Terrie R. Pulliam, Human Resources

24-hour services

Circulation: 859-572-5041
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Looking ahead at the Library

Drop Your Drawers

Children's book character
Captain Underpants by Dav
Pilkey will be part of this year's
drive. Beginning in November
and running throughout

the holiday season, we will be collecting
packages of new boys and girls underwear,
size 4-16, in all of our branches. Our goal is
to donate 6,000 pairs to public schools in
Campbell County.



Know Theatre

First-through-fifth graders
can enjoy Know Theatre's *The
Inventive Princess of Floralee*,
4 pm Monday, Nov. 28 @
Carrico/Fort Thomas.

Signature Series

Falcon Takes Flight, a division of Falcon
Theatre, returns to the Signature stage 7 pm
Friday, Jan., 20 @ Newport to present Joe
Servant's *Rafting Rise*, a dramatic retelling
that will bring to life a world of log rafting in
the Central Kentucky basins of the Rough,
Green & Ohio Rivers circa 1916-17.

**Program registration opens two months
before the event dates.**

Homeschool Hangout debuts

Homeschoolers, join us at Cold Spring for
a program series just for you! For the first
Homeschool Hangout, 3 pm Tuesday,
Nov. 1, we have a visit from the Cincinnati
Observatory to learn about the universe.

ADA Compliance Statement

The Library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Please
contact access@cc-pl.org or call 859-781-6166 x 31 at least 72 hours prior to an event to
arrange for accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.