

CONNECTIONS

Smiles all around

Kacie Leavell has strong faith in God, along with drive, inspiration and a passion for helping people. To help put all those ingredients together, she turned to the Library.

Ms. Leavell is founder and CEO of iCare Foundation (www.icarefoundationinc.org), a nonprofit to help the disadvantaged overcome struggles in life. It's a mission close to her heart, having juggled being a single parent

while attending Northern Kentucky University classes. In 2011, she graduated from NKU with a degree in human resources management and was hired in 2013 as a teacher's aide at Newport Primary.

"God has a plan for all of us," she said. "I'm passionate about helping the underprivileged and the forgotten to learn that they can live a prosperous life, not just financially but with hope, peace and love."

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6,908 reasons to cheer

Give yourselves a round of applause: The second annual **Drop Your Drawers** was a goal-shattering success. In all, **6,908** pair of kids' underpants were donated in November and December 2016 to replenish schools' supplies of emergency underpants. The goal was 6,000.

The underwear packages were given to Family Resource Centers in all 14 Campbell County public elementary schools. Many individuals and organizations made the drive a success, including the 2017 class of Leadership Northern Kentucky (pictured below), which donated 521 pair. Read about more Drop Your Drawers superstars at www.cc-pl.org.



Science programs launch @ Cold Spring

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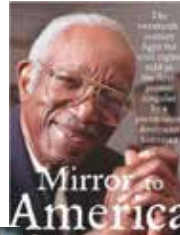
We suggest

SELECTED TITLES FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin

by John Hope Franklin

Publisher comments: An eminent African-American scholar recalls a century of memories as an advocate for civil rights, from petitioning the Roosevelt administration in 1934 to respond to the Cordie Creek lynching to his 1997 appointment by President Clinton to head the Presidents Initiative on Race.



March. Books One, Two & Three

by John Lewis

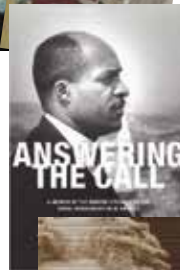
Publisher comments: This award-winning novel is a first-hand account of the civil rights pioneer's struggle through his youth in Alabama and his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr.



Answering the Call: An Autobiography of the Modern Struggle to End Racial Discrimination in America

by Nathaniel Jones Jr.

Publisher comments: An eyewitness account from an unsung hero of the battle for racial equality in America – a battle that saw some of its signal achievements in the '70s as well as notable current setbacks.



Beloved by Toni Morrison

Publisher comments: Staring into the abyss of slavery, this spellbinding novel transforms history into a story as powerful as Exodus and as intimate as a lullaby.

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

Publisher comments: The narrator describes growing up in a black community in the South, attending a Negro college from which he is expelled, moving to New York and retreating into being the Invisible Man he imagines himself to be.



ArtsWave presents

Macy's Arts Sampler

Family entertainment Saturday, Feb. 18 @ all three branches.

COLD SPRING

11-11:30 am: Melodic Connections

Celebrate the joy of music.

1-2 pm: Yayoi Renfro

Japanese songs & dances.



CARRICO/FORT THOMAS

11 am-1 pm:

Rainbow Faces

Face painting.

Noon-12:45 pm:

UC CCM Prep 3.0

Art for preschoolers.

2:45-3:30 pm: Corryville Suzuki Project

Fun & games with stringed instruments.

NEWPORT

11-11:30 am:

Dramakinetics

Improv fun.



11:30 am-1 pm:

Silhouette Studio

Hand-cut portrait to take home.

12:30-1:15 pm:

Roberta Schultz,

Health Rhythm

Drumming for wellness.

1:45-2:30 pm: Tour the World with 4-Way,

Cincinnati's String Quartet

Visit three continents in 45 minutes.

Kacie Leavell, continued from cover

That passion inspired her in the summer of 2012 to become a regular at the Carrico/Fort Thomas branch, where she is now always greeted by name by staff and fellow patrons. She used the Library's computers to research and write a business plan for what

would become iCare. She aced the online Gale Course, A-Z Grant Writing. Gale Courses are free with a Library card. She also wrote articles, a children's book (*Penelope*) and prepared a PowerPoint presentation for a women's conference last September, all using the Library's computers.

Last year, with encouragement from her son Preston, 11, Ms. Leavell took a leap of faith

and devoted herself full-time to getting iCare Foundation up and running.

"When I told him I resigned from Newport Primary, he told me how proud he was of me," Ms. Leavell said.

Again, the Library was there to provide resources. She used the computers to design iCare's website and uses the study rooms to meet clients and interview interns. iCare Foundation is already living up to its mission. Last December, the nonprofit "adopted" three classes from Newport Primary, providing about 60 kids with Toys for Tots.



Kacie Leavell used Library computers to design her nonprofit's website, www.icarefoundationinc.org.

Cold Spring

February Calendar

Book Discussion

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

You've Been Booked

7 pm Monday, Feb. 6

Formerly Spoiler Alert YA Book Club.

Superman: Red Son by Mark Millar. Ages 13 & up.

Cold Spring Book Club

11 am Tuesday, Feb. 14

2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 15

Solomon's Oak by Jo-Ann Mapson.

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 15

Presumed Innocent by Scott Turow.

Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, Feb. 23

Everett Ruess: His Short Life, Mysterious Death, and Astonishing Afterlife by Phillip L. Fradkin.

A Little Help with My Friends

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 28

Winter Blues: Everything You Need to Know to Beat Seasonal Affective Disorder by Norman E. Rosenthal.

Adults

Coloring for Adults

2 pm Tuesday, Feb. 7

Bring coloring sheets to share, or use Library pages. Ages 16 & up. Snacks. Register.

City Barbeque Food for Thought Series

6:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 21

Dr. Robert Wilcox from the NKU History and Geography Department discusses "Yellow Jack to Zika: A Biography of Aedes Aegypti in the Americas, 1600s to Present." Food will be provided by Highland Heights City Barbeque. Ages 16 & up. Registration required.



HOMESCHOOL STEAM BLAST

Introducing Homeschool STEAM Blast, a new program featuring monthly mind-blowing adventures in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art/Design & Math for homeschool teens.

The first Blast will be 2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 8,

as the Cincinnati Museum Center presents Fantastic Physics. Explore forces of motion by building rockets and see hair-raising effects of high-voltage electricity. The program is open to teens age 12-19 and registration is required. Learn about future Blasts at www.cc-pl.org.

Teens

Cold Spring Coding Club

6 pm Wednesday, Feb. 1

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

Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, Feb. 3

Welcoming experienced and new players alike. If you are interested in DMing a game, contact Amy at acarroll@cc-pl.org. Ages 13 & up. Snacks. Register.

Teen Hangout

5-7 pm Monday, Feb. 6, 20 & 27

Play games, relax or read, the choice is yours. Snacks. Ages 11-19. Register.

Homeschool STEAM Blast

2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 8

See details, above.

Minecraft Club

5 pm Monday, Feb. 13

Win prizes and play with local kids. Ages 8-19. Register early.

Table Top Club

6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 16

Got game? Bring it! Ages 10 & up. Register.

Craft-O-Mania

6:30 pm Monday, Feb. 20

Bring your imagination and we'll bring the supplies. Ages 11 & up. No need to register.

After Hours Game Night

7-10 pm Friday, Feb. 24

Snacks, pizza and drinks provided. Ages 11 & up. Snacks. Movie rating T for Teen. Register.

Pokémon Club

6:30-8:45 pm Monday, Feb. 27

Bring your Pokémon games, cards and your love of Pokémon. Ages 9-19. Register.

Cold Spring, continued

Families

Macy's Arts Sampler

See details, page 2.

Family Tabletop

1-5 pm Sunday, Feb. 19

Choose from our collection or bring a favorite from home. No need to register.

Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

Harry Potter Book Night

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 2

Share the wonder of J.K. Rowling's unforgettable stories. Register.

STEM Girls

11 am Saturday, Feb. 4

See details at right.

Homeschool Hangout

11 am Tuesday, Feb. 7

This month the Cincinnati Zoo will bring birds for us to meet and learn about. Register.

Heart Magnets

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 9

Paint and Bake Ceramics will be at the Library to help us make Valentine's Day magnets. Register.


The Cincinnati Zoo Cat Show

5 pm Thursday, Feb. 16

The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden will bring a cheetah and other cats. Register.



Another science-minded program debuts at Cold Spring this month: STEM Girls.

The first Saturday of each month at 11 am, the Cincinnati Museum Center  brings Science, Technology, Engineering & Math to 1st-5th grade girls. The first STEM Girls, Feb. 4, is "Arches, Bridges & Construction." We will build arches, a suspension bridge and a truss bridge we can crawl across. Learn what makes bridges work — anchors, beams and compression to name a few. Registration required. See upcoming STEM Girls themes at www-cc-p.org.

Playdough Fun

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 23

Make your very own play dough! We will also have fun crafts and games to play with play dough. Register.

Young Ones

No need to register unless noted differently.

Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Songs, stories & a fun craft. Ages 2 ½-4.

Preschool Time

9:30 am Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23

Preschoolers will have fun and learn at this Library story time! Ages 4-5.

Movers & Shakers

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

Shake out your sillies while we sing, dance & play in this musical story time. Ages 2-5.

Tot Time

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

11 am Mondays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Help your child develop their pre-literacy skills. Siblings welcome. Ages 1-2 ½.

Baby Time

10 am Mondays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Make new friends, learn and have fun! Siblings welcome. Ages 0-2.

Toddler Canvas Art

11 am Saturday, Feb. 11

Your little one can make a work of art with washable paint, painters tape and a canvas. Ages 0-5. Register.

Baby Sign Story Time

11 am Saturday, Feb. 25

We will learn signs about food and meal time. Ages 0-18 months.

Carrico/Fort Thomas

February Calendar

Book Discussion

Brown Bag Book Club

Noon Monday, Feb. 6

The Nordic Theory of Everything, by Anu Partanen. New members welcome. Ages 18 & up. No need to register.

Adults

Yoga & Meditation Class

10:30 am Fridays, Feb. 3 & 10

Class taught by registered instructor Phoenix Wilson. Ages 18 & up. Please register separately for each class. Bring yoga mat or towel. No prior yoga or meditation experience necessary.



Watercolor Painting

6:30 pm Thursdays, Feb. 16, 23, March 2 & 9
Ages 18 & up. Online registration is full.

Signature Series

7 pm Friday, Feb. 24

See story, at right.

Teen

Teen Art Club

4 pm Wednesday, Feb. 1

Make button art. Ages 10-18. Snacks. Register.

Chess Club

4 pm Wednesdays, Feb. 8 & 22

Open to players of all levels. On Feb. 22, learn tactics and strategies from master player John Applebee. Age 8-18. Register.

Tween Wii

4 pm Wednesday, Feb. 15

Go head-to-head with your friends. Ages 8-13. Register.

GED Practice Test

1-3 pm Wednesday, Feb. 22

Take the GED Ready® practice test to get your personal study plan AND meet a local adult education instructor for GED® prep classes near you. Register.

Families

Valentine's Day Party

11 am Saturday, Feb. 11

Bring loved ones to a Valentine's Day Party today. Register.

Macy's Arts Sampler

11 am- 3:30 pm Saturday, Feb. 18

See details, page 2.

Fairies and Gnome Party

11 am Saturday, Feb. 25

Today we celebrate our hidden forest friends with games, crafts and stories. Register.

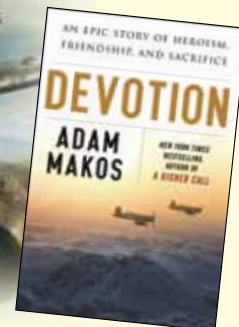
Children

1st-5th grades unless noted differently.

Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theatre

4 pm Monday, Feb. 6

Learn about African culture while drumming and dancing. Register.



Learn about — and from — the Greatest Generation

Inspired by his grandfathers' stories about World War II, author and journalist Adam Makos has been called "a masterful storyteller" in chronicling the legendary stories of the Greatest Generation.



Adam
Makos

Mr. Makos, author of *A Higher Call* and *Devotion*, will discuss his work in the

next Signature Series event, "Revealing the Unlikely Heroes of World War II & Beyond," 7 pm Friday, Feb. 24.

Mr. Makos has interviewed veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and present-day wars. He has flown a WWII bomber, accompanied a Special Forces raid in Iraq and organized an expedition into North Korea in search of an American serviceman MIA.

An ASL interpreter will sign at the event. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation. Ages 18 & up. Free tickets are required in advance. Call 859-781-6166, ext. 31 or visit www.cc-pl.org. Thanks to Joseph-Beth Booksellers and Comfort Suites Riverfront.

Valentine's Day

4 pm Monday, Feb. 13

Make a gift for your special someone. Register.

Puppy Tales

2-4 pm Saturday, Feb. 18

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

Exploring Electronics

4 pm Monday, Feb. 20

We play with circuits and make some fun toys to take home. Register.

Make Your Own Board Game

4 pm Monday, Feb. 27

Think you can make a better board game than Milton Bradley? Register.

Young Ones

Lap Time

9:30 am Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22

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

Movers & Shakers

11 am Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Shake your sillies out while we sing, dance and play in this musical story time. Ages 2-5. Register.

Baby Time

9:30 & 10:30 am Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23

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

Carrico/Fort Thomas Young Ones continued

Snow Babies

10 am Saturday, Feb. 4

Wintertime rhymes, songs & books. Play with felt snow people, penguins and have a pretend snowball fight. Ages 0-2. Register.

Full STEAM Ahead

7 pm Mondays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math fun. Ages 3 & up. No need to register.

Toddler Time

10 am Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28

Celebrate a different topic each week. Ages 2-3. No need to register.

Preschool Time

11 am Tuesdays, 7, 14, 21 & 28

Get ready for kindergarten and have fun at the same time. Ages 4-5. No need to register.

Growing Readers

4 pm Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28

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

Newport

February Calendar

Find your confident, joyous place

Three interactive lectures will help you live with self-love, power and joy. Barbara Klaw, QSCA-Certified Law of Attraction Life Coach and FourWinds Academy-Certified Energy Healer, presents *Being the Best You: Living with Self-Love, Power and Joy* at 11 am three Saturdays in February.

Part I, Feb. 4: Getting the Law of Attraction to Work for You.

Part II, Feb. 11: Get Unstuck and Move Forward.

Part III, Feb. 25: Cultivating a Joyous and Productive Life.

Ages 18 & up. Registration required.



Book Discussion

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 7

Mrs. Kennedy and Me: An Intimate Memoir by Clint Hill & Lisa McCubbin. New members welcome. Snacks. Ages 18 & up. No need to register.

Adults

Being the Best You

11 am Saturdays, Feb. 4, 11 & 25

[See details, at left.](#)

AARP Tax-Aide Tax Preparation Service

10 am-2 pm Tuesdays Feb. 7 through April 18
AARP Tax-Aide Tax Preparation Service is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. First-come, first-serve. No need to register.

Oh My Fandom! Studio Ghibli

3-5 pm Saturday, Feb. 11

Spirits, a moving castle & many more. Come celebrate the magic that is Studio Ghibli. Cosplay encouraged. Snacks. Ages 15 & up. No need to register.

Coffee & Craft: Valentine's Day

6:30-8 pm Monday, Feb. 13

Enjoy coffee (or tea) & make gifts for a loved one. Ages 18 & up. Register.



Communication Rights of Students with Hearing Loss

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 21

Christi Bailey, recently retired as an Outreach Consultant and Certified Teacher for the Kentucky School for the Deaf, will discuss the Communication Rights of Students with Hearing Loss as clarified by the Nov. 12, 2014 Policy Guidance by the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education. ASL interpreters will be present at this event. No need to register.

Is Justice Blind? Race, Class & our Criminal Justice System

6:30-8 pm Monday, Feb. 27

Dr. Danielle McDonald, an NKU professor of criminal justice, will discuss the history of race in the United States, the impact of our conceptualization of race, and how it has formed the criminal justice system, particularly the effects of racial profiling and the War on Drugs. Ages 18 & up. Register.



Teens

Ages 12-19 unless noted differently.

Pins & Badges & Flair, Oh My

3-5 pm Thursday, Feb. 2

Drop in and create the pin you've always wanted. No need to register.

Tween Magnetic Slime

5 pm Friday, Feb. 3

Make slime that comes alive. Ages 8-12. No need to register.

Anti-Valentine's Day Party

3 pm Thursday, Feb. 9

Valentine schmalentine! All you need is chocolate, friends & fun. No need to register.

Tween Fuzzy Monsters

5-6:30 pm Friday, Feb. 24

From friendly to ferocious, make a furry friend to take with you. Ages 8-12. Register.

Families

Family Fun Night @ the Library

6-8 pm Thursday, Feb. 9

It's game on! No need to register.

Macy's Arts Sampler

11 am-2:30 pm Saturday, Feb. 18

See details, page 2.

Children

Ages 7-12 unless noted differently.

Heat Sensitive Color-Changing Slime + Flubber

3-5 pm Saturday, Feb. 4

Learn about thermochromism, watch the movie *Flubber* and eat popcorn. Siblings welcome. No need to register.



Operation Valentine

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 14

Create a game and a lesson in electric circuits. Register as supplies are limited.

Lego Club

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 18

Build a boat that floats. No need to register.

STEM Water Slide

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 21

Create a water slide to end all water slides. Siblings welcome. No need to register.

Game Day

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 28

Games include: Indoor Foot Volleyball, Balloon Tennis and Pie in the Face. Siblings welcome. No need to register.

Young Ones

Play Art

4 pm Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Feb. 1: Creating Stories & Faces

Feb. 8: Popped Bubble Art

Feb. 15: Maze Maker

Feb. 22: Paper Plate Haircuts.

Ages 3-5. No need to register.

Movers & Shakers Dance Party

10 am Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Staying fit and active is fun for little ones at this silly dance party. Ages 2-3. Register.

Toddler Storytime

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

Join us for this silly toddler storytime. Ages 2-3. Register.

Cook the Book

10 am Friday, Feb. 3

"I Mustache You to be My Valentine." Ages 2-5. Register.

Ready for K Through Play: Preschool Story Time

10 am Mondays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 & 27

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

Bounce & Rhyme Story Time

10 am Tuesdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28

Bond with baby with silly songs, puppets & more. Ages 0-2. Register.

Lil' Love Bugs Valentine's Bash

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 11

Games, treats & crafts. Ages 2-5. Register.

PJ Storytime: Pancakes & PJs

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 14

PJs and stuffed animals encouraged. Ages 3-7, siblings welcome. No need to register.

Donut Decorating

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 25

Decorate donuts with frosting & fun toppings. Ages 2-5. Register.



Cold Spring Branch

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Cold Spring, KY 41076
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1000 Highland Avenue
Fort Thomas, KY 41075
859-572-5033

Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street
Newport, KY 41071
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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

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Carrico/Fort Thomas

Pam Posik, Branch Manager

Newport

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Looking ahead at the Library

City Barbeque Food for Thought Series

6:30 pm Tuesdays @ Cold Spring

March 21: Dr. Carol Medlicott of NKU
will present "Meet the Shakers: Colorful
Characters from the Shaker Community of the
Ohio Valley Region."

April 18: Kathleen Quinn of NKU will present
Anna Komnene, Princess-Historian of the
Byzantine Empire.

Signature Series

7 pm Friday, March 24 @ Newport:

Kelsey Timmerman presents
Where Am I Eating? An Adventure Through
the Global Food Economy. **Free tickets
required.**



Arts & Culture Series

**7 pm Friday, April 21
@ Carrico/Fort Thomas:**

Falcon Takes Flight, a
program of Falcon
Theatre, presents
***The War of the Worlds:
the 1938 Radio Script***
by Howard E. Koch.

**7 pm Friday, May 12 @ Carrico/Fort
Thomas:** CCO's Fab Five present Chamber
Rock.

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

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arrange for accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.