



**Campbell County Public Library**  
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**CAMPBELL AND KENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES AGAIN RATED EXEMPLARY**

COLD SPRING, KY (May 16) – Campbell County Public Library (CCPL) earned the highest ranking of exemplary for the third consecutive time based on Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) standards.

Kenton County Public Library (KCPA) also maintained its exemplary status, originally earned in 2011. Thirty-seven libraries participated in the most recent state standards surveys, and only a few achieve exemplary ratings.

“We’re proud of the recognition. Libraries earning the exemplary rating work hard to meet the demanding criteria set by the Kentucky Public Library Association,” said JC Morgan, CCPL director. “Northern Kentucky has strong libraries that serve their communities well in so many ways.”

The KPLA Standards, created in 2002, were updated every three years until 2011 and every two years since then, to ensure libraries improve and evolve to meet their community’s needs. The standards are revised by a committee of librarians. Libraries assess themselves in the areas of administration, collections, services, facilities and technology in order to achieve rankings of essential, enhanced or exemplary.

CCPL earned the basic (essential) rating in 2005 and has risen steadily in the rankings since then, earning enhanced in 2011 and exemplary in 2014, 2016, and 2018. KCPL earned exemplary status in 2011, 2014, 2016 and 2018.

CCPL’s achievements are also reflected in the most recent annual statistics summary of Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, a government agency that ranks Kentucky’s 119 library systems (serving 120 counties) in several categories. Compared to libraries state-wide, for 2016-17, CCPL ranks:

- Third in total audio-visual circulation (568,138 items)
- Fourth in total material circulated (1,234,432 items)
- Sixth in total number of programs (2,850)
- Sixth in total library visitors (571,807)

CCPL has continued to expand its services to the community by opening two Library Express locations, one in Silver Grove, Ky., and one in Melbourne, Ky., in 2017. The new Alexandria Branch location opened in January of this year.

“We’re continually looking for ways to even better serve the community,” said Morgan. “These high marks and state-wide recognition reflect that commitment.”

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*In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, there were 571,807 visits to the Library and more than 1.2 million items were checked out. More than 95,000 e-materials were downloaded, there were more than 2,800 programs offered (with attendance topping 58,000), and more than 24,000 calls were made to our free children’s story telling phone line.*

*The Library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Contact [access@cc-pl.org](mailto:access@cc-pl.org) or call 859-781-6166 ext. 31 at least 72 hours before an event to arrange for accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.*

*The Campbell County Public Library operates four branches. The Cold Spring Branch is located at 3920 Alexandria Pike in Cold Spring, phone 859-781-6166. The Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch is located at 1000 Highland Ave. in Fort Thomas, phone 859-572-5033. The Newport Branch is located at 901 E. Sixth St. in Newport, phone 859-572-5035. The Alexandria Branch, which opened in January 2018, is located at 8830 Alexandria Pike in Alexandria, phone 859-572-7463.*

*There is an Express location for pick ups and returns in Silver Grove and Melbourne.*

*Hours for Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas and Newport branches are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Hours for Alexandria are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; and closed Sunday and Monday. The website address is [www.cc-pl.org](http://www.cc-pl.org).*

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*The Kenton County Public Library serves the entire community, promoting literacy and lifelong learning and inspiring imagination through a wide variety of resources and services. We help people connect — in person and online — with welcoming, safe places that encourage exploration, celebrate discovery and expand opportunities for individual and communal growth. Visit online at [www.kentonlibrary.org](http://www.kentonlibrary.org).*