COLD SPRING, KY (June 15, 2017) -- Campbell County Public Library's slick, new library cards are now available and they offer a choice of fun images of the community and the Library’s mascot.

Patrons can select a card featuring Cam the Library Lion or a scene of the Belle of Louisville and Northern Kentucky taken from Mount Adams in Cincinnati. A third choice is available at specific Branches:

- Newport patrons can select a photo of the cannon at Campbell County Courthouse, 4th and York, Newport.
- At Fort Thomas, patrons can choose the tower at the entrance to Tower Park at South Fort Thomas Avenue and Douglas Drive in Fort Thomas.
- And at Cold Spring, patrons can choose a photo of the log cabin at Northern Kentucky University on Louie B. Nunn Drive in Highland Heights.

“Campbell County is really a pretty place with a lot of cool visual elements. With nearly 60,000 library card holders, we thought it would be neat to way to showcase our community using distinctive photography of various locations,” said JC Morgan, Library director.

The photos were taken by Bruce Crippen, a career newspaper photographer who covered news, sports and feature stories for 30 years at The Cincinnati and Kentucky Post. He now is a freelance photographer and teaches his craft at Northern Kentucky University, the University of Cincinnati and Antonelli College. Crippen used a high dynamic range technique, taking multiple photos of the same image with different exposures and blended them together, creating a greater range of luminosity.

Cam the Library Lion has been a familiar face to patrons since his debut as the Library’s mascot in 2015. Cam is the creation of artist and illustrator Nick Gressle.

New patrons can stop by one of our branches to get your Library Card application. All that is required is a picture ID and proof of address. Lost or damaged cards can be replaced for a $1 fee. There is no charge to replace a stolen or worn out card.
In the 2015-2016 fiscal year, there were 590,265 visits to the Library and more than 1.2 million items were checked out. More than 84,000 e-materials were downloaded, there were more than 655,000 website page views, and about 19,000 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 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 three branches and two Express locations. 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 Express locations are at the firehouse in Silver Grove and at St. Philip Parish Center in Melbourne.

Hours for the branch locations 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. The Express locations are available 24/7. The Web site address is www.cc-pl.org.

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