

CONNECTIONS

Another Dimension

New mural
sends message
to kids: 'Read.'

A touch of whimsy has been added to our Cold Spring Branch's exterior: local artist Tammy Batson Stephens' colorful mural of children relaxing atop stacks of books imbued with blue, red, green and purple.

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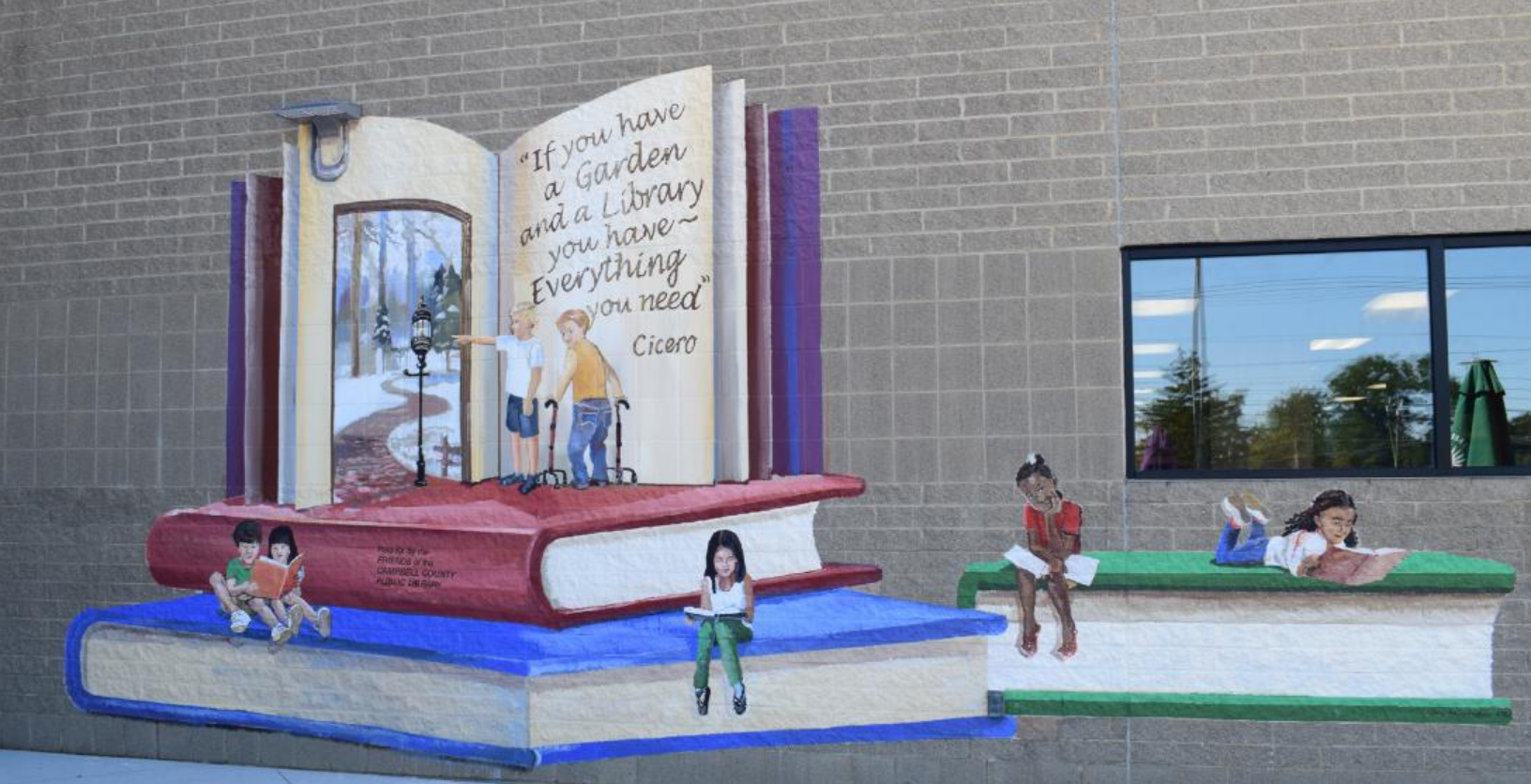
Friends Book Sale

The Friends of the Library Book Sales are back every Saturday in November. **Page 2**



Annual Report

Director JC Morgan reflects on what the library has accomplished this year. **Pages 10-11**



Stephens worked alongside library leadership to conceptualize the piece; all were in agreement that ideas of inclusivity and diversity should inform the design.

"The more we talked about it, we thought, 'Let's just be really inclusive and put all the nationalities that we can think of to try and cement the idea of how our library is for everyone,'" Stephens said.

Placed at the branch's front entrance, the mural was designed to wrap under the window and pull together what was once empty space. One compelling aspect lies in its depiction of two children entering the pages of an open book as if embarking into another dimension. Warmly lit by a

lamppost, a snowy, forested path stretches before the duo. As Stephens alludes to, it's a scene Narnia fans are likely to recognize.

As Stephens was being interviewed, a patron walked past and remarked that the mural "says to kids: 'Read. It's important!'" The comment, Stephens said, is exactly the message she hoped to get across.

A native Kentuckian, she graduated from the Columbus College of Art and Design in 1984 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Her mural work also dons the walls of our Newport and Carrico/Fort Thomas branches. If you've

strolled about Greater Cincinnati, you may have caught a glimpse of one of her ArtWorks murals, too — she designed **Oakley: Morning, Noon, and Night** and **Sunset Walk through Helentown**, among others.

"I knew that wherever I lived, I would want to use what I do to bring a positive change," Stephens said. "Whenever you're giving a mural to a community you're giving it a positive thing. My voice to share is that I feel like we need to be more of a connected community. I hope that everything I paint will say that."



Library Welcomes Two New Board Members



Maggie Brown

The Campbell County Public Library's Board of Trustees welcomed new members Jessica Schweitzer and Maggie Brown in September. Their terms officially began Oct. 1 and will expire on Sept. 30, 2024.

"Jessica and Maggie have both illustrated a great passion for their communities and the services our library system provides," said CCPL Director JC Morgan. "They are sure to bring unique perspectives and skills to the

board as advocates for the Campbell County Public Library."

A licensed and practicing physician assistant, Brown grew up in Fort Thomas with a great love for the public library. Her background marries the humanities with the sciences: Brown holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Kentucky's Georgetown College and a Master of Science in Health Sciences and Public Health from George Washington University.

Schweitzer of California, KY is well-versed in the ways of the library, having earned a



Jessica Schweitzer

Master's in Information and Library Science from the University of Kentucky. As a parent of three young children, Schweitzer also frequents the library as a patron and has experienced first-hand the value its services bring not only to her own family but to the community at large.

The current board also includes Tracy Smith, president; Christie Fillhardt, vice president; and Jonathan Cullick, treasurer. Exiting the board is former president Cathy Howard and former treasurer Paul Johnson. This month's board meeting is 5:30 pm Nov. 18 at the Newport Branch.

Emails To Cam



Cam wants to hear from you! Starting Nov. 1, kids can send an email to cam@cc-pl.org and receive a reply from our beloved mascot. The activity is meant to help kids sharpen their writing and storytelling skills. Topics can include anything from a book they've read, what they're learning in school, an adventure they've taken or just writing about a few of their favorite things.

Drop Your Drawers


After careful consideration, our annual donation drive Drop Your Drawers — normally held in November and December — has been suspended until 2021.

After conversations with local public schools in Campbell County, we learned that a large surplus remains from 2019's Drop Your Drawers campaign due to them transitioning to remote learning last spring.

In lieu of Drop Your Drawers, the library is ready to help our schools and students by serving as a collection site for Coverings for Kids, an initiative that aims to collect masks for Kentucky schools at no cost. For more information, visit www.cc-pl.org/coverings-for-kids.

Adults

November Calendar



Author Chat with
Traci Sorell
6:30 pm Thursday,
Nov. 5

In-Person Programs

Library Drive-In: Friday the 13th Double Feature

7:30 pm Friday, Nov. 13

Steer clear of bad luck this Friday the 13th and kick-back at our Newport Branch's double feature drive-in, starting with twisty whodunit **Knives Out** followed by **Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark**, a film adaptation of the classic childhood anthology that has spooked generations of kids well into their adulthood. Limited spots available.

Friends Book Sale

9 am – 5 pm Saturday, Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28
The Friends of the Library book sales are back – but with a twist! The sales will be offered every Saturday and held in the Friends Room on the lower level of the Newport Branch. All sales will be bag sales. Buy a \$4 bag and fill it

to the brim with enough books to keep you warm all winter long.

Zoom Programs

Registration required for these online programs. Registrants will receive an email with the login information on the day of the program. These are live events only offered at the time and date listed. You are not required to have a Zoom account to join.

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Nov. 3

Leadership in Turbulent Times by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Register.

Brown Bag Book Club

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 4

The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn. Register.

NaNoWriMo Writing Sprints

6 – 8 pm Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 25

It's **National Novel Writing Month**, aka NaNoWriMo, an event where writers begin a fresh novel in November and try their best to get 50,000 words in 30 days. Feeling behind or lacking inspiration? Join other aspiring local authors in this Zoom to do writing sprints or just hang out. Register.

Author Chat with Traci Sorell

6:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 5

Join us for a live Q&A with award-winning children's author Traci Sorell. Along with answering participants' questions, she'll also share about her Global Read Aloud title **Indian No More**, co-written with the late Charlene Willing McManis. Attendees will be entered in a drawing to win signed copies of the book. All ages welcome. Register.

Adults continued

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Tuesday, Nov. 10

American Princess by Stephanie Marie Thornton. Register.

In Their Own Words Book Club

6:30 pm Tuesday, Nov. 10

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz. This book club is inspired by the #OwnVoices idea in YA literature. Register.

Yoga & Meditation with Phoenix Wilson

7 pm Tuesdays, Nov. 10 & 24

Implement some self-care into your routine with this online class meant to clear both body and mind. Register separately for each class.

How Do You Zoom?

3 - 4:30 pm & 6 - 7:30 pm Wednesday, Nov. 11

Wondering how all these virtual book clubs and trivia nights work? Want to join in on all the fun of the library's virtual programs but don't know where to start? This educational event will guide you through the basics and the pro-tips, from what kind of device you'll need to all the best zooming etiquette. Registrants will receive instructions before the event and may join in this Zoom event on their own, or call us during the program to be guided through the process.

Cup of Crime Book Club

7 pm Wednesday, Nov. 11

Banking on Trouble by Kathi Reed. Register.

Fab Five and their Fabulous Books

6 pm Thursday, Nov. 12

Join us for the third of a Zoom series of book talks from the Netflix show **Queer Eye's** Fab Five. November's selection is **Over the Top: A Raw Journey to Self-Love** by Jonathan Van Ness. As the grooming and self-care expert on the hit reality show, Van Ness is beloved for his joyfulness and effervescent spirit. But before that, he was growing up in a small Midwestern town that didn't quite understand his "over the top" persona. Van Ness's laugh-out-loud-funny memoir recounts both the pain and passion that got him where he is today — a self-love icon for the ages. Series thanks to the support of ArtsWave. Register.



The Whys and Whens of Car Maintenance
7 pm Thursday, Nov. 12

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Mechanic Shop Femme, aka Chaya Milchtein, will guide you through "The Whys and Whens of Car Maintenance" — including changing fluids and filters, belts, air conditioning recharges and more — in this Zoom class. An automotive educator, writer and speaker, Milchtein has offered easy-to-understand virtual lessons for three years, has seven years of experience in the auto industry & has been featured in numerous publications, including **Chicago Tribune** and **Shondaland**. Teen attendees also welcome. Register.

Beginner Crochet with Julia Dose

5 - 7 pm Friday, Nov. 13

Julia Dose will return to the library via Zoom to take you through the process of how to crochet. Knit on! Register.

Tuesday Book Club

10 - 11:30 am Tuesday, Nov. 17

Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover. Register.

Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, Nov. 17

Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram. Register.

Alexandria Book Club

5 - 6:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 19

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris. Register.

Real Men Read

7 - 8:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 19

Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann. Register.

Beginner Crochet Holiday Gifts with Julia Dose

5 - 7 pm Friday, Nov. 20

Julia Dose will walk you through how to crochet and teach a few easy festive patterns sure to impress your loved ones this holiday season. Register.





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A Raw Journey to Self Love
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Remote Learning Parent Support Group

6 pm Friday, Nov. 20

Join us for this Zoom-based support group made for families who are schooling their children via non-traditional instruction (NTI) this year. Register.

Play Online

Dungeons and Dragons on Roll20

5 – 8 pm Friday, Nov. 6

Slay a dragon, cast a spell and adventure through mystic lands all from the safety of your own home. Join us in learning how to play Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) 5e. Register. Ages 13+.



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Take & Make bags with all supplies and instructions needed for the program will be available at the designated branch a week before the program for those who registered.

Book Leaf Wreath

6 pm Saturday, Nov. 7

Learn how to make a gorgeous wreath made of leaves cut from books. Register. Take & Make bags at **Alexandria Branch**.

Oil Scented Candle

6 pm Monday, Nov. 16

Get into the fall spirit with oil-scented candles made with ingredients like orange peels and cinnamon sticks. Register. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**.

DIY Thanksgiving Apron

6 pm Thursday, Nov. 19

Make a plain apron festive using paint and stencils. Register. Take & Make bags at **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**.

YouTube Programs

Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com/c/campbellkylib) and type *campbellkylib* in the search bar to see all of our programs. New videos are available at the time and the date of program.

Learning Express Library: Career and Test Preparation

6 pm Thursday, Nov. 5

Join Adult/Teen Services Librarian Morgan Lockard in this tutorial that explores resources available in Learning Express Library aimed at helping you achieve your educational and career goals.

Teens

November Calendar

Zoom Programs

Registration required for these online programs. Registrants will receive an email with the login information on the day of the program. These are live events only offered at the time and date listed. You are not required to have a Zoom account to join.

You've Been Booked

7 – 8:45 pm Monday, Nov. 2

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi. Register.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Nov. 13

Register for this program and receive a free copy of Remy Lai's **Pie in the Sky**, this month's Tween Book Club selection. Available while supplies last. Ages 8-14. Register.



Teen Game Night

6 – 8 pm Friday, Nov. 13

Link up with old pals and meet some new ones at our virtual teen game night. Register.

Virtual Teen Hangout

5 – 7 pm Monday, Nov. 16

Hop online, chat with your library friends and maybe play a few online games in this virtual hangout for teens. Register.

JackBox Games Challenge

5 – 7 pm Monday, Nov. 30

Compete with other local teens to see who reigns supreme in a series of fun Jackbox.tv games. Register.

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Tween Scene: Sewing Gift Bags

4 pm Friday, Nov. 6

In this month's installment of Tween Scene, Miss Jessi will guide tweens through sewing a fabric bag — no machine required. Ages 8-14.

Autumn Goat Milk Soap with Seventh Street Gifts

6:30 pm Monday, Nov. 9

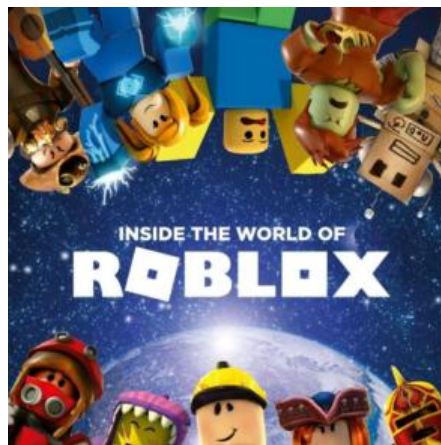
Join Seventh Street Gifts to learn how to make a fragrant plant-based soap imbued with scents only harvest-time can bring.

Cincinnati Observatory

4 pm Wednesday, Nov. 25

Learn about celestial events happening this November with the Cincinnati Observatory.

Play Online



CCPL Roblox Club

4 pm Saturdays, Nov. 7, 14, & 21

Play a different Roblox game every week with local kids on private servers hosted by the library. Ages 8-14. Register.

Minecraft Club

5 – 7 pm Monday, Nov. 9

Join local players in the virtual world of Minecraft using the library's server. All you need is a Java Minecraft account. For questions, email cgerner@cc-pl.org. Ages 8-14. Register.



Take & Make bags with all supplies and instructions needed for the program will be available at the designated branch a week before the program for those who registered.

Cross Stitch Leaves

4 pm Wednesday, Nov. 11

Cross stitch your own autumnal leaves. Register. Take & Make bags at **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**.

Book Turkeys

6 pm Tuesday, Nov. 17

Up your Thanksgiving craft game with a turkey made out of books. Register. Take & Make bags at **Alexandria Branch**.

Homemade Healthy Snack and Sweet Treat

4 pm Thursday, Nov. 19

Satisfy your sweet tooth and, as a bonus, whip up a healthy snack with this pair of tasty recipes. Register. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**.

Shrink Plastic Keychains

4 pm Friday, Nov. 20

Customize your own keychain with just a few basic materials to make a one-of-a-kind accessory. Register. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**.

Children

November Calendar

Zoom Programs

Registration required for all online Zoom programs. Registrants will receive an email with the login information on the day of the program. These are live events only offered at the time and date listed. You are not required to have a Zoom account to join.

Show & Tell

Noon Wednesday, Nov. 4

Be it a favorite book, artwork, a pet or a new dance move, we want to see whatever you're passionate about. Every registered child will have a few minutes to share their item and to answer questions. Register.

Leaf Etching

4 pm Wednesday, Nov. 4

Adventure outside with your family to gather fallen leaves and then join us via Zoom to create a nature-inspired artwork. Register.

Thursday Morning Story Times

10 am Thursdays,

Nov. 5 with **Miss Nina**

Nov. 12 with **Miss Jennifer**

Nov. 19 with **Miss Brittany**

Join us for story times via Zoom that include stories and learning activities to help your child develop pre-literacy skills. Register. Ages 2-5.

Homeschool Cook a Book

11 am Wednesday, Nov. 11

Following a reading of Eric Carle's *Pancakes, Pancakes!* and *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Numeroff, we'll take to the kitchen to make our own pancakes. Make sure you have the necessary ingredients and utensils. Register.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 12

This month's read for If You Give a Kid a Book Club is Joseph Bruchac's *Pushing Up the Sky: Seven Native American Plays for Children*.

Register for the program and you can keep your copy of the book then join in on the discussion Nov. 12 via Zoom.

Puppy Tales

2 – 3:30 pm Saturday Nov. 14

What's cuter than reading a story to a specially trained therapy dog? Not much else. Zoom sessions will be 15 minutes. Register. All ages.



Take & Make bags with all supplies and instructions needed for the program will be available at the designated branch a week before the program for those who registered.

Paper Decorations: Diyas and Turkeys

2 pm Friday, Nov. 6

Create colorful paper decorations for your table or string them together to make a garland. Register. Take & Make bags at **Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**.

Friendship Bracelets

2 pm Tuesday, Nov. 10

Grab your pals and get crafty by making friendship bracelets. Register. Take & Make bags at **Cold Spring Branch**.

Fairy Lanterns

11 am Wednesday, Nov. 11

Turn a simple glass jar into a home fit for magical fairies. Register. Take & Make bags at **Alexandria Branch**.

Masterpiece Makers — Matisse

2 pm Tuesday, Nov. 17

Make art inspired by the style of Henri Matisse. Register. Take & Make bags at **Newport Branch**.

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Baby Time

10 am Tuesdays,

Nov. 3 with **Miss Nina**

Nov. 10 with **Miss Joyce**

Nov. 17 with **Miss Arden**

Nov. 24 with **Miss Molly**

Help us build your baby's language skills through engaging and interactive songs, rhymes, simple movement games and books. Ages newborn – 2.



CCPL Reads to Their Pets

2 pm Friday, Nov. 20

Books and pets! What could be better? Tune into our YouTube channel to watch Jessi Holloway read to Pippi, her cat, and Brittany Parr to her two dogs, Hank and Jerry.

2019-20



In a year of upheaval, Campbell County has remained resilient — a quality I love about this community, a place my family has called home for many years now.

This Annual Report to the Community yields much to reflect upon, both before and amid the pandemic. From completing construction projects to creating hundreds of online programs to collaborating with local parks, I am proud of how the library has served our community outside and inside our walls.

Outreach at Local Parks

This year saw us collaborate with more local parks than ever before. Programs we hosted include Camping with the Library as well as multiple Play, Explore, Build events last fall. Most recently, our staff have installed Picture Paths for families to enjoy at the new dog park behind our Newport Branch, Rossford Park in Fort Thomas and AJ Jolly Park in Alexandria.

Imagination Library

Over 2,600 kids enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a partnership between the library and five public school districts. The program mails a book (free and no contact!) to all registered children in the county under age five. You can sign up at our branches or online at www.cc-pl.org/imagination-library.

e-Materials

During the pandemic, we increased our budget for e-materials and reduced barriers to using them. Even when the buildings were closed, patrons could access one of the country's largest collections of e-materials, through a statewide consortium called Kentucky Libraries Unbound.

Online Programs

Since March, we've created hundreds of online programs to connect with our community in new ways. You can participate in programs such as YouTube story times, book talks via Zoom, take-and-make crafts and more.

Construction Projects

We fast tracked construction projects to minimize disruptions once our buildings

could actually open. The Cold Spring Branch received the most notable changes with the traffic flow rerouted to be one way, a renovated patio and additional accessible parking spots.

Curbside Pickup

When we could not open the doors to the public, we brought library materials out to people in their cars through curbside pickup. Our patrons loved the service so much that we have continued to offer it even after reopening the buildings. You can learn how to utilize the service at www.cc-pl.org/curbside-pickup.

Helping our Community

Finding new ways to serve and support the members of our community is always on the horizon. Pre-pandemic, we hosted the Relatives Raising Relatives Support Group and GED: Start at the Library, Study at Home. Over the summer, we partnered with Newport Independent Schools to provide a weekly free lunch and activity outside of our Newport Branch.

Amnesty for All

The Campbell County Public Library led a statewide initiative to have all fines, fees and

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BY JC MORGAN,
DIRECTOR



charges removed from any library account. Amnesty for All was a huge help to people struggling to pay their bills. We were so happy to have 60 libraries across Kentucky join us.

Looking Forward

As we braved a cascade of new, sometimes contradictory, always changing wave of information, our purpose as an institution was perhaps never clearer: to serve the

public through providing access to valuable, enriching resources that all people deserve the right to use.

This year has shown the importance of coming together as a community to lift one another up. We at the library appreciate the efforts of everyone in Campbell County to do just that. Thank you for your part.

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REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 & BUDGET FOR 2020-21

Numbers below are current for FY19-20 and FY20-21.

2019-20 ACTUAL BUDGET INCOME

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Donations	\$39,906	Capital	\$728,173
Fees & Services	\$29,166	Collection	\$655,095
Grants & State Aid	\$208,483	Operating	\$1,545,785
Misc. Income	\$11,671	Personnel	\$3,285,767
Loan	\$1,200,000 *		
Taxes	\$4,934,063		
Interest	\$38,712		
Total Income	\$6,462,001 *	Total Expense	\$6,214,820

2020-21 ESTIMATED BUDGET INCOME

INCOME		EXPENDITURES	
Donations	\$31,000	Capital	\$37,500
Fees & Services	\$22,000	Collection	\$650,000
Grants & State Aid	\$146,000	Operating	\$1,069,200
Misc. Income	\$43,500	Personnel	\$3,383,800
Taxes	\$4,898,000		
Total Income	\$5,140,500	Total Expense	\$5,140,500

* The library took \$1.2 million in debt to refinance existing debt and for capital projects at our locations in Cold Spring, Fort Thomas and Newport.



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1000 Highland Avenue
Fort Thomas, KY 41075
859-572-5033 — email: ftinfo@cc-pl.org

Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street
Newport, KY 41071
859-572-5035 — email: nwinfo@cc-pl.org

Alexandria Branch

8333 Alexandria Pike
Alexandria, KY 41001
859-572-7463 — email: alinfo@cc-pl.org

Library Express

Pick up holds and return items
Silver Grove — Firehouse
Melbourne — St. Philip Parish Center

Hours

**Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas and
Newport Branches**

Monday-Friday 11 am – 7 pm
Saturday & Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

Alexandria Branch

Tuesday-Friday 11 am – 7 pm
Saturday 11 am – 5 pm
Sunday & Monday Closed

**All branches closed Thanksgiving &
Day After Thanksgiving, Nov. 26-27**

Services

Patron Services: 859-572-5041

Storytelling: 859-572-5039

Download books & music:

<https://kyunbound.overdrive.com>

Download the library app:

www.cc-pl.org/app

Visit us online @ www.cc-pl.org



Hello, Holidays!

Mark your calendars for 6 pm on Dec. 4, the YouTube premiere of our Holiday Special! Gather the whole family, brew some hot cocoa and get comfy on your couch for an evening of festive celebration. Bi-Okoto, a professional African traditional dance company based in Cincinnati, and local jazz group The Chris Comer Trio will provide the tunes. Plus, peruse art with Hebrew Union College's Skirball Museum and stick around for a storytelling session straight from the North Pole itself.



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.