

# CONNECTIONS

*Happy  
Holidays  
from the  
Library*

**No matter what  
you celebrate,  
make it a  
December to  
remember with  
our lineup of  
festive programs  
for all ages!**



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# F O R E W O R D



## Who to talk to

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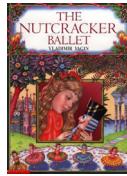
## Board of Trustees Meeting

The Campbell County Public Library's Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday each month. All board meetings are open to the public. Next meeting dates and locations are:

- Dec. 15 at Newport
- Jan. 19 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- Feb. 16 at Alexandria
- March 16 at Cold Spring

## We suggest

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: FAVORITE HOLIDAY BOOKS



#### ***The Nutcracker Ballet* by Vladimir Vagin**

I always looked forward to finding every version of *The Nutcracker Ballet* I could around the holidays. I even have a vivid memory of finding one when Newport's branch was still located at Carnegie Hall. Totally magical!

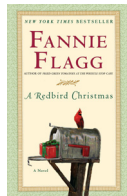
— Jessi Holloway, information services assistant, Carrico/Fort Thomas



#### ***The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* by Barbara Robinson**

It's about a family of unruly siblings who usually ruin Christmas, but the Christmas spirit shows up and makes for a heartwarming story.

— Lisa Kuhn, patron services assistant, Newport Branch



#### ***A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg**

*A Redbird Christmas* by Fannie Flagg is a good one (although all of her books are good ones). It's touching when they sing "My Buddy." I don't want to give it away, but you'll see why.

— Yvonne Ullrich, library page, Newport Branch



#### ***The Gift of the Magi* by O. Henry**

It was a Christmas Eve tradition in my family to read the "Christmas Chapter" of classic novels and festive short stories before going to bed and waiting for Santa. One that stuck with me was *The Gift of the Magi*. It is so heartwarming and shows how love is more important than all the flashiness of the season.

— Katherine Sallee, children's services programmer, Alexandria Branch

## Winter Reading Challenge

If you ask us, winter is perfect for curling up with a good book. Do so while participating in our new Winter Reading Challenge, which kicks off Dec. 17 and runs through Jan. 17.

How does it work? Read books that fit various prompts on the Beanstack app and receive an entry for a prize each time one is completed. If applicable, books may be used toward multiple prompts. The whole family can read this cozy season! Three prizes will be given per age group (adult, teen and children):

- First place - \$50 Target gift card & library swag
- Second place - \$25 Target gift card & library swag
- Third place - \$15 Target gift card & library swag

Sign up at [www.cc-pl.org/beanstack](http://www.cc-pl.org/beanstack).

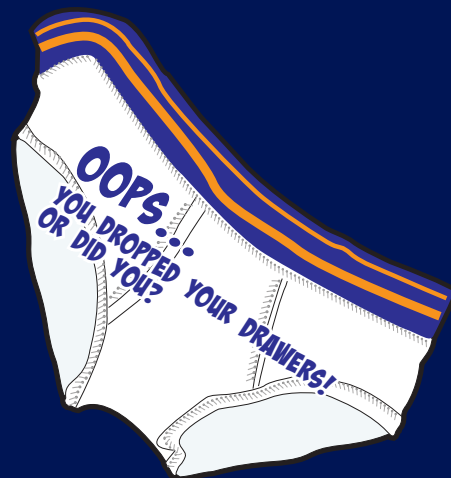




# Don't Forget to Drop Your Drawers!

Have you dropped your drawers at the library? All of our branches are still collecting

new pairs of socks and underwear in original packaging through Dec. 31. Donations may be in any size. The campaign helps replenish Family Resource Centers' supplies of socks and underwear, a crucial and often overlooked need facing public schools in Campbell County. Our goal is to collect 7,000 items, which will be given to public elementary, middle and high schools in Campbell County. For more information, visit [www.cc-pl.org/drop-your-drawers](http://www.cc-pl.org/drop-your-drawers).



## Alexandria

### December Calendar



**Holiday Open House**  
3-4 pm Saturday,  
Dec. 11

### Programs

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### Book Discussions

#### Alexandria Book Club

7:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 16  
***The Silent Patient*** by Alex Michaelides.

### Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

#### DIY Piper Computer Kits

4:30-6 pm Wednesday, Dec. 8  
Build a fully-functioning computer to learn computer science, electronics, coding and more. Ages 8-14.

### Families

#### Holiday Open House

3-4 pm Saturday, Dec. 11  
Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit all the way from the North Pole. Local musician Jasmine

McKiddy will play holiday classics and treat bags will be provided. No need to register.

### Young Ones

#### Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesday, Dec. 7  
This story time includes activities that aim to develop your child's literacy skills. Ages 3-5.

#### Baby Story Time

11:15 am Friday, Dec. 3 & 10  
Socialize your little ones while meeting other parents during this story time. Newborn-2.



# Cold Spring

## December Calendar



**Holiday Ornament Craft**  
6:30 pm Wednesday  
Dec. 15

### Programs

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### Book Discussions

#### You've Been Booked!

7-8:45 pm Monday, Dec. 6

***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens. Open to both teens and adults.

#### Cup of Crime Book Club

7 pm Wednesday, Dec. 8

***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens.

#### Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Dec. 16

***A Monster Calls*** by Patrick Ness. Register to get a free copy of the book. Ages 8-12.

#### Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, Dec. 16

***The Art of the Wasted Day*** by Patricia Hampl.

#### Tuesday Book Club

10-11:30 am Tuesday, Dec. 21

***The Man Who Invented Christmas*** by Les Standiford.

### Adults

#### Cold Spring Stargazers Club

6-8:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 2

At this month's meeting, we will try to spot

the lead up to Dec. 4's New Moon, which coincides with a solar eclipse.

#### Dungeons and Dragons

5-8 pm Friday, Dec. 3

Uncover the mysteries of *The Night Before Wintermas*, a one-shot adventure game for up to six characters. Both new and experienced players are welcome.

#### Holiday Ornament Craft

6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 15

Prepare for the holidays by creating an ornament.

#### Book Bingo

5-6:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 22

Play bingo for the chance to win a free book.



## Teens & Tweens

*Ages 11-19, unless noted.*

### Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, Dec. 13

Join other local players in the virtual world of Minecraft to fight monsters, build large projects together and hang out with others on the library's private server. Online. Ages 8-12.

### After Hours Game Night

7-10 pm Friday, Dec. 17

Who doesn't love a good game night? Bring a favorite from home or choose from our collection, which includes over 100 board and card games, along with five different console systems. Ages 12+.

### Teen Holiday Hangout

5-7 pm Monday, Dec. 20

It's a winter celebration! Play games while hanging out at the library. Teens will receive treats to celebrate the holidays.

### Teen Media Club

5-6:30 pm Monday, Dec. 27

Do you like movies and TV shows? Video games? All three? December's Teen Media Club theme is holiday fun. Join us as we discuss and watch different forms of media.

## Families

### Holiday Open House

10 am -2 pm Saturday, Dec. 4

Enjoy holiday classics from local musician Ricky Nye and hang out with penguins from Newport Aquarium (both from noon-1 pm). Patrons will also enjoy craft stations and take-home treat bags. No need to register, except to meet the penguins.

### Holiday Board Game Day

11 am Saturday, Dec. 11

Gather the whole family for a morning of playing holiday-themed board games while enjoying music and hot chocolate.

## Children

*Grades 1-5, unless noted.*

### DIY Snow Globes

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 2

Capture the magic of winter with DIY snow globes.

### DIY Ornaments

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 9

Come to the library to make ornaments.

### Homeschool Hangout

11 am Tuesday, Dec. 14

It's time to celebrate the holiday season! Party

with other homeschool families while learning about all the different holidays celebrated in December.

## Young Ones

### Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Monday, Dec. 6

Build your child's development skills through engaging and interactive themed stories, songs and motor skills followed by open play. Ages 1-3.

### Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesday, Dec. 1 & 8

These stories, songs and rhymes will exercise your little ones' bodies and minds. This story time is followed by a craft. Ages 2-3.

### Baby Time

9:30 am Thursday, Dec. 2 & 9

Strengthen your baby's language, motor and social skills through engaging songs, rhymes, simple movements, games, books and open play. Newborn-2, especially for walkers.

### Preschool Time

10:30 am Thursday, Dec. 2 & 9

Help your child develop their pre-literacy and motor skills with themed stories, gross motor play and crafts. Ages 3-5.



**Teen Holiday Hangout**  
**10 am Monday**  
**Dec. 20**

# Carrico/Fort Thomas

## December Calendar

### Programs

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### Book Discussions

#### Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Dec. 8

**One of Us is Lying** by Karen M. McManus.

#### If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 9

**Green Pants** by Kenneth Kraegel. Register to get a free copy of the book. Grades 1-5.

### Adults

#### Dear Santa Movie Viewing

6:30-8 pm Thursday, Dec. 2

*Dear Santa* shines a light on the United States Postal Service's 100-year-old 'Operation Santa' program. The 2020 documentary invites audiences along for the magic of this massive endeavor.

#### Holiday Ornaments

2 pm Tuesday, Dec. 7

6:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 9

Create two festive ornaments: a penguin painted on wood and one made of colorful felt. In order to accommodate as many patrons as possible, this program is offered on two dates. Please only register for one.

#### Talking Tech Troubles with Morgan

2 pm Tuesday, Dec. 14

This month's meeting takes a look at some of this year's hottest tech gifts.

### Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

#### Foldable Friendly Snowperson

4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 1

There might not be snow on the ground (yet), but you can still practice making a snowperson from paper.

#### Gift Making

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 2

Want to gift something homemade this year? Create a present and wrap it using our craft supplies.

#### Cartoons & Canvas: Penguins

4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 8 & 15

Watch cartoons and get creative! This month's special project involves penguins. Dec. 15 date held via Zoom.

#### Tween Snowy Ornament

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 16

Add an eye-catching homemade ornament to your tree this year. Ages 8-14.

### Families

#### Holiday Open House

Noon-3 pm Saturday, Dec. 4

Get festive with a day of live music by the Chris Comer Trio (from noon-1 pm), crafts and a take-home goody bag. Plus, an endangered African penguin from the Newport Aquarium will make a special holiday visit from 2-3 pm. No need to register, except to meet the penguin.

#### Geeking @ the Library

5-7 pm Saturday, Dec. 18

Link up with fellow geeks at the library. Bring board and card games from home or enjoy the library's collection.

### Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

#### Gift Making

4 pm Monday, Dec. 6

Create a gift and then wrap it using our craft supplies.

### Young Ones

#### Movers & Shakers

10 am Monday, Dec. 6

Shake, move and sing in this active, musical story time that includes open play. Ages 2-3.

#### Together Time Tales

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 7

Spend time together reading, playing and learning. Ages 3-5.

#### Lap Time

10 am Wednesday, Dec. 1 & 8

Strengthen the language, motor and social skills in very young babies through songs, rhymes, books and lap bounces. The program is followed by open play. Newborn-2, especially for pre-walkers.

#### Baby Time

9:30 am & 10:30 am Thursday, Dec. 2 & 9

Build your baby's language, motor and social skills through engaging songs, rhymes, simple movements, games, books and open play. Newborn-2, especially for walkers.

#### Jingle Babies

10 am Saturday, Dec. 11

Let's get jolly as we read books, sing and jingle along with everybody's favorite holiday songs. We'll even play a few reindeer games. A footprint craft will be included. Newborn-2.



# Newport

## December Calendar

### Programs

All state and federal COVID-19 mandates will be followed. All programs are in-person, unless noted. If the county is in the orange zone or above for COVID-19, all attendees age 2 or older must wear a mask. **Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.**

### Book Discussions

#### Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 7

*The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

#### Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Dec. 10

*The Tea Dragon Society* by Kay O'Neill.

Register to get a free copy of the book. Ages 8-14.

#### Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 21

*Mad, Bad & Dangerous to Know* by

Samira Ahmed.

### Adults

#### Holiday Cards

5:30-7:30 pm Monday, Dec. 6

No matter what holiday you celebrate, send seasonal cheer to loved ones with a card in the mail.

#### Decorative Plate

6-7:30 pm Monday, Dec. 13

Add a personal touch to your home with this decorative plate craft. It is a perfect addition to all of your holiday meals.

#### Gingerbread House Pots

5:30-7:30 pm Monday, Dec. 20

This cute holiday craft is sure to spread holiday cheer.

### Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

#### Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Wednesdays

Hang out, play a game or relax. It is up to you!

#### Snow Globe

3-4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 2

Make a snow globe to celebrate winter.

#### Tween Scene

4 pm Tuesday, Dec. 7 & 14

Get creative at Tween Scene! This month's activities include a no-sew sock penguin and a snowman yarn craft. Ages 8-14.

#### Giant Popsicle Stick Snowflakes

3-4:30 Thursday, Dec. 9

Make giant, unique snowflakes to use as wall decor or a door display.

#### Yarn Wrapped Initials

3-4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 16

Make colorful yarn-wrapped initials.

### Families

#### Penguin Rock Painting

11 am Saturday, Dec. 4

Paint a miniature penguin.

#### Holiday Open House

Noon-3 pm Saturday, Dec. 11

Enjoy live music from the Chris Comer Trio from noon-1 pm and stick around for a 2 pm showing of *The Nutcracker* presented by the Cincinnati Children's Theatre.

#### Family Fun Night

6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 16

Take the family out for a movie night at the library, where we'll be showing *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* starring Jim Carrey.

### Melting Bean Ornaments

11 am Saturday, Dec. 18

Melt beans together to create ornaments or animal figures.

### Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

#### Little Prodigies

4 pm Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

Make crafts at Little Prodigies. This month's programming includes finger painting, ornament decorating and puffy snowmen.

#### Homeschoolers' Club: Egg Drop

1 pm Thursday, Dec. 16

Design a container that protects an egg from a 6-foot drop.

### Young Ones

#### Ready for K Through Play

10 am Monday, Dec. 6 & 13

Prepare your child for kindergarten with this classic story time involving books, music and play. Ages 3-5.

#### Movers & Shakers

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 7 & 14

Shake, move and sing in this active, musical story time that includes open play. Ages 2-3.

#### Baby Bounce and Rhyme

10 am Wednesday, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

Develop your little one's literacy skills with this story and singing time. Newborn-2.

#### Storytots

10 am Thursday, Dec. 2, 9 & 16.

The songs we sing and books we read at story time can have a positive influence on young minds. Ages 3-5.





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### Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street  
Newport, KY 41071  
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### Alexandria Branch

8333 Alexandria Pike  
Alexandria, KY 41001  
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### 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-Thursday 9 am – 9 pm  
Friday 9 am – 7 pm  
Saturday 9 am – 5 pm  
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

#### Alexandria Branch

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

**All branches closed Dec. 24-25. Library closes at 5 pm Dec. 31 and is closed Jan. 1.**

### 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](http://www.cc-pl.org/app)

Visit us online @ [www.cc-pl.org](http://www.cc-pl.org)



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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Signature Series: Sam Mihara

The new year's first installment of our Signature Series—held 7 pm Feb. 25 at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch—features a discussion with Sam Mihara. As a child, Mihara was one of over 100,000 Japanese Americans who were forced out of their homes to live in internment camps during World War II. His presentation will explore the cause for the forced removal of Japanese people from the West Coast, the camp's conditions, how it closed, lessons learned and if it could happen again. Free tickets required. Registration opens two months before the program date.



#### ADA Compliance Statement

The Library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Please contact [access@cc-pl.org](mailto:access@cc-pl.org) or call ext. 8 at your local branch at least 72 hours prior to an event to arrange for accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.