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Year's Resolutions
a Reality at the
Library!**

2022

— HAPPY NEW YEAR —

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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:

- Jan. 19 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- Feb. 16 at Alexandria
- March 16 at Cold Spring
- April 21 at Newport

We suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: FAVORITE BOOKS OF 2021



Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission—and if he fails, humanity and the earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it.

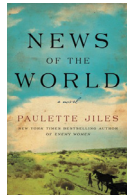
— Clara Gerner, adult/teen services librarian, Cold Spring Branch



Any Way the Wind Blows by Rainbow Rowell

It was a wonderful end to the *Simon Snow* trilogy. The book has lots of humor, healing, answers to series-long mysteries, and some unique social commentary on the Cult of Personality. The wrap-up was comforting and satisfying for me.

— Lisa Kuhn, patron services assistant, Newport Branch



News of the World by Paulette Jiles

It made me think a lot about the plans we make as we age and the need to make adjustments when life presents us with challenges that only we seem willing or able to address. Also, a darned good Western yarn.

— Randy Warpool, information services assistant, Cold Spring Branch



The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

It focuses on the brave and dedicated Kentucky pack horse librarians of the 1930s as well as the blue-skinned people of Kentucky. Cussy Mary Carter is both in her Appalachian community. Her courage in the face of extreme prejudice and dedication to bringing the gift of books to those most in need, even when they don't accept her, was inspiring to this Kentucky librarian.

— Chantelle Phillips, branch manager, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

Food For Thought

Uncover history with returning lecture series Food for Thought, which brings five talks to our Cold Spring Branch in partnership with Northern Kentucky University's History and Geography Department and City Barbeque.

Discussions include:

- *Shaker Wintertime Heritage* with Dr. Carol Medicott on Jan. 25.

- *The Medici Family and the Birth of Renaissance Florence* with Dr. William Landon on Feb. 22.

- *You Can Tell a Lot Just by a Look* with Dr. Brian Hackett on March 22.

- *Scarlett & Julie: Mythic Portrayals of Southern Women in the Golden Age of Hollywood* with Dr. Andrea Watkins on April 19.

- *The Underground Railroad and Setting in Motion the Early Civil Rights Movement in Northern Kentucky and the Nation* with Dr. Eric Jackson on May 24.

Those unable to attend the lectures can watch them through Campbell Media. All talks are on Tuesdays and start at 6:30 pm. Registration opens two months before the program date.





Happy New Year!, *continued from the cover*

With every new year comes a push to make personal resolutions—ones we're hopefully able to keep. Whatever your goal, the library is here to help.

Read More

If reading regularly is on your list, the library is the perfect place to get a head start. Not only do our branches have a large collection of physical books with staff ready to help, but patrons can check out ebooks, audiobooks and digital magazines through Libby. All you need to sign up for the free app is a library card. If you can't decide what to read next, the online resource Novelist can help you find authors and titles.

Joining a book club is another great way to stay motivated and find new reads. Visit www.cc-pl.org/book-clubs for a full list. You might just make a few friends in the process.

Build Connections

Speaking of meeting new people, the library offers dozens of programs every month for all interests and ages. From Dungeons and Dragons to game nights and crafts, there's something for everyone at all branches. Examples include the Cold Spring Stargazers

Club, Teen Media Club, Graphic Novel Fans and CCPL Roblox Club. The Newport Branch is even hosting a Speed Friending program on Jan. 10.

Level Up Technology Skills

Did you get a new gadget this holiday season? Learn how to use it on Jan. 25 at Talking Tech Troubles, a monthly program for adults at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch that addresses technology concerns with different topics each session.

If you want to brush up on your computer skills, visit www.cc-pl.org/adult-education and select LearningExpress: Computer Skills Center for resources on how to get started, software tools, graphics and illustration, and getting to know your operating system.

Learn a Language

Are you planning to travel abroad this year? Or maybe you want to communicate better with community members, coworkers, customers and others who speak a different first language. The library is full of resources to help you along the way, including Mango Languages. The online service has self-guided courses on over 70 languages spoken around the world that go beyond grammar and vocabulary to teach users practical conversation skills. Mango also has English classes for speakers of other languages. For more information, visit www.cc-pl.org/mango.

Spend Less, Save More

Cut back on spending in 2022 by utilizing the library's resources and large collection of materials. Instead of paying for multiple streaming platforms, check out DVDs of your favorite movies or TV shows to watch instead. You might just be able to trim a subscription or two.

Avoid impulsive purchases with Consumer Reports, a resource available through the library that offers in-depth reviews for cars, appliances, electronics and more. The service aims to empower people with the knowledge they need to make informed choices before they decide which product works best for them. All patrons need to use the service is their library barcode and PIN.

Plus, patrons can now browse without worry of late fines. In fall 2021, the library became permanently fine free, meaning there are no longer overdue fines on books, magazines, movies, video games, etc. If you have a card with old fines on it, come on in—they have been waived.



Alexandria

January 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

Alexandria Book Club

7:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 20

Room by Emma Donoghue.

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 25

Elvis is King by Jonah Winter. Register to get a free copy of the book. Grades 1-5.

Adults

Hot Chocolate to Go

5-6:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 11

Cozy up with homemade hot chocolate in a mug designed by you.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Design a Scarf

3 pm Thursday, Jan. 6

Design a fleece scarf perfect for bundling up on chilly days.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Perler Bead Party

4:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 19

Perler Beads are fusible plastic beads that can

be used to make patterns. Make your own at the library.

Homeschool Hangout

1 pm Wednesday, Jan. 26

Create your own dreamcatcher using craft materials supplied by the library.

Young Ones

Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesday, Jan. 18 & 25

This story time includes fun activities, crafts and themed books that aim to develop your child's pre-literacy skills. Ages 3-5.

Baby Story Time

11:15 am Friday, Jan. 21 & 28

Socialize your little ones while making connections with other parents during this story time. Newborn-2.

Cold Spring

January Calendar

Programs

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Book Discussions

You've Been Booked!

7-8:45 pm Monday, Jan. 3

Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones. Open to both teens and adults.

Cup of Crime Book Club

7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 12

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dove.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Jan. 20

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Register to get a free copy of the book. Ages 8-12.

Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, Jan. 27

Pappyland by Wright Thompson. All welcome.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 18

Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah.

Adults

Cold Spring Stargazers Club

6-8:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 6

The Cincinnati Observatory will host a Star Party at this month's meeting. Along with a lecture about the local night sky, they'll bring high-powered telescopes so we can study the stars.

Dungeons and Dragons

5-8 pm Friday, Jan. 7

Figure out the mysteries of *The Puzzling Prefecture of Pippenpaddleopsisopolis* in this one-shot adventure for up to six characters. Both new and experienced players are welcome.

Let's Get Organized with Bullet Journals

6:30 - 8 pm Wednesday, Jan. 19

Start the new year off by getting organized with a bullet journal, a completely customizable planner.

Shaker Wintertime Heritage

6:30 - 8 pm Tuesday, Jan. 25

NKU's Dr. Carol Medicott will return as part of our Food for Thought series to discuss local tristate Shakers, specifically their experiences during winter. Sponsored by Highland Heights City Barbeque and filmed by Campbell Media. Register.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, Jan. 10

Visit the virtual world of Minecraft using the library's server. You can log in from home or play in person. Ages 8-14.

After Hours Game Night

7 pm Friday, Jan. 21

Hang out at the library after hours to play console, board and card games. Ages 11+.

CCPL Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, Jan. 22

Play Roblox with friends and other local kids using the library's private server. Ages 8-14.

Teen Media Club

5-6:30 pm Monday, Jan. 24

Let's discuss and watch some different forms of media. This month's theme is Games Galore.

Teen Book Bingo

5 pm Monday, Jan. 31

Play bingo for the chance to win a free book.

Families

Family Board and Card Game Day

1-5 pm Sunday, Jan. 9

Bring your family to the library for a day of playing board and card games. Choose from over 250 games or bring your own. All ages.

Winter Crafts

11 am Saturday, Jan. 29

Create masterpieces inspired by a winter wonderland.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Homeschool Hangout with Cincinnati Opera

11 am Tuesday, Jan. 11

Cincinnati Opera's teaching artists will read an opera storybook as well as play recordings of operatic selections.

Minute to Win It

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 20

60 seconds on the clock. Prizes on the line. Think you can do it? You've got a Minute to Win It.

Winter Science Experiments

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 27

Channel your inner scientist with fun experiments inspired by winter weather.

Young Ones

Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Monday, Jan. 24 & 31

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, Jan. 19 & 26

Stories, songs and bouncy rhymes that will exercise your little ones' busy bodies and busy minds. Followed by a craft to match the day's theme and open play. Ages 2-3.

Baby Time

9:30 am Thursday, Jan. 20 & 27

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, Jan. 20 & 27

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



Winter Science Experiments
4 pm Thursday
Jan. 27

Carrico/Fort Thomas

January 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

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Jan. 12

The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 13

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal. Register to get a free copy of the book. Grades 1-5.

Adults

Cincinnati Observatory: Winter Night Skies

6 pm Thursday, Jan. 13

The Cincinnati Observatory will guide us through the winter night sky. Teens welcome.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, Jan. 25

Discuss technology in this judgment-free group. This month's topic is smartwatches and fitness trackers.

Exploring Local History

6:30-8 pm Thursday, Jan. 27

Commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day as a fellow Kentuckian retraces his family's journey and survival.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Tween Wintery Bear Painting

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 6

Paint a snowy scene featuring a polar bear using supplies provided by the library. Ages 8-14.

Teen New Year's Resolution Boards

4 pm Tuesday, Jan. 11

Create an artboard that will keep you inspired throughout the year.

Homeschool Hive: Power of Pets

11 am Friday, Jan. 14

Learn about the incredible bond between humans and animals, the benefits of pets and how to be a responsible pet owner. Ages 8-14.

Makerspace

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 20

Explore hands-on STEAM activities. Ages 8-14.

Bubble Wrap Blowout

4 pm Wednesday, Jan. 26

Prepare for National Bubble Wrap Day on Jan. 31 with fun activities at the library!

Families

Geeking @ the Library

5-7 pm Saturday, Jan. 15

Link up with fellow geeks at the library. Bring board and card games from home or enjoy the library's collection. Geekdom has no age limit: all ages are welcome.

Book Bingo

2 pm Saturday, Jan. 22

Enjoy classic rounds of BINGO while making new friends. Winners receive a free book.

Makerspace

4 pm Monday, Jan. 24

Explore hands-on STEAM activities with Legos, Snap Circuits, Keva planks, coding activities, art supplies and more.

Puppy Tales

2-4 pm Saturday, Jan. 29

Come read a story or two to a specially

trained therapy dog. Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time.

Graphic Novel Fans

4 pm Monday, Jan. 31

Talk about your favorite graphic novels, share your own work, and get tips from published authors and artists. Those who attend the meeting have a chance to win graphic novels.

Young Ones

Together Time Tales

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 18 & 25

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

Lap Time

10 am Wednesday, Jan. 19 & 26

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, Jan. 20 & 27

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

Movers & Shakers

10 am Monday, Jan. 24 & 31

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

Mommy & Baby Yoga

10:30-11:15 am Saturday, Jan. 29

Moms and babies will enjoy stretching and interacting with others. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. Newborn-2.



Newport

January Calendar

Programs

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Book Discussions

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Jan. 4

When No One Is Watching by Alyssa Cole.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Jan. 14

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga.

Ages 8-14.

Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, Jan. 18

Gideon the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir. Adults and teens welcome.

Adults

Speed Friending

5:30-7:30 pm Monday, Jan. 10

Meet new people at the library.

Friends Book Sale

9-5 pm Thursday- Saturday, Jan. 13-15

Stock up on reads at the Friends of the Library Book Sale, held in the Friends Room on the lower level of the Newport Branch.

Cost is 25 cents for paperbacks, 50 cents for hardcovers and up to \$3 for select titles. Some books are free.

Stained Glass Jars

6-7:30 pm Monday, Jan. 24

Create beautiful stained glass jars that can be used as vases or centerpieces.

Tasseled Mirror

6-7:30 pm Monday, Jan. 31

This DIY tasseled mirror will add flair to any room in your home.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Hot Chocolate Bar

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 5

Warm up in the library with hot chocolate and a movie.

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

Bring your friends to relax, play games, draw or just hang out.

Minute to Win It

3 pm Wednesday, Jan. 12

Compete with other teens to complete interesting tasks in just 60 seconds.

Tween Scene

4 pm Tuesday 18 & 25

Conduct a melting ice experiment and create a glittery bunny crayon craft. Ages 8-14.

Glow in the Dark Pasta Fireflies

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 26

This pasta firefly craft will leave you reminiscing of warmer days.

Families

Family Fun Night

6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 20

Get twisted up in Disney's *Tangled* and enjoy activities for kids of all ages.

Winter Watercolors

11 am Saturday, Jan. 22

Paint wintry items like beanies and snowflakes using watercolor.

Build-A-Bot

11 am Saturday, Jan. 29

Build a miniature robot that actually moves.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Alphabet Kids Homeschool

1 pm Thursday, Jan. 20 & 27

Learn how animals hibernate and about the different seasons of the year during this month's Alphabet Kids Homeschool programs.

Lil Explorers: Snow Day

4 pm Monday, Jan. 24

It's cold outside! Play with snow while staying indoors.

Young Ones

Movers & Shakers

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 18 & 25

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

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

10 am Wednesday, Jan. 19 & 26

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

Read and Play

10 am Thursday, Jan. 20 & 27

One of the best ways a child can learn is through play. The songs we sing and books we read at story time can have a positive influence on young minds. Newborn-6.

Ready for K Through Play

10 am Monday, Jan. 24 & 31

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





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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 are closed on Jan. 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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



LOOKING AHEAD

Game on at the Library

The library is hosting several gaming programs geared toward teens, tweens and families next month.

- Do you have what it takes to win the Mario Kart Tournament? Held 4 pm Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.
- Tweens and teens can head to the Newport Branch for an After Hours Gaming Lock-in from 5-9 pm on Saturday, Feb. 19. It will be an action packed night full of games, snacks and prizes.
- The Cold Spring Branch is throwing a movie and game night! Watch 1980s classic *Back to the Future* and follow it up with its board game adaptation. Gaming the Movies takes place at 5 pm Monday, Feb. 21.



ADA Compliance Statement

The Library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Please contact 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.