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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. The next meeting dates and locations are:

- Feb. 16 at Alexandria
- March 16 at Cold Spring
- April 21 at Newport
- May 18 at Carrico/Fort Thomas

We suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: SERIES WITH A SATISFYING ENDING



***The Magisterium Series* by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare**

The last book of the series is *The Golden Tower*. This is one of the best juvenile fantasy series I have ever read! Think *Harry Potter* meets *Avatar: The Last Airbender*. The series gets better and better until you finally hit that explosive series finale.

— **Danielle Heiert, adult/teen services programmer, Cold Spring Branch**



***Eragon, The Inheritance Cycle Series* by Christopher Paolini**

Paolini was only 15 years old when he began writing the Inheritance series. While I didn't enjoy the movie, the series is wonderful. A tour de force of dragons, magic, elves, dwarves, and the classic fight between good and evil.

— **JC Morgan, library director**



***A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas**

I love the ending of *A Court of Thorns and Roses*! It follows Feyre, a mortal, who is taken into the faerie lands of Prythian after murdering a faerie. It's definitely on my reread list.

— **Kim Thompson, adult/teen librarian, Newport Branch**



***The Matched Trilogy* by Ally Condie**

Set in a dystopian world called The Society where everything is chosen for you, including your partner, this trilogy is a good choice. While there are a number of dystopian novels, this one sticks with me—to be able to choose for yourself in all things, especially love, is powerful.

— **Lisa Schierenbeck, library courier**

Signature Series: Sam Mihara

The first installment of our 2022 Signature Series features Sam Mihara, who was 9 years old when Executive Order 9066 was signed and issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during World War II. The order forced over 100,000 Japanese Americans, including

Mihara and his family, out of their homes and into prison camps.

His presentation will explore the cause for the forced removal of Japanese people from the West Coast, the camp's conditions, what living there was like, lessons learned and if it could happen again. A 2018 Paul A. Gagnon prize winner, Mihara has shared his story across the country.

The lecture takes place at 7 pm Friday, Feb. 25 at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch, which will close early at 5 pm to prepare for the event. Request free tickets at www.cc-pl.org/signature-series.





Get Books Delivered at Your Door, *continued from the cover*

At her home in Bellevue, Rose Schweitzer sits in an armchair as her cat, Hampton, watches from the kitchen. Scattered throughout the room are stacks of books, including three from a series authored by Scott Pratt, which was mailed to her through the library's Adult Outreach Services Department.

When Schweitzer fell and injured her right knee in September, leaving her unable to drive, she faced months of being homebound. Using the library's Home Delivery Service enabled her to receive library materials in the mail.

"It made my rehabilitation go by faster," Schweitzer says. "I think it probably aided my healing in that, if I did not have books to occupy my time, I would have been trying to do too much, too soon here at the house."

Throughout recovery, many of her days were spent with a book and Hampton at her side. A former elementary school teacher of 32 years, she believes in the power of books to take readers to places they may never be able to visit physically. Schweitzer, now a Campbell County Courthouse employee, says she has read more in the past two

months than she has in two years—a feat made possible by the library.

The home delivery service is available to residents of Campbell County who cannot visit the library due to temporary or permanent illness or disability. Materials are selected based on one's interests and needs; materials delivered include regular print books, large print books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks and CDs. They may be mailed for free to your home or be delivered by the adult outreach services assistant. Once materials are mailed back, patrons can receive more.

Her mailman, who knew about her injury, would bring the package to her door. In that way, she says, the service not only provided entertainment but socialization, too. Her genre of choice? Detective and suspense novels. Other books in Pratt's series were among the first she requested from Kelsey Stratton, the library's adult outreach services assistant.

"I got one (book) from Tennessee and one from Rowan County," Schweitzer says. "And the third one she got for me was from Campbell County... I thought, 'Kelsey really worked to find those books.' I mean, it was just wonderful. She would send me three books at a time in a package. When I'm finished reading, I just send them back."

The service also introduced her to new authors, including Charles Martin and Francine Rivers. The first time she spoke with Kelsey, Schweitzer says she asked questions that really dug into what she enjoyed reading.

"It's just a wonderful service for somebody who can't get out and needs something to occupy their time besides just sitting and watching TV," she says.

"I'm thrilled that I was able to use it and would highly recommend anybody who—long term, short term—wants to take advantage of that service to do so. What a great, great service it is."

For more information on home delivery and other adult outreach services, visit www.cc-pl.org/adult-outreach or call 859-572-5035, ext. 352.

Alexandria

February Calendar

Programs

All state and federal COVID-19 mandates will be followed. 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, Feb. 17

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel.

Cam's Kid Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 22

Making Their Voices Heard: The Inspiring Friendship of Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe by Vivian Kirkfield. Register to get a free copy of the book. Grades 1-5.

Families

Gaming the Movies

4-6:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 2

Happy Groundhog Day! To celebrate, enjoy a holiday-themed movie and board game you'll want to play over and over.

DIY Puzzle Picture Frame

4 pm Friday, Feb. 25

Use puzzle pieces and popsicles to make a picture frame.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

♥ Homeschool Hangout: Valentine's Day Party

1 pm Wednesday, Feb. 9

Make Valentine's Day-themed crafts, play

games and leave with a sweet take-home treat bag.

♥ DIY Lovebugs

3 pm Saturday, Feb. 12

Use pom-pom balls to craft a love bug.

Young Ones

Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesdays

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 Fridays

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

Cold Spring

February Calendar

Programs

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Book Discussions

You've Been Booked!

7-8:45 pm Monday, Feb. 7

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan. Ages 11-19.

Cup of Crime Book Club

7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 9

The Turn of the Key by Ruth Ware.

Tuesday Book Club

10-11:30 am Tuesday, Feb. 15

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Feb. 17

The Field Guide by Tony DiTerlizzi. Register to get a free copy of the book. Ages 8-12.

Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, Feb. 24

The Catalogue of Shipwrecked Books by Edward Wilson-Lee. All welcome.

Adults

Cold Spring Stargazers Club

6-8:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 3

Johnathan Brendle, an astrophysicist who is a speaker for the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and the NASA Langley Research Center, will discuss the James Webb

Telescope and other space topics by joining the club through Zoom.

Dungeons and Dragons

5-8 pm Friday, Feb. 4

Uncover the mysteries of *Even If They Weren't So Sweet*, a one-shot adventure for up to six players.

♥ Valentine's Day Heart Pom-Pom Bookmarks

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 8

Celebrate Love Your Library Month with this adorable Valentine's Day craft.

The Medici Family and the Birth of Renaissance Florence

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 22

NKU's Dr. William Landon will discuss the famous Medici Family of Italy as part of our Food for Thought lecture series. Sponsored by Highland Heights City Barbeque and filmed by Campbell Media.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

After Hours Game Night

7-10 pm Friday, Feb. 11

Stick around after hours to play board and card games or your favorite video game consoles at the library.

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, Feb. 14

Explore the world of Minecraft using the library's server. Ages 8-14.

CCPL Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, Feb. 19

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

Gaming the Movies

5-8:45 pm Monday, Feb. 21

Watch an electrifying 1980s movie that's filled with 1.21 gigawatts of fun. After, work with

other players to help repair the space-time continuum in a board game based on the classic blockbuster.

Teen Hangout

5-7 pm Monday, Feb. 28

Come to the library to play games and hang out.

Families

Trollstice Party

11 am Saturday, Feb. 5

Sing, dance and celebrate Trollstice by watching the movie and making funky crafts.

♥ Valentine's Day Science

11 am Saturday, Feb. 12

Participate in art and science-based activities in preparation for Valentine's Day!

Family Board and Card Game Day

1-5 pm Sunday, Feb. 13

Bring the whole family to the library to play board or card games. Choose from our collection of over 250 games or bring a favorite from home. All ages.

Play-Doh Playdate

11 am Saturday, Feb. 26

Make creations with different types of Play-Doh.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Harry Potter Book Night

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 3

Together we will play themed games, make magical crafts and whip up some potions of our own.

Homeschool Hangout: The Underground Railroad

11 am Tuesday, Feb. 8

The Cincinnati Museum Center will help us recreate elements of the Underground Railroad through pictures, photographs, maps, navigational tools and true stories of historical figures.

♥ Valentine's Day Party

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 10

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the library. We will have a variety of games, crafts and music to enjoy.

Book Bingo

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 17

Play Bingo for the chance to earn books for prizes.

Unicorn Party

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 24

Unicorns are magical and wonderful creatures whose history dates back to Mesopotamia. Celebrate these amazing creatures at a party with crafts, games and trivia.

Young Ones

Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Mondays

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

Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesdays

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 Thursdays

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

Preschool Time

10:30 am Thursdays

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

Carrico/Fort Thomas

February Calendar

Programs

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Book Discussions

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 9
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30-5 pm Thursday, Feb. 10
First Laugh—Welcome, Baby! by Rose Ann Tahe.

Adults

♥ Galentine's Day

2 & 6:30 Thursday, Feb. 10
Celebrate Galentine's Day, a holiday brought to us by the popular TV show *Parks & Recreation*. Take home waffle-style snacks and tea. Register for only one program.

Basic Embroidery

2-3:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 15
6-7:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 17
Learn basic embroidery stitches using provided supplies. Register for only one program.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 15
Learn about technology in this judgment-free group. This month's meeting topic is Windows 11.

Signature Series: Sam Mihara, Memories of Five Nisei

7 pm Friday, Feb. 25
See description on page 2. Free tickets are required.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Mario Kart Tournament

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 3
See if you have what it takes to win this double-elimination *Mario Kart* tournament. The top three winners will take home prizes.

Cooking Video Game Chaos

4 pm Tuesday, Feb. 8
Take your virtual kitchen skills to task by competing in cooking video games with friends. Choose from *Cooking Mama* and *Overcooked 2* on the Nintendo Switch; *Brunch Club* and *Cook, Serve, Delicious* on the PS4; or make it immersive with VR *Cook-Out* or *Job Simulator*.

Homeschool Hive: Magnificent Makers

11 am Friday, Feb. 11
The Kennedy Heights Art Center will lead us on an artistic journey as we explore the works of artist Melanie Yazzie. Ages 8-14.

Tween Pokémon Party

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 17
If you love all things Pokémon, join other fans at the library to watch the anime, play games and even make a fun craft. Feel free to bring your gaming systems or trading cards. Ages 8-14.

Tween Anime Day

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 24
Watch anime while hanging out with other tweens that love it too. Ages 8-14.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

♥ Valentine Animals

2 pm Saturday, Feb. 5
Create animal-themed Valentine cards or art.

♥ Heart Sculpture

4 pm Monday, Feb. 7
Decorate a papier-mâché heart sculpture.

♥ Valentine's Day Party

4 pm Monday, Feb. 14
Play games, win prizes and make crafts at this Valentine's Day party.

Pom Pom Penguins

4 pm Monday, Feb. 21
Make an adorable pom-pom penguin.

Cincinnati Museum Center: Forces of Nature

4 pm Monday, Feb. 28
Learn about the power of earthquakes,

volcanoes, tornadoes and more with the Cincinnati Museum Center.

Families

Puppy Tales

2 pm Saturday, Feb. 26
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.

Young Ones

Together Time Tales

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

Lap Time

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

Movers and Shakers

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

Mommy & Baby Yoga

10:30 Saturday, Feb. 26
Moms and babies will enjoy stretching, strengthening and interacting with others. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. Newborn-2.

♥ Valentine Babies

10 am Saturday, Feb. 12
Celebrate Valentine's Day with your little ones as we read books, sing songs and make a craft. Newborn-2.



Newport

February Calendar

Programs

All state and federal COVID-19 mandates will be followed. 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, Feb. 1

One Night Two Souls Went Walking by Ellen Cooney.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Feb. 11

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia. Register to get a free copy of the book. Ages 8-14.

Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 15

Sisters of the War by Rania Abouzeid.

Adults

Get Ghosted

6-8 pm Monday, Feb. 7

Spend your evening learning about ghosts from the Paranormal Investigators of Northern Kentucky (P.I.N.K.), including stories of their own encounters with the beyond.

Mindful Eating

6:30-8 pm Monday, Feb. 14

Anthem KY Medicaid will join the library in discussing mindfulness techniques that can help improve your relationship with food.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am-noon Thursday, Feb. 24

Stock up on books at the Friends Book Sale while taking advantage of incredible prices. The sale is in the Friends Room on the lower level of the Newport Branch.

Clay Bowls

6-7:30 Monday, Feb. 28

Create beautiful (and functional!) bowls using air-dry clay.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Tween Scene

4 pm Tuesdays

Get creative at Tween Scene! This month's activities include decorating mugs, pink bubbles, journal making and DIY fairy houses.

Essential Oils Diffuser Bracelet

3 pm Wednesday, Feb. 2

Craft a unique bracelet.

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

Thursdays are teen time. Relax, play games, draw or just hang out with your friends.

Pour Painting

3 pm Wednesday, Feb. 16

Be prepared to get messy while painting!

After Hours Gaming Lock-In

5-9 pm Saturday, Feb. 19

Go head-to-head with other branches of the library at this action-packed night filled with video and board games, anime, snacks and prizes. Open to teens and tweens of all branches.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Alphabet Kids Homeschool

1 pm Thursdays

Learn about tornadoes, Valentine's Day, airplanes and dinosaurs at this month's Alphabet Kids Homeschool programs.

♥ Lil Explorers: Valentine Card Making

4 pm Monday, Feb. 7

Prepare for Valentine's Day by making hearts.

President for a Day

11 am Saturday, Feb. 19

Use your imagination to explore what you might do as president.

Families

♥ Lovebirds and Lovebugs

11 am Saturday, Feb. 5

Get into the Valentine's Day spirit by making a lovebird and lovebug craft.

Dinosaur Painting

11 am Saturday, Feb. 12

Paint a miniature dinosaur.

Family Fun Night

6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 17

Take the family out to the library for a movie night! We'll screen Pixar's *Luca*. Activities for kids of all ages will also be available.

Butterflies

11 am Saturday, Feb. 26

Create your own butterfly.

Young Ones

Movers and Shakers

10 am Tuesdays

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

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

10 am Wednesdays

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

Read and Play

10 am Thursdays

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 Mondays

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





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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

Services

Patron Services: 859-572-5041

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www.cc-pl.org/app

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LOOKING AHEAD

STEAM Month

March is STEAM Month at the library! Celebrate all things Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math with programs throughout the month for all ages at each branch.

One highlight is our Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch's Family Steam Night on March 19 at 6 pm. Enjoy presentations from Cincinnati Observatory, Newport Aquarium, Cincinnati Museum Center and Neusole Glassworks.

Plus, bring the fun home with a Beanstack reading challenge. Participants of all ages can read STEAM books and log them on the Beanstack app for the chance to win two tickets to the Cincinnati Museum Center. See next month's newsletter for more information.



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.