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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:

- March 16 at Cold Spring
- April 21 at Newport
- May 18 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- June 15 at Alexandria

We suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: BOOKS THAT SPARK INNOVATION



A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

One-part sci-fi series, one-part fantasy, L'Engle's book doesn't get bogged down in realistic science but instead celebrates the values that allow science to flourish. While I prefer reading the original book, there is also a graphic novel! — Amy Carroll, adult/teen programming coordinator



Feast by Firelight by Emma Frisch

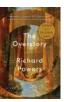
Part of the allure of camping is self-sufficiency. To me, roughing it is for the underprepared. This book features as much to consider before you venture out as it does recipes for while you're out. Chew on how to build your fire (engineering), keep it burning (physics), use your tools (technology), add your ingredients (math), and allow it to affect your senses (art).

— Craig Branch, adult/teen services programmer, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch



Night Walk to the Sea by Deborah Wiles, illustrated by Daniel Miyares

This picture book is a great introduction to environmental science and Rachel Carson, a notable conservationist. It is heartfelt and inspiring for little nature lovers. — Katherine Sallee, children's services programmer, Alexandria Branch



The Overstory by Richard Powers

It's a series of stories about people from across the world that are connected by trees. As the stories start to connect and the consequences of the character's actions begin to unfold, the ending unfurls into chaos. The science that underpins the story is both fascinating and heartbreaking. You certainly won't look at the ginkgo tree in front of the Cold Spring Branch the same way again.

- Leah Byars, collection services assistant

Read to Win on Beanstack

Stack your to-be-read books high this March for our STEAM Month reading challenge. Mark each STEAM-related book read on our Beanstack app. Receive one entry per category — Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math — for the chance to win two tickets to the Cincinnati Museum Center. Participants can earn a total of five entries.

If you need help finding titles, check out our recommendations above. You can also ask our librarians or browse our collection.

All ages can participate in the reading challenge. Learn how to sign up for the challenge at www.cc-pl.org/beanstack.





STEAM Month, continued from the cover

Discover the secrets of a 2,000-year-old mummy, create DIY circuits and try your hand at Shakespearean stage combat during STEAM Month. Whether you love Science, Technology, Engineering, Art or Math, the library has fun and informative programs for all interests.

When you're not hitting the books for our STEAM reading challenge, spend STEAM Month at your favorite branch exploring, crafting, learning, reading and more.

At the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch, teens can solve clues to build the perfect cake in an Ultimate Bake-Off Escape Room on March 11. Children can also take to the kitchen during Food Science on March 7 by using milk to create colorful art or celebrate the change of seasons at Spring into Science on March 28. Teens can construct their own mini foosball table for on-the-go competition at the Newport Branch on March 10. Adults can also flex their construction know-how via The Great Builder Challenge on March 21. Whether you complete activities alone or in groups, the challenge is sure to put your physics skills to the test. Children can get in on the engineering fun by creating robot hands at Alphabet Kids Homeschool's March 9 program.

Give your gaming set-up a makeover at DIY Dungeons and Dragons Camp on March 9. Or learn the way of the (fake) sword at the aforementioned Stage Combat with Kentucky Shakespeare program on March 21 for teens. Ever wondered how to make a circuit board just like the ones found inside televisions, radios and more? Children can do just that on March 24.

And if your kids are still looking for engineering fun, Alexandria is hosting

a STEAM Lego Challenge on March 16 for grades 1-5. Keep your home tidy and eco-friendly by learning tips and tricks at DIY Green Cleaning on March 18. And on March 24, teens can join Dr. Guy, an associate professor of biochemistry at Northern Kentucky University, to learn about chemistry—and have fun while doing it.

Check out more details in this newsletter or visit www.cc-pl.org/steam-month for a full list of programs and activities.



Signature Series: Meet Umi

Umi, a 2,000-year-old mummified Egyptian boy, revealed some of his secrets right here in Campbell County. In partnership with the Cincinnati Museum Center, researchers from Northern Kentucky University's Allied Health Department used X-Rays and a CT scanner to create a 3-D image of Umi, who was aged 3-5 at the time of death. Learn about their discoveries from members of the department in this installment of our Signature Series.

The event takes place at 7 pm Friday, March 25 at our Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch, which closes early at 5 pm to set up for the program. Request your free tickets at www.cc-pl.org/signature-series.



Play N Read

Build your child's literacy skills with our new K-2 Play N Read bags. Stored in clear, yellow backpacks, the bags feature beginner reader books alongside themed games and toys. While the library has bags for preschoolers, these kits focus on strengthening kindergarten-2nd grade school skills. Cards with tips and tricks for parents and caregivers are also included, which aid in helping children learn to read. There are also new bags available for children and families with visual impairment. With accessibility in mind, these kits include books and toys with elements such as high-contrast visuals, large type, texture and audio. These items are meant to enhance the reading experience while helping develop early literacy skills. Twenty of these kits include Wonderbooks, which feature a built-in audiobook and an interactive learning mode.

You can find the bags in the children's section of our branches or by searching Play N Read in our catalog.



Family STEAM Night S A T U R D A Y MARCH Celebrate all things STEAM with a night full of activities for the whole family at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.

There will be several regional presenters, including the Cincinnati Observatory, NKU Chemistry Department, Cincinnati Museum Center, Neusole Glassworks and Newport Aquarium. The latter will have penguins in tow, which guests can meet on a first-come, first-served basis across two sessions at 6 and 6:30 pm. STEAM-themed crafts and activities will also be available. Registration is not required.



Consumer Health Complete

Find easy-to-understand information about health-related topics with Consumer Health Complete, a database that covers all key areas of health and wellness, from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary and holistic medicine.

Meant for consumers, materials include videos, articles, magazines, drug and herb information, a medical dictionary, recent news and more. The database is free to access with your library card. Visit www.cc-pl.org/consumer-health for more information.



Alexandria

March 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, March 17 *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb.

Cam's Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, March 22 *Bach to the Rescue* by Tom Angleberger. Grades 1-5.

Adults

Green Cleaning

4:30 & 5:30 pm Friday, March 18 This presentation will give you tips on how to make your home more eco-conscious. Register for only one program.



Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Experimenting with Chemistry

4 pm Thursday, March 24 Join members from the American Chemical Society and Northern Kentucky University as they give a hands-on presentation of chemistry experiments. You are sure to learn something new!

Families

Puppy Tales

11-12:30 pm Wednesday, March 9 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.

Play-Doh Playdate

3 pm Saturday, March 19 Use your imagination to create Play-Doh masterpieces. There will be lots of tools and colors of Play-Doh to help you unleash your creativity. **Children** Grades 1-5, unless noted.

STEAM LEGO Challenge

4:30 pm Wednesday, March 16 Complete STEAM challenges like the tallest tower, balloon-powered cars, mazes and more using hundreds of LEGOs.

Homeschool Hangout: STEAM LEGO Challenge

1 pm Wednesday, March 23 Have fun competing in LEGO challenges.

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

March Calendar

DIY Dungeons & Dragons Camp 6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, March 9

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Book Discussions

You've Been Booked

7 pm Monday, March 7 *Attack on Titan, Vol. 1* by Hajime Isayama. Ages 11-19.

Cup of Crime Book Club

7 pm Wednesday, March 9 *In the Woods* by Tana French.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, March 15 *The Rise and Fall of Dinosaurs* by Stephen L. Brusatte.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, March 17 *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Ages 8-12.

Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, March 24 *The Devil and Sherlock Holmes* by David Grann. All are welcome.

Adults

Cold Spring Stargazers Club

6-8:30 pm Thursday, March 3 Christa Speights, lecturer and planetarium director of the NKU Haile Planetarium, will join us to discuss spectroscopy, the study of the absorption and emission of light and other radiation by matter.

Dungeons and Dragons

5-8 pm Friday, March 4 Find out the mysteries of *A Grand Performance*, a one-shot adventure for up to six players. All levels of experiece are welcome.

DIY Dungeons & Dragons Camp

6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, March 9 Spice up your established Dungeons and Dragons campaign by making nicer maps, spell cards and even a 3-D printed map tile or two using provided supplies.

Pot O' Gold Craft

6 pm Thursday, March 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Be festive and feed your sweet tooth by making a pot o' gold candy dish with four-leaf clover decorations suited for a leprechaun.

You Can Tell a Lot Just by a Look

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, March 22 NKU's Dr. Brian Hackett will return as part of our Food for Thought series to help you find family treasures, answer questions about family heirlooms and discuss how to use context clues to tell the difference between different types of photographs. Sponsored by Highland Heights City Barbeque and filmed by Campbell Media.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Minecraft Club

5-7 Monday, March 14 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

7-10 pm Friday, March 18 Stick around after hours at the library to play board, card and video games with friends.

CCPL Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, March 19 Play Roblox with friends and other local kids using the library's private server. Ages 8-14.

Stage Combat with Kentucky Shakespeare

6-7:30 pm Monday, March 21 Kentucky Shakespeare will teach students how to safely perform a staged fight using hand-to-hand combat and swordplay. Learn how the pros make it seem so realistic as they lunge and parry in famous stage plays.

Gaming the Movies

5-8:45 pm Monday, March 28 Join us for a fun movie and game night.

Families

Dr. Seuss Party

11 am Saturday, March 5th Celebrate Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' beloved books with Seuss-inspired games and crafts.

Cincinnati Museum Center presents: Incredible Insects

11 am Saturday, March 12 As spring nears, get up close and personal with Earth's largest group of animals: insects.

Family Board and Card Game Day

1-5 pm Sunday, March 13 Go head-to-head with family by playing tabletop games at the library. Bring a favorite from home or choose from our large collection of over 250 board and card games.

Spring Crafts

11 am Saturday, March 26 Welcome spring with fun crafts.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Marble Run Mania

4 pm Thursday, March 3 Use the library's marble run kit to learn about science terms like energy, friction and inertia.

Homeschool Hangout: Science Fair

11 am Tuesday, March 8 Children will present science experiments they created at the library or brought from home.

LEGO Racers STEAM Challenge

4 pm Thursday, March 10 Put your STEAM skills to the test as you design, build, and race your own vehicles made from LEGOs and other materials.

St. Patrick's Day Party

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4 pm Thursday, March 17 Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by listening to Irish music, playing themed games and making crafts. Treat bags will be provided to enjoy at home.

Circuit Board Day

4 pm Thursday, March 24 Learn to make your own working circuit boards using Snap Circuits Jr. kits.

Picture Book Scavenger Hunt

4 pm Thursday, March 31 Put your love for picture books to the ultimate test during a scavenger hunt.

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 Exercise your little ones' busy bodies and minds with stories, songs, bouncy rhymes and a craft that matches the day's theme. 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.

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

March Calendar



Programs

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Book Discussions

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, March 9 *Sounds Like Titanic* by Jessica Chiccehitto Hindman.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, March 10 *Look, Grandma! Ni, Elisi!* by Art Coulson. Grades 1-5. Register to get a copy of the book to keep.

Adults

Try DIY: Green Cleaning

2 pm & 6:30 pm Tuesday, March 8 Learn tips and tricks to make your cleaning and home habits more eco-conscious. Attendees will receive recipes for two DIY products and samples. Register for only one program.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, March 15 Learn about and discuss technology in this judgment-free group. This month's topic is STEAM Tech Fun.

Seed Starting for Beginners

6-7:30 pm Wednesday, March 23 Enjoy a hands-on class on how to start flower and vegetable plants from seed. Participants will sow seeds to then grow and transplant into their home gardens.

Signature Series: The Umi Project

7 pm Friday, March 25 See description on pg. 3. Free tickets required.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Not Your Basic Dino Head Mask

3:30-5 pm Tuesday, March 1 Create your very own T-Rex mask.

Perler Bead STEAM

4 pm Thursday, March 3 This fun Perler Bead project melts science, art and math together. Ages 8-14.

Ultimate Bake-Off Escape Room

3-9 pm Friday, March 11 Race against the clock to prove yourself as the Ultimate Baker. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time. Only one registration is needed per team. Ages 8-19.

Tween Tech Playground

4 pm Thursday, March 17 Have fun with STEAM technology at the library, from a VR headset to turning an Origami cat into a robot. Ages 8-14.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Rolling Race Cars

2 pm Saturday, March 5 Make and then race a paper tube car.

Food Science

4 pm Monday, March 7 Try a variety of food-based science activities.

Perler Bead STEAM

4 pm Monday, March 14 Science, art and math will come together during this fun Perler Bead project.



Spring into Science

4 pm Monday, March 28 Learn about natural resources, energy, weather and more with Crystal Clear Science.

Families

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Homeschool Hive: Robots & Coding Fun

11 am Friday, March 4 Have fun with hands-on STEAM activities focused on robots and coding. Activities will feature educational technologies like Snap Circuits, Specdrums and Sphero, Makey

Makey and Orimagi. Ages 8-14.

Family STEAM Night

6-8 pm Saturday, March 19 See pg. 4 for details.

Cincinnati Museum Center: Digging for Dinos

4 pm Monday, March 21 Learn about dinosaurs and dig up fossils.

Puppy Tales 2-4 pm Saturday, March 26 Read a story or two to a specially trained therapy dog. Sessions will be 15 minutes. Staff will contact you to schedule a specific time.

Young Ones

Movers and Shakers

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

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 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.

Baby Seussical

10 am Saturday, March 12 Come get Seussically silly with songs, rhymes and books. A handprint craft will be included as well as fun Seuss-inspired activities for babies. Newborn-2.

Cincinnati Museum Center:

Digging for Dinos 4 pm Monday,

March 21

Mommy & Baby Yoga

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

Newport

March Calendar



Programs

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Book Discussions

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, March 1 *Race Against Time* by Jerry Mitchell.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, March 11 *I Can Make This Promise* by Christine Day. Ages 8-14.

Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, March 15 *There's Something About Sweetie* by Sandhya Menon.

Adults

Terracotta Coasters

6-7:30 pm Monday, March 7 Add a unique touch to your home with a set of DIY terracotta coasters.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am-5 pm Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12 9 am-noon Thursday, March 24 Stock up on reads at the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Held in the lower level of the Newport Branch, a large selection of affordable items are available.

Ombre Vases

6-7:30 pm Monday, March 14 Get ready for springtime blossoms by creating a flower vase.

The Great Builder Challenge

6-8 pm Monday, March 21 Complete building activities either alone or in small groups to see who reigns victorious.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Tween Scene

4 pm Tuesdays This month's Tween Scene activities include a sensory collage, colorful flower pots, LEGOs, car racing and DIY rings.

Felt Flowers

3-5 pm Wednesday, March 2 While we anticipate springtime blooms, make your own flowers from felt.

Impromptu

1 pm Thursdays Relax, play games, draw or simply hang out with friends.

Paper Seed Bombs

3-5 pm Wednesday, March 9 Learn how to make these quick and easy seed bombs to help beautify your garden or neighborhood.

Mini Foosball Table

3-4:30 pm Thursday, March 10 Goal! Flex your engineering and math skills by crafting an on-the-go mini foosball table.

Mini Emoji Mason Jars

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, March 16 What's your most used emoji? If you like emojis and art, visit the library to make adorable emoji jars.

Alphabet Kids Homeschool: Robot Hand 1 pm Wednesday, March 9

Children Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Alphabet Kids Homeschool: Robot Hand

1 pm Wednesday, March 9 Create your own robot hand that moves.

Alphabet Kids Homeschool

1 pm Thursdays Make nature pinch pots, study spelling, learn about St. Patrick's Day and the water cycle.

Li'l Explorers: Pot-O-Gold Slime

4 pm Monday, March 21 Make leprechaun-themed slime.

Families

Friendship Bracelets

11 am Saturday, March 5 Make a friendship bracelet using materials like beads, pipe cleaners, embroidery floss and more.

Salt Dough Shamrocks

11 am Saturday, March 12 Create a shamrock charm out of salt dough.

Family Fun Night

6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, March 17 You deserve a night out. We'll watch *Trolls* and have activities for kids of all ages.

Hello Spring

11 am Saturday, March 19 Prep for spring by making decorations from natural materials.

Pet Rock Tic-Tac-Toe

11 am Saturday, March 26 Make a Tic-Tac-Toe board.

Young Ones

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

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.





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Alexandria Branch

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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 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

Signature Series: Author Karen Abbott

True crime enthusiasts, this one is for you. Bestselling author Karen Abbott will join the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch at 7 pm Friday, April 22 to discuss her 2019 book *The Ghosts of Eden Park*. Set in Cincinnati during Prohibition, the real-life story follows George Remus, aka the "King of the Bootleggers," through tales of Gatsbyesque parties, FBI investigations, an affair and murder. A book signing and a short reception will follow the lecture. Free tickets are required and can be requested at www.cc-pl.org/signature-series. NONPROFIT ORG US POSTAGE PAID COVINGTON KY PERMIT 902

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