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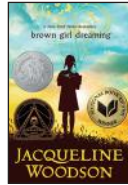
Board of Trustees Meeting

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:

- April 21 at Newport
- May 18 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- June 15 at Alexandria
- July 20 at Cold Spring

We suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: BOOKS BY DIVERSE VOICES



***Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson**

April is National Poetry Month! This book of poetry for middle grades is about her childhood growing up as an African American in the 1960s.

— **Brittany Parr, children's services programmer, Cold Spring Branch**



***The Land of Forgotten Girls* by Erin Entrada Kelly**

A tearjerker, it's about two Filipino sisters, Sol and Ming, who live in poverty in Louisiana with their mean stepmother after their father abandons them. While it discusses racism, immigration and parental neglect, it also showcases what children do to cope with hardship and find hidden happiness in the cracks of life.

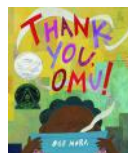
— **Lisa Kuhn, patron services assistant, Newport Branch**



***The Serpent's Secret* by Sayantani DasGupta**

Kiranmala is a normal 12-year old girl until her parents disappear and she learns she is actually an Indian princess from another world. This is an amazing mix of fantasy with Indian mythology and modern humor!

— **Carrie Ratterman, branch supervisor, Alexandria Branch**



***Thank You, Omu* by Oge Mora**

It's a sweet book about sharing, kindness and community. Omu, which means queen in Igbo, cooks a delicious stew that attracts people from the community to her door.

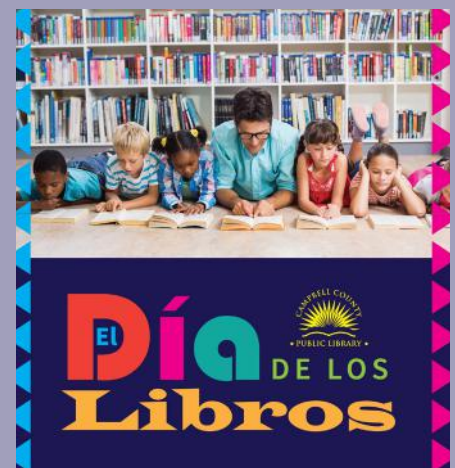
— **Andrea Holt, outreach services assistant**

El Día de Los Libros

Celebrate cultures from around the world for El Día de los Libros, or Day of the Book. Held from 11 am to 3 pm Saturday, April 30 at the Cold Spring Branch, the program emphasizes the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds by connecting families to diverse books and languages.

There will be to-go snack bags, crafts and interactive performances from local organizations, including a West African movement and music workshop with Bi-Okoto, a professional dance and drum company, from 11-11:45 am. Keep the movement going at 2-2:45 pm with a dance performance from the Cultural Center of India.

Between noon-2 pm, drop by the Book Bus to receive a free book and get a fun balloon animal from a Cincinnati Circus artist. Registration is not required.





Book Bus: Making a Stop Near You, *continued from the cover*

With the goal of getting free books in the hands of Campbell County children, patrons can find the Book Bus parked at library branches, community events and more throughout the year.

Our Book Bus starts rolling this month. Look out for its orange-red exterior complete with a reading Cam. Before you visit, here is everything you need to know.

Book Bus Basics

Bring your kids and leave with a book for them and you! All Book Bus visitors are allowed one free book per visit. The books have no due date as they are yours to keep.

While the Book Bus primarily stocks free books for children ages newborn to fifth grade, it does have a smaller supply of titles for any tweens, teens or adults who may visit.

Other Services

If you want to browse our collection or access the internet while visiting the Book Bus, you're in luck! The vehicle provides free

public Wi-Fi. That means you'll be able to sign up for library cards and return library items you've checked out.

Can't get enough of the library? While visiting the Book Bus, ask staff about services and upcoming programs available at any of our branches.

Kickoff Events

The Book Bus is kicking off its trek across Campbell County just in time for National Library Week. Meet our new Book Bus at your favorite branch and pick out a book to take home and keep. Bonus: We'll also give away free library swag, while supplies last.

We'll park at all four locations from 3-5 pm on the following dates:

MONDAY, APRIL 4
at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
at the Newport Branch

THURSDAY, APRIL 7
at the Cold Spring Branch

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
at the Alexandria Branch

Upcoming Visits

Keep updated on the Book Bus' whereabouts by visiting www.cc-pl.org/book-bus or asking for a printed schedule at any of our branches. It will visit community events and spaces in Campbell County throughout the year along with occasionally stopping by large library programs, including this month's El Día de los Libros on April 30.

If you want the Book Bus to visit your event, fill out a form on our website at least a week in advance. Filling out the form does not guarantee that we'll be able to participate. Requirements include that it must be a public event in Campbell County, open to all, have level ground to park on and enough room for people to board the vehicle safely.

The library is excited to serve Campbell County with our new Book Bus. Stop by with your children to receive a free book. You may find a new favorite!



Signature Series: Author Karen Abbott

New York Times bestselling author Karen Abbott joins the library to discuss her 2019 book *The Ghosts of Eden Park*. Set across the river in Cincinnati during Prohibition and The Jazz Age, the historical true-crime novel is packed with deep research

and engaging narrative writing. It follows German immigrant George Remus, aka "King of the Bootleggers," through Gatsby-esque parties, FBI investigations, an affair and murder.

Hear Abbott speak at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch as part of our Signature Series at 7 pm Friday, April 22. The branch will close at 5 pm to prepare for the event. A book signing and short reception will follow the lecture. A free ticket is required. Request tickets at www.cc-pl.org/signature-series.



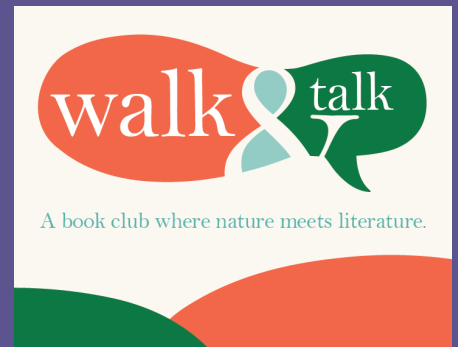
Walk & Talk Book Club

Take in nature while discussing literature at our Walk & Talk Book Club. Every first Wednesday of the month at 11 am April through September, we'll meet at Fort Thomas' Tower Park (900 S. Fort Thomas Ave.) to discuss books and enjoy the outdoors. Instead of assigned readings, members can pick their own book based on a theme.

The club is open to any interested adults, including caregivers who may need to bring a child in a stroller. Share what you read and hear what others thought of their month's selection. If you need help choosing a book, the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch will have a display and list of options each month. Themes and meeting dates include:

- April 6: Laugh Out Loud
- May 4: Celebrate Diversity
- June 1: Great Outdoors
- July 6: Beach Reads
- Aug. 3: Required Reading
- Sept. 7: Animal Book Covers

In the case of inclement weather, the club will meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Learn more and register to attend at www.cc-pl.org/book-clubs.



Happy Birthday to You!

Sign up for our birthday club and receive a free gift from our librarians when your big day comes around. Children newborn to 11 and teens ages 12 to 19 can sign up at their

favorite branch by filling out slips located in the children and teens sections of the library and dropping them in marked boxes.

Once signed up, we'll mail a postcard to the provided address. Bring the postcard back to the library to receive the free gift, which may include anything from puzzles to mini games to crafts and more. Available gifts are chosen based on age, so children and teens can all find something of interest.



Alexandria

April Calendar

DIY Pom-Pom Bunnies
4:30 pm Friday,
April 15



Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Alexandria Book Club

7:30 pm Thursday, April 21

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

Cam's Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, April 26

John's Secret Dreams: The Life of John Lennon by Doreen Rappaport. Register to receive a free copy of the book. Grades 1-5.

Adults

DIY Yarn Painting on Canvas

5-6:30 pm Thursday, April 7

Decorate your home or office with a beautiful piece of art made by you.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

DIY Pop-Tart Pillows

5 pm Thursday, April 14

Do you like Pop-Tarts? Make colorful pillows

inspired by the childhood breakfast staple that look good enough to eat.

Families

Puppy Tales

11 am - 12:30 pm Wednesday, April 13

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.

Here Comes the Sun

1:30 pm Saturday, April 23

Dance and sing along to classic Beatles music performed by local musician Xander Wells. The concert will take place at the large shelter by the lake at Alexandria Park (3965 Alexandria Drive). In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Alexandria Branch.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

DIY Pinch Pots

3 pm Saturday, April 9

Create pinch pots using air-dry clay. Take them

home, let them dry and paint the pots however you like. Aprons will be available to wear.

DIY Pom-Pom Bunnies

4:30 pm Friday, April 15

Celebrate springtime with cute cotton-tailed bunnies crafted from pom-poms and felt.

Homeschool Hangout: Springtime Celebration

1 pm Wednesday, April 20

Welcome spring by making crafts inspired by the change of seasons.

Young Ones

Recurring story times will take a break starting the fourth week of April and resume in June.

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

April Calendar



Easter Egg Hunt
11 am Saturday,
April 9

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

You've Been Booked

7-8:45 pm Monday, April 4

The Princess Bride by William Goldman.
Ages 11-19.

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, April 13

Dead in Dublin by C.E. Murphy.

Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, April 28

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote.
All are welcome.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, April 19

The Secret Lives of the Four Wives by
Lola Shoneyin.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, April 21

Diary of a Wimpy Kid #1 by Jeff Kinney.
Register to receive a free copy of the book.
Ages 8-12.

Adults

Dungeons and Dragons

5-8 pm Friday, April 1

Solve the mysteries of *Meshugge Manor on Hunter's Hill*, a one-shot adventure for up to six players. All levels of experience are welcome to attend.

Cold Spring Stargazers Club

6-8:30 pm Thursday, April 7

Haile Planetarium is one of the hidden gems of Northern Kentucky University. Tour the planetarium with Planetarium Director Christa Speights during the last Stargazers Club of the season.

Scarlett and Julie: Mythic Portrayals of Southern Women in the Golden Age of Hollywood

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, April 19

In this installment of our City Barbeque Food for Thought series, NKU's Dr. Andrea Watkins will explore the truths and myths perpetuated by Hollywood about the lives of women living in the antebellum South by using clips and images from classics like *Gone with the Wind*.

Poetry Reading with Kelly Moffett

6:30 pm Wednesday, April 20

Celebrate National Poetry Month with a reading from local author Kelly Moffett.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, April 11

Explore the world of Minecraft by using the library's server! You can log in from home using your Java account or come in person. Ages 8-14.



After Hours Game Night

7-10 pm Friday, April 15

Play board and card games from our collection or bring a favorite from home. The library also has five different video game systems.

CCPL Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, April 16

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

Teen Advisory Board and Hangout

5-7 pm Monday, April 18

Join us for a special Teen Advisory Board. We will ask teens what they'd like to see in our programming, prizes and more. All ideas are welcome! Stick around afterward to play games and hang out.

Gaming the Movies

5-8:45 pm Monday, April 25

We'll watch a movie and then play a board game inspired by it.

Families

Pokémon Party

11 am Saturday, April 2

Put your Pokémon trainer skills to the test by playing games and challenges.

Easter Egg Hunt

11 am Saturday, April 9

Find as many Easter eggs with hidden surprises as you can.

Family Board and Card Game Day

1-5 pm Sunday, April 10

Go head-to-head with family by choosing from our collection of over 250 board and card games.

Encanto Movie Day

11 am Saturday, April 23

Enter the magical world of the Madrigals as we watch *Encanto* and enjoy crafts inspired by the movie. Snacks provided.

El Día de Los Libros

11 am - 3 pm Saturday, April 30

See description on pg. 2.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Cincinnati Opera Storybook Hour

4 pm Thursday, April 7

Cincinnati Opera's teaching artists will read an opera storybook, sing/play recordings of operatic selections and lead a craft.

Homeschool Hangout: Wings of Wonder

11 am Tuesday, April 12

Cincinnati Zoo's Wings of Wonder soars to the library! Learn about birds, their natural history, behaviors and stories.

Easter Party

4 pm Thursday, April 14

Make Easter-themed crafts and play games.

Unbirthday Party

4 pm Thursday, April 21

A very merry unbirthday to you! Yes, you. Did you know that you have 364 unbirthdays a year? This *Alice in Wonderland*-themed party boasts crafts, games and sweet treats.

Young Ones

Recurring story times will take a break starting the fourth week of April and resume in June.

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.



Easter Party
4 pm Thursday,
April 14

Carrico/Fort Thomas

April Calendar

Geeking @ the Library
5-7 pm Saturday,
April 16



Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Walk & Talk Book Club

11 am Wednesday, April 6
See description on pg. 4.

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, April 13
The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, April 14
Hiking Day by Anne Rockwell. Register to receive a free copy of the book.

Adults

Organizing and Cleaning

3 pm Tuesday, April 12
Learn the ABCs of organizing as well as healthy cleaning alternatives.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, April 19
Learn about new technology in this judgment-free group. This month's topic is online financial literacy. We will discuss the pros and cons of online banking, taxes and other transactions.

Exploring Local History: The Poetry of Place with Alexandra McIntosh

6:30 pm Thursday, April 21
Kentucky writer Alexandra McIntosh will share how the hills and forests of Northern Kentucky inspire her through readings and a conversation about her process.

Signature Series: Author Karen Abbott

7 pm Friday, April 22
See description on pg. 4.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Book BINGO

4 pm Thursday, April 7
Play a classic round of BINGO. Winners receive a free book.

Homeschool Hive: Engineer It!

11 am Friday, April 8
Solve problems and build working machines with the Cincinnati Museum Center.
Ages 8-14.

Q-Tips Lambs & Llamas

4 pm Thursday, April 14
Make a unique and fun animal friend out of Q-tips and clothespins.

Tween Anime Day

4 pm Thursday, April 21
Watch anime with other tweens who love it as much as you. Ages 8-14.

Aluminum and Sharpie Art

4 pm Tuesday, April 26
Make a shiny masterpiece on aluminum foil with Sharpies.





Spring Party
4 pm Monday,
April 11

Families

Geeking @ the Library

5-7 pm Saturday, April 16

Link up with fellow geeks at the library during this after-hours program. Along with playing board and card games, you can battle it out in a double-elimination Mario Kart tournament. The top three winners will take home prizes. Geekdom has no age limit. All ages are welcome. Children ages 10 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Puppy Tales

2-4 pm Saturday, April 23

Come read a story or two to a specially trained therapy dog. The program is a great opportunity for kids to practice their reading skills in a comfortable environment. Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

DIY Soft Puzzle

2 pm Saturday, April 2

Create a soft puzzle from felt.

Book BINGO

4 pm Monday, April 4

Make new friends while playing BINGO. Winners receive a free book.

Spring Party

4 pm Monday, April 11

Have you been craving warmer weather? Spring is in the air! Celebrate the change of season with games, prizes and a craft.

Beaded Wind Chime

4 pm Monday, April 18

Make a wind chime.

Young Ones

Recurring story times will take a break starting the fourth week of April and resume in June.

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.

Bunny Babies

10 am Saturday, April 9

Celebrate spring with songs, books and lots of bunny hopping. Newborn-2, especially for walkers.

Mommy and Baby Yoga

10:30 Saturday, April 23

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



Newport

April Calendar

**Glow in the Dark
Easter Egg Hunt**
8:30 pm Saturday,
April 16



Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, April 5

The Women in Black by Madeleine St. John.

Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, April 19

Raybearer by Jordan Ifueko.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, April 8

Making Friends by Kristen Gudsruk. Register to receive a free copy of the book. Ages 8-14.

Adults

Decorative Egg Hanger

6-8 pm Monday, April 4

This oval-shaped door or wall hanger is perfect for Easter.

Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt

8:30 pm Saturday, April 16

Channel your inner child by searching for Easter eggs around the library at night.

Book Tasting

6-7:30 pm Monday, April 25

Are you looking for a new author or another book to read from your favorite genre? Choose your next great read with library staff.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am-noon Thursday, April 28

Browse a wide selection of books at incredible prices at the Friends of the Library Book Sale, which takes place in the Friends Room on the lower level of the Newport Branch. Prices range from 25 cents to \$3. Some books are free! Cash and checks only.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Tween Scene

4 pm Tuesdays

Activities include puzzle piece art, salt dough Easter eggs and newspaper art. No program on April 26. Ages 8-14.

Remake Art

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, April 6

In honor of Earth Day, we will reuse old art pieces and give them new life.

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

Bring your friends to relax, play games, draw or just hang out. The time is planned, the fun is not.

Butterfly Decor

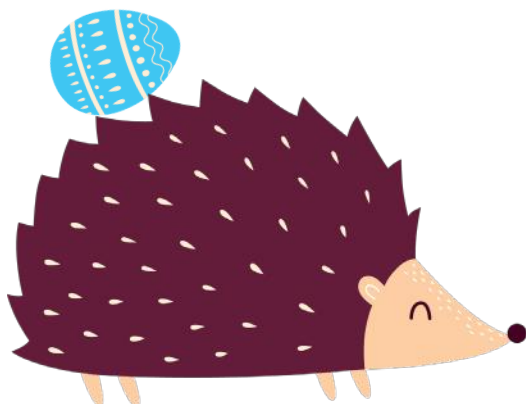
3-5 pm Wednesday, April 20

The peak season for butterflies is almost here, so make a craft inspired by the winged insects.

DIY Wall Hanging

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, April 27

Add a creative decoration to your room.





Spring EGGstravaganza
11 am Saturday,
April 16

Families

Feed the Birds

11 am Saturday, April 2
Welcome springtime birds by making a feeder.

Fluffy Paint

11 am Saturday, April 9
Use fluffy paint to make your own masterpiece.

Spring EGGstravaganza

11 am Saturday, April 16
Brighten your day with fun spring activities at the library.

Family Fun Night: *The LEGO Movie*

6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, April 21
Have a family night at the library as we watch *The LEGO Movie*. We will also have games and crafts to enjoy.

Garden Seed Bombs

11 am Saturday, April 23
Celebrate Earth Day by creating seed bombs for your garden.

Children

Grades 1-5, unless noted.

Alphabet Kids Homeschool

1 pm Thursdays
At this month's Alphabet Kids, we will learn about a butterfly's life cycle, poetry and Earth Day. No program on April 28.

Lil Explorers

4 pm Monday, April 11
Decorate an Easter egg.

Young Ones

Recurring story times will take a break starting the fourth week of April and resume in June.

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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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

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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

Arts & Culture Series

Enjoy performances by local professional orchestras and choirs every Friday in May as our annual Arts & Culture series returns to the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch, which will close early at 5 pm to prepare for the programs. Concerts begin at 7 pm. Registration is required. The lineup is as follows:

May 6: Musik Von Zinzinnati with the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra

May 13: Ladies of Macbeth with the Shakespeare Band

May 20: Cincinnati Boychoir

May 27: The Unforgettable Maddy Gaines & the Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra



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.