Meet painter Anna Afshar at Art After Hours

Featuring 17 artists, the annual program returns to the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch with music, food and art.

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The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken
This book playfully encourages young artists to use their imaginations to create new ideas out of mistakes. Rather than being upset about an accident while drawing, the illustrator/narrator uses her mistakes to tell an ever-changing story.
— Katherine Woolums, children’s programmer, Alexandria Branch

Kusama: The Graphic Novel by Elisa Macellari
I was first introduced to the works of Yayoi Kusama from another book, Yayoi Kusama: To Infinity and Beyond, and from there simply gravitated to her visually minimalist but impactful art style. This graphic novel helps not only showcase her art but also to give insight into how her style formed.
— Katherine Wallace, patron services assistant, Cold Spring Branch

Barely Functional Adult by Meichi Ng
This book was a great burst of humor for me while the skies were grey and rainy. It is a quick read that you won’t want to put down. If you are one of those young adults who knows you should be doing better at this thing we call “adulting,” you will find comic artist Meichi Ng’s experiences relatable.
— Morgan Lockard-Ellis, adult/teen services librarian, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick
Ben and Rose are two people living 50 years apart. While Ben’s story is told only in words, Rose’s story is told through pictures. Each person is searching for a missing part of themselves. Their independent stories eventually weave into one beautiful ending. With over 460 pages of original artwork, the book is visually breathtaking.
— Valerie Davis, branch manager, Newport Branch

Tiny Art Show
New this year is the Tiny Art Show. Choose your medium and create a miniature artwork on a 3-by-3-inch canvas. Your creativity may pay off: The canvases will be displayed by age group—adults, teens and children—at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch during Art After Hours on Friday, July 29. Event attendees will cast their votes for Best Overall and Best for Summer Reading Theme in each age category. Winners will receive a Michael's gift card!

If interested, make sure to register for a Take & Make bag and submit your creation by 5 pm Tuesday, July 26. There are also four in-person programs divided by age:
• Children: 4 pm Monday, July 18
• Adults: 2 pm & 6:30 pm Thursday, July 21
• Teens: 4 pm Thursday, July 21
All events and Take & Make pickups are held at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.

Join the Friends
The Board of the Friends of the Campbell County Public Library is accepting applications for new members. Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, July 20. You can find the application form online at www.cc-pl.org/friends. Board members will be elected at the annual meeting on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 6:15 pm.
Meet painter Anna Afshar at Art After Hours, **continued from the cover**

A couple strolls down a rainy city sidewalk, covered by a red umbrella; a woman in a trenchcoat stops to peer through windows as she walks a shaggy dog; people read, work and drink in a cafe. These are examples of moments Anna Afshar dreamily renders in her watercolor paintings.

You can meet Afshar at Art After Hours on Friday, July 29 from 7-9 pm at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch. The featured artists work in a range of styles and mediums. Each will be available to discuss their work and items will be available for purchase.

Afshar’s childhood in Lithuania and Russia brimmed with trips to galleries, symphony halls and theatres. Despite believing that an artist was always inside her, she started her career as a chemist.

“My son left his paints out one time when he was two years old,” Afshar says. “I thought, ‘I need to try (painting). I haven’t held a brush in many years.’ I picked up a brush and I signed up for a class and that’s it.”

Now a full-time artist based in Indianapolis, Afshar has studied with artists from around the world. She is a signature member of the Watercolor Society of Indiana, Hoosier Salon and Indiana Artist Club.

According to www.annaafsharart.com, Afshar admires paintings that are spontaneous and free. Many of her works capture scenes both from nearby cities and across the globe, from Cincinnati to Chicago and Paris to Florence, Italy.

When she travels, she frequents museums for inspiration and to learn from painting masters. Even a walk in her own neighborhood can jumpstart her imagination for what to paint. Many of her works are plein air, meaning that they are painted outdoors.

“Every time I paint, everything I see is the abstract shapes created by any subject,” Afshar says.

“That is what inspires me to paint. It’s the abstraction—even a realistic or impressionistic painting is still an abstraction, an arrangement of shapes in a beautiful way.”

She expands on the idea by citing Cincinnati’s Roebling Bridge. Depending on the time of day and weather, light plays on the bridge’s structure, creating new shapes, angles and emotions.

Recently, a woman in a yellow skirt standing on a bridge in Paris caught her eye. She took a few pictures, catching the woman gazing in different directions. Whether it’s a dog, flower, person or nature scene, Afshar chooses elements from her surroundings and then composes them into a painting.

Though she also works with oils and acrylics, Afshar originally gravitated toward watercolors because it was readily available and mostly non-toxic. The medium also speaks to her free-spirited nature.

“I really like to let things go and see what happens,” Afshar says, later adding that she tries not to overthink her process. “Watercolors speak to my nature, the freedom of it, the immediacy and surprise.”

Event attendees may get to see new works: She is planning to travel to Europe ahead of Art After Hours. Hopefully, she says, that will result in new plein air paintings. Either way, Afshar loves connecting with customers and sharing the stories behind individual works.

To learn about other featured artists, visit www.cc-pl.org/art-after-hours.
Make it a Graphic Novel Summer

This summer, consider picking a graphic novel or manga for your poolside read. Each branch has a diverse selection of graphic novels to choose from. From titles that transform classics into comic form to adventure stories to beloved series and even nonfiction, there’s something for all interests and ages in this wide-catching genre. Visually and intellectually stimulating, their approachable, fast-paced format is perfect for readers in search of a quick, impactful experience—and anyone participating in this year’s Summer Reading program. Our digital catalog also has hundreds of titles to choose from. Download them to read on Libby, a free easy-to-use app that allows users access to online materials on their personal computers, smartphones, e-readers or tablets.

Keep Reading!

We’re halfway through Summer Reading! If you find yourself in need of inspiration, the library has several resources sure to help you secure your next read and, in turn, close in on Summer Reading goals for the chance to win prizes.

Fiction fans, look no further than NoveList for your next perfect beach read. Patrons can use their library card to access the database, which gives users book recommendations based on titles and authors they enjoy. NoveList can be accessed at www.cc-pl.org/novelist.

For a more curated experience, check out book lists created by our library staff. Broken down by genre, age and themes, each list includes a variety of handpicked titles. Visit www.cc-pl.org/recommendations to browse topics. Of course, you can also ask our staff for suggestions next time you drop by your favorite branch.

You can also make progress on your Summer Reading logs by requesting a Book Care Package. The service is available for at-home storytimes as well as children and teens of all ages and reading levels. Learn more at www.cc-pl.org/book-care-packages.
Programs
Registration is required for all programs.

Book Discussions

After Hours Book Club
7:30 pm Thursday, July 21
A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

Cam’s Kids Book Club
4:30 pm Tuesday, July 26
Night Walk to the Sea by Deborah Wiles. Grades 1-5. Register to get a free copy of the book.

Adults

Mosaic Tea Tray
5-6:30 pm Tuesday, July 12
Make a beautiful tray perfect for serving tea.

Teens & Tweens
Ages 11-19.

Dot Painting
5-6:30 pm Thursday, July 14
Dot colorful paint on canvas and then use a squeegee to make a unique design. Come prepared to work with acrylic paint.

Families

Puppy Tales
11 am Wednesday, July 6
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.

Bioluminescence Experiment
2:30 pm Tuesday, July 5
Learn about bioluminescence by watching a glow-in-the-dark experiment.

Pom-Pom Sea Turtles
2:30 pm Saturday, July 9
Use pom-poms to create sea turtles.

Save the Ocean
2:30 pm Friday, July 15
Learn how to help keep the ocean clean while enjoying fun games and activities.

Mermaid Party
2:30 pm Thursday, July 21
Sing songs, make seashell jewelry and create a crown fit for seafaring royalty.

DIY Sea Animals
2:30 pm Friday, July 29
Make your favorite sea animals using air-dry clay.

Young Ones

Preschool Story Time
11:15 am Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
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, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
Socialize your little ones while making connections with other parents during this story time. Newborn-2.

Oobleck Ocean
2:30 pm Wednesday, July 13
Play in an ocean made of oobleck, a material somewhere between liquid and solid. Ages 2-3.

Wax and Water Resistance Art
2:30 pm Tuesday, July 26
Draw an underwater scene using crayons and watercolors. Ages 3-5.
Programs
Registration is required for all programs.

Book Discussions

Cup of Crime Book Club
7 pm Wednesday, July 13
The Five by Hallie Rubenhold.

You’ve Been Booked!
7-8:45 pm Monday, July 18
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen.

Tuesday Book Club
10-11:30 am Tuesday, July 19
The Reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club
11:30 am Thursday, July 21
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Ages 8-12. Register to get free copy of the book to keep.

Real Men Read
7-9 pm Thursday, July 28
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

Adults

Dungeons and Dragons
5-8 pm Friday, July 1
Solve the mysteries of Monsieur Emmic’s Academy for the Gifted during this one-shot adventure game for up to six players.

Ocean Breeze Candles
6:30-8 pm Thursday, July 7
Transport yourself to the beach by making a clear ocean scene candle.

After Hours Game Night
7-10 pm Friday, July 15
Play board, card and video games from our collection or bring a favorite from home.

Floral Arrangements
6:30 pm Thursday, July 21
Broken Oaks Farm’s Amber will teach patrons how to make beautiful floral arrangements.

Christmas in July
6:30 pm Wednesday, July 27
Celebrate Christmas early with hot chocolate, decorating cookies, holiday music and even a white elephant grab bag.

Teens & Tweens
Ages 11-19.

Under the Sea Karaoke
5-7 pm Wednesday, July 6
Whether it is a Billy Ocean song, a favorite Disney tune or even an off-the-path indie song, share your talent with karaoke. Have fun with local teens as you dance and relish your moment on the ‘stage’ as a star.

Mini Masterpieces
5-7 pm Monday, July 11
Join fellow artists as you use miniature easels and paintbrushes to create a stunning work of art that’s small enough to fit in the palm of your hand.

Nerf Toy Games
5-7 pm Tuesday, July 19
Take on local teens in a series of challenges using Nerf toys. There will be targets and prizes galore.

Retro Game Night
5-8 pm Monday, July 25
Play cool games and video game consoles from decades past.
Escape the Library!
Deep Sea Adventures
2-4:45 pm Saturday, July 30
Break out your thinking caps and join forces with your teammates to put your escape skills to the test.

Families
The WAVE Foundation Presents: Science of Sharks
11 am Saturday, July 2
Meet coral cat sharks from The WAVE Foundation.

Finding Nemo Movie Day
11 am Saturday, July 9
Watch Finding Nemo and stick around to make totally righteous art inspired by the movie.

Family Board and Card Game Day
1-5 pm Sunday, July 10
Ready for family game night? Come to the library and play board, card and video games from our collection or bring a favorite from home.

Pearls, Jewels of the Sea
11 am Saturday, July 16
Learn about how pearls are produced and then "dive" for your own pearls, which will be used to make a keychain or bracelet.

Oversized Board Games
11 am Saturday, July 23
Play giant versions of classic games, including Jenga, Connect Four, chess and more.

Harry Potter Birthday Ice Cream Social
11 am Saturday, July 30
Celebrate Harry Potter’s birthday with a sweet treat, games and other activities inspired by our favorite wizard.

Children
Grades 1-5.

Book BINGO
4 pm Thursday, July 7
Play BINGO for the chance to earn books as prizes.

Submarine Science
4 pm Thursday, July 14
Submarines are large, powerful vessels that travel underwater. Create one using a plastic bottle.

Sink or Float Science
4 pm Thursday, July 21
Use the scientific method to learn about density and determine if objects will sink or float.

Oil Spill Cleanup
4 pm Thursday, July 28
Learn about oil spills and their effects on ocean ecosystems.

Young Ones
Tot Time
9:30 & 11:30 am Monday, July 11, 18 & 25
Build your child’s development skills through engaging and interactive stories, songs, motor skills and open play. Ages 1-3.

Baby Time
9:30 am Tuesday, July 5, 12 & 26
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 Tuesday, July 5, 12 & 26
Help your child develop their pre-literacy and motor skills with themed stories, play and crafts. Ages 3-5.

Toddler Time
10 & 11 am Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 & 27
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.
Programs
Registration is required for all programs, except Art After Hours.

Book Discussions
Walk & Talk Book Club
11 am Wednesday, July 6
Meet at Fort Thomas’ Tower Park (900 S. Fort Thomas Ave.) to discuss books and enjoy nature. Members can pick their book based on a theme. July’s theme: Beach Reads.

Coffee & Conversation
2 pm Wednesday, July 13
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Adults
Harness the Power of Stormwater Runoff
6:30 pm Thursday, July 7
An environmental scientist will give step-by-step information on managing stormwater runoff in one’s own yard and neighborhoods.

Ocean-Themed Trivia
6:30 Thursday, July 14
Challenge your knowledge of the ocean and its inhabitants in a round of trivia. Teens are also welcome to join.

Teens & Tweens
Ages 11-19.

Dungeons & Dragons
6:30-9 pm Friday, July 1 & 22
Play a nautical-themed session of D&D. Pre-generated characters and other basic supplies will be available.

Jellyfish Paper Lantern
4 pm Tuesday, July 5
Make and hang a jellyfish paper lantern to bring a bit of the ocean into your room.

Talking Tech Troubles
2 pm Tuesday, July 19
Learn about new technology in this judgment-free group. This month’s topic: Waterproof Tech Accessories. Discover popular waterproof technology perfect for taking to the beach or pool.

Tiny Art Show
2 pm & 6:30 pm Thursday, July 21
See details on page 2.

Art After Hours
7-9 pm Friday, July 29
See details on page 3. Registration is not required.

Underwater Canvas Scene
4 pm Thursday, July 7

Water Pokémon Party
4 pm Tuesday, July 12
If you love all things Pokémon, join the library to have fun with other fans to watch the anime, play games and craft. Water-type Pokémon will be featured at the program to celebrate our Summer Reading theme. Ages 8-14.

Water Obstacle Course
4 pm Tuesday, July 26
Grab a towel and wear a swimsuit. You’re guaranteed to get wet in this obstacle course.

Tiny Art Show
2 pm & 6:30 pm Thursday, July 21
See details on page 2.

Water Art Party
3-5 pm Saturday, July 30
The end of Summer Reading is here! Enjoy a variety of crafts featuring water while watching Disney’s Atlantis: The Lost Empire.
**Families**

**WAVE Foundation Presents: Science of Sharks**
2 pm Saturday, July 2
Sharks are often misrepresented and misunderstood. The WAVE Foundation is working to change that. Meet coral cat sharks while learning about the species.

**Cincinnati Observatory Presents: Ocean Aliens**
11 am Friday, July 8
The Cincinnati Observatory will join library patrons to discuss how scientists use their knowledge of Earth to search for evidence of life in the Milky Way and beyond.

**Puppy Tales**
2-4 pm Saturday, July 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.

**Ocean Collage**
2 pm Saturday, July 16
Make a beautiful ocean animal collage.

**Family Map-Making Night**
6:30 pm Thursday, July 28
Map out anything from a fantastical realm to your neighborhood. Get inspired by old nautical maps or ones from books like *Lord of the Rings*, *A Song of Ice and Fire*, *The Wizard of Oz* and more.

**Splash Art**
11 am Saturday, July 30
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading by making a variety of art projects using water!

**Children**
Grades 1-5.

**Cincinnati Museum Center Presents: Coral**
4 pm Monday, July 11
Learn what coral is, where it lives, what it eats and how it protects itself.

**Tiny Art Show**
4 pm Monday, July 18
See details on page 2.

**Upcycled Ocean Wreaths**
4 pm Monday, July 25
Upcycle materials into an ocean-themed wreath.

**Young Ones**

**Movers and Shakers**
10 am Monday, July 11, 18 & 25
Shake, move and sing in this active, musical story time that includes open play. Ages 2-3.

**Lap Time**
10 am Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 & 27
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 Thursday, July 7, 14, 21 & 28
9:30 am Friday, July 1 & 15
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 Sharkies**
10 am Saturday, July 23
Celebrate all-things sharks with your little ones. Sing songs and read books. There will be water bins filled with ocean creatures and a special shark bubble machine. Newborn-2.
Programs
Registration is required for all programs.

Book Discussions
Newport Book Club
7 pm Tuesday, July 5
The Liar’s Dictionary by Eley Williams.

Tween Book Club
4 pm Friday, July 8
When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed. Ages 8-14. Register to get a free copy of the book.

Young Adult for Grown Adults
7 pm Tuesday, July 19
One of Us is Lying by Karen M. McManus.

Adults
Seashells & Starfish Centerpiece
5:30 pm Friday, July 8
Channel the beach by creating a nautical centerpiece.

Wood Slice Painting
5:30-7:30 pm Monday, July 11
We often use different types of mediums to paint. Create scenes like mountainscapes, cozy cabins or even a campsite with a fire on wood slices.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
9 am – 5 pm Thursday-Saturday, July 14-16
9 am - noon Thursday, July 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.

Essential Oil Beaded Bracelets
6-7:30 pm Monday, July 18
Customize a bracelet by choosing beads and a scent.

Button Art
5:30-7:30 pm Monday, July 25
Create art with buttons of all different colors, shapes and sizes.

Teens & Tweens
Ages 11-19.

Tween Scene
4 pm Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
Enjoy water science, egg carton fish, DIY underwater painting and seashell collages at this month’s Tween Scene. Ages 8-14.

Hanging Lanterns
3-4:30 pm Wednesday, July 6
Make a lantern, which is used to signify summer in many cultures around the world.

Create with Clay
6 pm Wednesday, July 13
Use air dry clay to make something unique.

Rainbow Birds
3-5 pm Wednesday, July 20
Come to the library to make a cool bird craft.

Essential Oil Hair Wave Defining Spray
6 pm Wednesday, July 27
Keep your hair hydrated with this DIY hairspray.
Chocolate Olympics
1-3 pm Saturday, July 30
As summer comes to a close, join us for our own chocolatey spin on the Olympic Games.

Families

Paper Roll Fish Craft
11 am Saturday, July 2
Turn recycled materials into a paper fish.

Light Up the Sea
11 am Saturday, July 9
Learn about bioluminescence in the ocean and make a light-up creature.

Sand Art
11 am Saturday, July 16
All you need to bring for this sandy art project is your creativity.

Family Fun Night: Finding Dory
6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, July 21
Games, crafts and a movie make for a perfect family outing. Come to the library to watch Finding Dory.

Save the Turtles
11 am Saturday, July 23
The South Carolina Aquarium’s Sea Turtle Care Center will virtually join the library to teach us about the species, the dangers they face and how they can be helped. A craft will follow the presentation.

Jellyfish Suncatchers
11 am Saturday, July 30
Capture the sun with a jellyfish craft.

Children
Grades 1-5.

Li’l Explorers
4 pm Wednesday, July 6, 13, 20 & 27
Create colorful sand layers using crushed Froot Loops, learn about sharks, craft your own sea pet critter and make an indoor sandcastle at this month’s Li’l Explorers.

Alphabet Kids
1 pm Tuesday, July 14
Over eighty percent of the ocean remains unexplored. Learn what sea creatures live in its deepest layers.

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Young Ones

Ready for K Through Play
10 am Monday, July 11, 18 & 25
Prepare your child for kindergarten with this classic story time involving books, music and play. Ages 3-5.

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
10 am Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19 & 26
Develop your little one’s literacy skills with this story and singing time. Newborn-2.

Little Bookworms
10 am Thursday, July 7, 14, 21 & 28
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. Ages 3-5.
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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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Download the library app:
www.cc-pl.org/app

Visit us online @ www.cc-pl.org

LOOKING AHEAD

Spotlight Series
Our Spotlight Series returns in August, featuring three talks with local authors and speakers. Programs include:

• Aug. 11: Miranda Kadiric, author of I Am a Refugee: Finding Home Again in America will share her childhood journey of fleeing war-torn Bosnia for Kentucky.

• Aug. 18: Wayne Onkst, the former state librarian, will present the history of bookmobiles in Kentucky.

• Aug. 25: Paul Daughtery, co-author of Finish Strong: A Father's Code and a Son's Path and longtime Enquirer sports columnist, will discuss some of his favorite stories working as a sports journalist.

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