

# CONNECTIONS

## Kentucky's Former State Librarian Wayne Onkst on Bookmobiles

Cool down from  
summer heat with  
engaging talks from  
local speakers and  
authors as part of  
our Spotlight Series  
this August.

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### Cold Spring

Dave Anderson, Branch Manager

### Carrico/Fort Thomas

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### Newport

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### Alexandria

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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:

- August 17 at Newport
- September 21 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- October 19 at Alexandria
- November 16 at Cold Spring

## We suggest

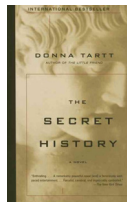
### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: FAVORITE FICTIONAL SCHOOLS



#### ***The Hound of Rowan* by Henry H. Neff**

The first book in the Tapestry series initially came out in the wave of Harry Potter knock-offs but it is unique and compelling enough in its own right to stand apart from similar books. It may also be about a magical kid who learns about his powers and is invited to a magical boarding school, but it relies more on Celtic mythology and has much more intricate world-building.

— Leah Byars, collections services assistant, Newport Branch



#### ***The Secret History* by Donna Tartt**

Set in a fictional, small, elite, liberal arts college in Vermont, *The Secret History* just revels in its environment. You can feel the cold of winter as a small group of students unwind in the wake of the murder that they've committed.

— JC Morgan, library director



#### ***Matilda* by Roald Dahl**

We see Matilda grow up and enter a school where she meets Ms. Honey, who notices that the child is gifted. This book is a favorite because it features a strong and inspiring female protagonist who teaches us to stand up for ourselves.

— Andi Holt, outreach services assistant



#### ***A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray**

A girl in India loses her parents and is sent to a boarding school in London. However, she has powers that can take her to another world where anything she desires appears. Along with her new friends at school, she has to crack the secret of this world they can visit.

— Tera Stadtmiller, information services assistant, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

## Reserve a Study Room

Crack open your textbooks, grab your study partners and prepare your backpack—school is back in session. The library can help you throughout the school year not only with our free public Wi-Fi, computer access and large collection of materials but also with study rooms at each branch.

Study rooms can be reserved in two-hour blocks. If you are requesting a room within 72

hours of the desired time, call the branch to verify availability. The rooms offer a quiet space for individuals or small groups to work on projects, read, get ready for tests, etc.

Larger meeting rooms intended primarily for library-sponsored activities are also available. When not in use by the library, outside organizations may reserve them for occasional meetings, which must be open to the public.

The library wants to help you have the best school year yet! To reserve a study room, visit [www.cc-pl.org/meeting-study-rooms](http://www.cc-pl.org/meeting-study-rooms).





## Kentucky's Former State Librarian Wayne Onkst on Bookmobiles, *continued from the cover*

Kentucky is home to the largest fleet of bookmobiles in the United States, a title the Commonwealth has claimed for decades, according to data from the American Library Association. The Bluegrass State's relationship with these vans—mobile walk-on libraries that allow patrons to check out materials—dates back to World War II. It's a history that Wayne Onkst, former state librarian, knows well.

Hear Onkst discuss the subject, as well as show historic images, at 7 pm Thursday, Aug. 18 as part of our Spotlight Series at the Newport Branch.

"Today we take libraries and books for granted. We have books all around us," Onkst says. "We can go to the library anytime we want. Here in Kentucky, we have beautiful libraries with great collections and services. Not too long ago, that simply was not the case."

Post-World War II, Onkst explains, state officials began determining what communities needed in order to progress. They found that library services were barely

existent. In fact, Onkst cites that 80 percent of the state's rural population had no service at all, making Kentucky among the worst in the country.

In the late 1940s, Louisville philanthropist Mary Belknap Gray was in search of a cause to spend her time and financial resources after becoming widowed. She saw an article about a group in Eastern Kentucky who began a service in which they used a car to deliver books to children in remote rural areas.

"She picked up that idea. She bought a surplus army ambulance that had been used in World War II and had it retrofitted, filled it full of books and offered it to any county that would take it in the state," Onkst says, later adding that the initiative was wildly popular.

Over the next 6 to 8 years, she bought seven more vehicles. The Friends of Kentucky Libraries saw the need and interest for bookmobiles and began aiming to provide two vehicles a year for systems statewide. Enter the bookmobile campaign of 1954. Chaired by Mrs. Barry Bingham, the project raised enough funds to purchase 84 bookmobiles for libraries across Kentucky. Eleven were added the following year.

**"And that's basically how library service in the state started,"**

Onkst said. "It's a really fascinating story because the impetus came not from librarians but from business people and philanthropists who saw the need."

Onkst has spent his whole career working in libraries. Early on, Onkst even drove a bookmobile for Kenton County Public Library. He went on to serve in various roles, most notably as Kentucky's state librarian from 2006 until his retirement in 2015.

Decades later, bookmobiles still serve a vital purpose in our communities, even as both communities and libraries—and access to transportation and technology—have evolved. As Onkst points out, not everyone can easily get to the physical library, even now.

Make sure to register for Onkst's talk as well as check out the rest of Spotlight Series. Mirsada Kadiric, author of *I Am a Refugee: Finding Home Again in America* will kick off the series on Aug. 11 by telling her story of journeying from Bosnia to Kentucky. *Enquirer* sports journalist Paul Daugherty rounds the lineup out on Aug. 25 by retelling his favorite career moments.

All events are at 7 pm on Thursdays at the Newport Branch. Registration is required for each program. For more information, visit [www.cc-pl.org/spotlight-series](http://www.cc-pl.org/spotlight-series).

# NKY Forum: Farm to Table

The Northern Kentucky Forum is hosting a discussion at 6:30 pm Thursday, Aug. 11 about sustainable agriculture and new concepts in agribusiness, such as the farm-

to-table movement. The talk will take place in the Presidents Room of our Newport Branch. Panelists include Jed Portman of 80 Acres Farms; David Willox of Baker's Table; The Berry Center; Tiffany Tomeo of Fort Thomas Farmers Market; Anna Haas of the Local Food Connection; and Keith Rogers of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. Registration is required.

The Forum's purpose is to foster civil, civic

dialogue on topics of community interest. The Forum is a partnership between the Campbell County Public Library, Scripps Howard Center, Boone County Public Library and Kenton County Public Library.



# Alexandria

## August Calendar

**Pressed Flower Art**  
4:30 & 5:30 pm Friday,  
Aug. 5



### Programs

*Registration is required for all programs.*  
**Story times and children's programs**  
*resume in September.*

### Book Discussions

#### After Hours Book Club

7:30 pm Thursday, Aug. 18

***The Overstory*** by Richard Powers.

#### Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Aug. 23

***I Am a Story*** by Dan Yaccaarino. Grades 1-5.

Register for a free copy of the book.

### Adults

#### Pressed Flower Art

4:30 & 5:30 pm Friday, Aug. 5

Bring a touch of nature inside by decorating

a glass candle holder with dried and pressed flowers, which will be adhered using Mod Podge. Register for one program only.



# Cold Spring

## August Calendar

**Let's Get Organized  
with Bullet Journals**  
6:30 - 8 pm Wednesday,  
Aug. 24



### Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted. **Story times and children's programs resume in September.**

### Book Discussions

#### You've Been Booked!

7-8:45 pm Monday, Aug. 1

**Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba, Vol. 1** by Koyoharu Gotouge. Ages 11-19.

#### Cup of Crime Book Club

7 pm Wednesday, Aug. 10

**Midnight Crossroad** by Charlaine Harris.

#### Tuesday Book Club

10-11:30 am Tuesday, Aug. 16

**Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Brontë. Registration not required.

#### Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Aug. 18

**Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White. Ages 8-14.

Register to get a free copy of the book.

#### Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, Aug. 25

**Sounds Like Titanic** by Jessica Chiccihetto Hindman. All are welcome. Registration not required.

### Adults

#### Dungeons and Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, Aug. 5

New and experienced players alike are welcome to play Dungeons and Dragons 5e at the library. Players can build their own characters or use pre-generated ones.

#### Cricut Sticker Making

6:30-8 pm Thursday, Aug. 11

Create stickers using a Cricut Maker machine. Afterward, stick them on your notebooks, tumblers, coffee mugs, laptops or anywhere you please.

#### Let's Get Organized with Bullet Journals

6:30-8 pm Wednesday, Aug. 24

Learn the basics of keeping a bullet journal to help organize your life —and have creative fun!

### Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

#### Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, Aug. 8

Return to the world of Minecraft using the library's server. Whether you log in from home or come in person, join local players to fight monsters, build projects and hang out in a virtual world. Ages 8-14.

### Back to School Notebooks

5-7 pm Monday, Aug. 15

Prepare for a new school year with a customized notebook.

### Teen Advisory Board & Hangout

5-7 pm Monday, Aug. 22

Teens, what would you like to see change, stay the same or be added to the library's programming? Share your thoughts at this special meeting. All ideas are welcome. Stick around afterward to play games. Attendees can earn volunteer hours for their extracurricular activities. Light snacks provided. Registration not required.

### Families

#### Family Board and Card Game Day

1-5 pm Sunday, Aug. 14

Choose any item from our collection of over 250 board and card games or bring a favorite from home. Either way, go head-to-head with your family to see which member reigns victorious.

#### Share the Love Truck

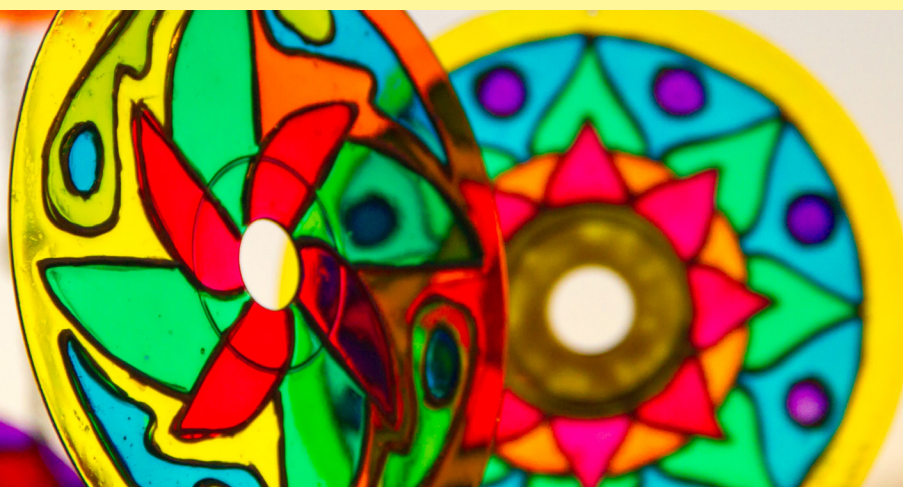
2 pm Saturday, Aug. 20

Head outside of the Cold Spring Branch for an outdoor performance from Cincinnati Opera's Share the Love Truck. The open-air concert will feature opera, Broadway and modern hits all from the back of a baby blue vintage pickup truck. All performers are accompanied by a live pianist.

# Carrico/Fort Thomas

## August Calendar

**CD Suncatcher Art**  
4 pm Tuesday,  
Aug. 16



### Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted. **Story times and children's programs resume in September.**

### Book Discussions

#### Walk & Talk Book Club

11 am Wednesday, Aug. 3  
Meet at Fort Thomas Tower Park (900 S. Fort Thomas Ave.) to discuss books and enjoy nature. Instead of assigned readings, members can pick their own book based on a theme. Open to any interested adults, including caregivers who may need to bring a child in a stroller. August's theme: **Required reading.**

#### Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Aug. 10  
**Trigger Warning** by Neil Gaiman.

#### If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Aug. 11  
**My Name is Yoon** by Helen Recorvits. Grades K-5. Register for a free copy of the book.

### Adults

#### Painted Candles

2 & 6:30 pm Thursday, Aug. 4  
Create a unique and useful piece of home décor. Decorate a pillar candle using acrylic paint. Register for one program only.

#### Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, Aug. 16  
Learn about new technology in this judgment-free group. This month's topic: Libby. Learn how to use the library's free app to access ebooks, audiobooks and more.

#### Book BINGO

2 & 6:30 pm Thursday, Aug. 25  
Win a round of BINGO and you may go home with a free book. Register for only one program.

### Teens & Tweens

*Ages 11-19, unless noted.*

#### Tween Minecraft Party

4 pm Thursday, Aug. 4  
Have fun with other Minecraft fans at the library with games, videos and crafts. Ages 8-14.

#### Homeschool Hive: Rockets!

11 am Friday, Aug. 12  
The Cincinnati Observatory is joining Homeschool Hive for a lesson about the math, engineering, physics and creativity of rocket science. Create a water bottle rocket and launch it from our specially-designed pad. Ages 8-14.

#### CD Suncatcher Art

4 pm Tuesday, Aug. 16  
Upcycle an old CD into a fun, colorful suncatcher. Registration not required.

#### Tween Pokémon Party

4 pm Thursday, Aug. 18  
Have fun with other Pokémon fans! We will watch the anime, play games and craft. Ages 8-14. Registration not required.

#### Dungeons & Dragons

4:30-7 pm Saturday, Aug. 20  
Play Dungeons & Dragons 5e at a staff-run table or with friends. Pre-generated characters will be available as well as basic supplies. Light snacks and water provided.

#### Comic Book BINGO

4 pm Tuesday, Aug. 23  
Try your luck at BINGO for the chance to win a free comic book. Registration not required.

### Families

#### Art at the Armory: DIY Journals

4:30-6 pm Tuesday, Aug. 9  
Field trip! The library is hosting a crafting event at the Armory in Tower Park. Make and design journals using paint, markers, stickers, stencils, scrapbook paper and glue. The Armory is located at 950 S. Fort Thomas Ave. Please enter the building on the park side.



# Newport

## August Calendar



**DIY Air Freshener**  
6 pm Monday,  
Aug. 8

### Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted. **Story times and children's programs resume in September.**

### Book Discussions

#### Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Aug. 2

***The Haunting of Alma Fielding: A True Ghost Story*** by Kate Summerscale.

#### Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, Aug. 16

***Felix Ever After*** by Kacen Callender.

#### Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Aug. 19

***Out of My Mind*** by Sharon Draper. Ages 8-14. Register to get a free copy of the book.

### Adults

#### DIY Air Freshener

6 pm Monday, Aug. 8

Freshen up your home with this DIY project.

#### NKY Forum: Farm to Table

6:30-8 pm Thursday, Aug. 11

See details on pg. 4.

#### Spotlight Series

7 pm Thursday, Aug. 11, 18 & 25

See details on pg. 3.

#### Activity Jars

6 pm Tuesday, Aug. 16

Whether it's for family fun, date night or weekend plans, these activity jars can help with planning your next adventure.

#### Aspen Tree Painting

6 pm Monday, Aug. 22

Paint happy little aspen trees.

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am-noon Thursday, Aug. 25

Stock up on reads for back-to-school season at our Friends of the Library Book Sale located in the Friends Room on the lower level of the Newport Branch. Come browse the great selection of books at incredible prices.

### Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

#### String Painting

3 pm Wednesday, Aug. 10

Paint a canvas using simple supplies like string. Come prepared to get messy. Ages 13 & up.

#### Bottle Cap Flowers

3-5 pm Wednesday, Aug. 17

Who says bottle caps are trash? Not us! Upcycle them into cute flowers. Registration not required.

#### Project Button Maker

3-5 pm Wednesday, Aug. 24

Make buttons of your favorite characters, animals or anything you want. Registration not required.



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### Cold Spring Branch

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### Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

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Fort Thomas, KY 41075  
859-572-5033 — email: [ftinfo@cc-pl.org](mailto:ftinfo@cc-pl.org)

### Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street  
Newport, KY 41071  
859-572-5035 — email: [nwinfo@cc-pl.org](mailto:nwinfo@cc-pl.org)

### Alexandria Branch

8333 Alexandria Pike  
Alexandria, KY 41001  
859-572-7463 — email: [alinfo@cc-pl.org](mailto:alinfo@cc-pl.org)

### 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

#### NEWPORT BRANCH CLOSED FOR INVENTORY FRIDAY, AUG. 12

### 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](http://www.cc-pl.org/app)

Visit us online @ [www.cc-pl.org](http://www.cc-pl.org)



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## LOOKING AHEAD

### Science in Play2Go

An interactive exhibit is landing at the Cold Spring Branch on Sept. 3, and it aims to empower both children and adults to learn together through the power of play. Brought to Campbell County by the Louisville-based Kentucky Science Center, Science in Play2Go's stations include a Shapes & Stuff store, blue blocks and build-your-own rollercoaster. Patrons should come ready to have creative fun—all while strengthening science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) skills.



#### ADA Compliance Statement

The library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Please contact [access@cc-pl.org](mailto: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.