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SEASON'S *Greetings!*

Enjoy cozy, festive
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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:

- December 21 at Newport
- January 18 at Fort Thomas
- February 15 at Alexandria
- March 15 at Cold Spring

We suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: COZY YOUNG ADULT NOVELS FOR WINTER



They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera

This book is set in a world where scientists can predict the date someone will die and inform individuals when they have 24 hours left so that they may live it to the fullest. The story follows two teens experiencing their End Day who become friends. It's heartwarming, but make sure to have the tissues ready.

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



Sabriel by Garth Nix

When I'm thinking of a cozy read to get lost in, the first in this fantasy series comes to mind. It is full of old lands infused with ancient magic, mysteries involving a fallen kingdom, and a sassy, talking cat. Reading Sabriel's journey feels less like a fast-paced grind and more like a comfortable walk with lots of fun things to see along the way.

— **Jessi Holloway, children's programmer, Newport Branch**



The Greenglass House by Kate Milford

This book follows Milo as he uncovers mysteries surrounding the hotel where his family lives. On a winter night, a series of strange guests come to stay at the hotel. When they all get snowed in together, it is up to Milo to figure out what's going on. This book warms your heart like a hot cup of cocoa on a snowy day.

— **Katherine Sallee, children's programmer, Alexandria Branch**



One Man Guy by Michael Barakiva

Alek has lived in the suburbs of New York his whole life, but it's not until he gets to know skater boy Ethan that he sees the city—and himself—in a new light. Alek and his family are Armenian; Barakiva includes some of the most mouth-watering descriptions of cooking I've ever read. The characters are so sweet that you'll breeze through it in the time it takes you to drink a cup of hot chocolate.

— **Leah Byars, collection services assistant, Newport Branch**

Did You Drop Your Drawers?

If you haven't dropped your drawers at the library, now is your chance: Our annual Drop Your Drawers campaign continues through Dec. 31.

The initiative aims to replenish Family Resource Centers' supplies of socks and

underwear, an often overlooked and vital need for public schools in Campbell County. If you want to help reach our goal of collecting 7,000 items, simply drop off new pairs of socks and underwear in their original packaging at any of our branches. Donations may be in any size. Bras and t-shirts are also accepted.

By providing such items, all children can have access to clean underwear and socks no matter the circumstances; keeping supplies full also means Family Resource Centers are able to redirect funding to provide other valuable services.

All items will be divided between elementary, middle and high schools in Campbell County. For more information, visit www.cc-pl.org/drop-your-drawers.



Winter Reading Challenge

Heat up hot cocoa, grab your favorite blanket and cozy up with a book for our Winter Reading Challenges, which runs Dec. 16-Jan. 16.

Patrons can find 30 prompts on the Beanstack app; once completed, they will receive

an entry for the chance to win prizes. If applicable, books may be used toward multiple prompts. Topic examples include books set during winter, with a blue cover and about a winter holiday.

Adults, teens and children can all join in on the fun! Three prizes will be given per age group:

- **First place - \$50 Amazon gift card and library swag**
- **Second place - \$20 Amazon gift card and library swag**
- **Third place - \$10 Amazon gift card and library swag**

Make sure to sign up at www.cc-pl.org/beanstack. Happy reading!



Alexandria

December Calendar

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 13

The Big Book Adventure by Emily Ford.

Grades 1-5. Register to get a free copy of the book.

After Hours Book Club

7:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 15

The House on Tradd Street by Karen White.

Adults

Online Safety Basics

11 am – 12:30 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 14

Learn how to navigate the internet and other online interactions safely. Topics include how to keep accounts safe, create strong passwords and avoid scams/fraud. Attendees may bring their own laptops if preferred but they will be provided to all attendees during the workshop.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Puppy Tales

4-6 pm Friday, Dec. 2

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.

Holiday Open House

2-4 pm Saturday, Dec. 10

Listen to festive live music as you enjoy crafts. Santa will kick off the afternoon by reading a story, which will be followed by a meet and greet. Leave with a sweet treat. No registration is required.

Children

Grades K-5.

Homeschool Hangout: Holiday Myths and Gifts

1 pm Wednesday, Dec. 14

Learn about holiday folklore and traditions such as why stockings are left by the fireplace, Krampus and more.

Cozy Crafts

4:30 Friday, Dec. 16

Create crafts that will keep you cozy all winter long, including no-sew pillows and scarves.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

Baby Story Time

11:15 am Friday, Dec. 2, 9 & 16

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

Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesday, Dec. 6 & 13

This story time includes fun activities, crafts and themed books that aim to develop your child's pre-literacy skills. Ages 3-5.

Melodies to Grown On

11:15 am Wednesday, Dec. 7

This music enrichment group is led by a music therapist, Rachel Sedmak, for toddlers and their caregivers. By singing, exploring instruments and moving to music, children can strengthen communication, motor and social skills in a fun environment. Register.

Cold Spring

December Calendar

Dungeons & Dragons
6-10 pm Friday,
Dec. 2



Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

You've Been Booked!

7-8:45 pm Monday, Dec. 5

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt. Ages 13+.

Cup of Crime

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 13

A Christmas Carol Murder by Heather Redmond.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Dec. 15

Read the book and then watch the movie!

Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and

the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis. Register for a free copy of the book per family. Ages 8-14.

Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, Dec. 15

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes. All are welcome. No registration is required.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 20

The Secret Keeper of Jaipur by Alka Joshi. No registration is required.

Adults

Stargazers Club: Cincinnati Observatory Star Party

6-8:45 pm Thursday, Dec. 1

The Cincinnati Observatory is joining

forces with the library to host a star party featuring a lecture about the local night sky. If the sky is clear, they'll also put out high-powered telescopes.

Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, Dec. 2

Calling all new and experienced Dungeons & Dragons players alike! Attendees can use pre-generated characters or create their own.

A Christmas Holiday Murder Mystery Party

5-7 pm Friday, Dec. 16

You're invited to a holiday party with a twist! Don your best ugly Christmas sweater to win a prize and work with other guests to solve a festive whodunit murder mystery game. Enjoy snacks, crafts and even a White Elephant gift exchange.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Holiday Hangout

5-7 pm Friday, Dec. 9

Have a jolly night watching holiday movies and playing games. Sip on hot chocolate while enjoying candy and cookies. You can also bring a gift for a White Elephant exchange or just come for the fun.

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, Dec. 12

Return to the world of Minecraft using the library server.

CCPL Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, Dec. 17

Play Roblox with other local kids on private VIP servers hosted by the library.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Holiday Open House

9 am – 2 pm Saturday, Dec. 3

Take in a winter wonderland train display; enjoy Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa crafts; and unwind to live music, which will be played by Ricky Nye from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. To-go snacks will be provided. No registration is required.

Ornament Painting

11 am Saturday, Dec. 10

Listen to festive music and sip hot chocolate while painting ornaments.

Family Board and Card Game Day

1-5 pm Sunday, Dec. 11

Bring family or friends to the library for a game night! Choose from our collection of over 250 board and card games or bring a favorite from home.

Children

Grades K-5.

DIY Ornaments

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 1

Listen to festive music while making holiday tree ornaments.

Gingerbread Man Party

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 8

Read *The Gingerbread Man*, make festive crafts, play games and decorate a cookie.

Homeschool Hangout: Holidays at Hogwarts

11 am – 12:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 13

Cozy up at Hogwarts. The meeting room will be transformed into the Great Hall for a holiday party. Create Harry Potter-inspired arts, crafts and treats.

Magic Tree House Party

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 15

Magic Tree House is a beloved book series about siblings who discover a magical tree house. Their treehouse takes them on exciting

adventures where they learn about history, science and more. Enjoy a party inspired by their adventures!

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Monday, Dec. 5 & 12

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 Wednesday, Dec. 7 & 14

Exercise your little ones' busy bodies and minds with stories, songs, bouncy rhymes and a craft that matches the day's story time theme. Ages 2-3.

Baby Time

9:30 am Thursday, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

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 Thursday, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

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



**Homeschool Hangout:
Holidays at Hogwarts
11 am Tuesday,
Dec. 13**

Carrico/Fort Thomas

December Calendar

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 8

Thank You, Omu! By Oge Mora. Grades K-5. Register for a free copy of the book per family.

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Dec. 14

Ma'am Darling: 99 Glimpses of Princess Margaret by Craig Brown.

Adults

Holiday Stamped Cards

5:30-7:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 1

Send holiday cheer to loved ones by making cards with unique stamps printed and created at the library. No registration is required.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, Dec. 13

Learn about new technology in this judgment-free group. This month's topic: Videoconferencing basics, which covers how to use programs like Zoom and FaceTime.

Holiday Trivia Showdown

6:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 15

If you're a winter holiday aficionado, put your knowledge to the test in a festive trivia tournament. Teens are welcome to attend with an adult. No registration is required.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Sweet and Salty Softies

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 1

Add some flavor to a felt gingerbread person. Ages 8-14. No registration is required.

Tween Holiday Llama Party

4 pm Tuesday, Dec. 6

Fa-la-la-llama at the library to celebrate National Llama Day. Crafts include making a yarn-wrapped llama! Ages 8-14.

Marshmallow Cookie Decorating

4:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 8

Decorate cookies using edible marshmallow paint to make designs. The cookies are allergen-free.

Tween Holiday Pokémon Party

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 15

Do you love all things Pokémon—from the trading cards to the anime to the video games? Join other fans to watch the anime, play games and enjoy a craft. This month's event features ice-type Pokémon.

Dungeons & Dragons

4:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 17

Play Dungeons & Dragons at a staff-run table or your own with friends. Pre-generated characters as well as other basic supplies will be available.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Holiday Open House

10:30 am-2:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 3

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Celebrate with crafts, treats, live music and book BINGO. No registration is required.

Art at the Armory: Holiday Ornaments

4:30-6 pm Tuesday, Dec. 13

Head to the Armory in Fort Thomas' Tower Park (950 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.) for an afternoon of making ornaments.

Little Hands Art: Felted Wool Ornaments

10:30 am Saturday, Dec. 17

Bring kids of all ages to create felt ornaments. No registration is required.

Children

Grades K-5.

Winter Decorations

4 pm Monday, Dec. 5

Add cozy touches to your home with adorable winter crafts. No registration is required.

Game Time

4 pm Monday, Dec. 12

Bring friends and family to the library to

enjoy our board, card and video game collection. No registration is required.

Magical Kitties Save the Day!

2 pm Saturday, Dec. 17

Magical Kitties Save the Day is a beginner-friendly roleplaying game for all ages. Take on the role of a magical cat as you solve problems and save humans from terrible troubles!

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times, unless noted.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Monday, Dec. 5 & 13

Shake, move and sing in this active and musical story time. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 2-3.

Together Time Tales

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 6 & 13

Spend quality time together while reading, playing and learning followed by open play. Ages 3-5.

Cozy Time for Babies

10 am Wednesday, Dec. 7 & 14

This story time is filled with songs, rhymes and gentle movement games to encourage your baby's language, motor and social development. Open play and socializing at the end. Ages newborn-2, especially for pre-walkers. Register.

Baby Wigglers

10 am Thursday, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

This story time is filled with fun, engaging songs, rhymes and energetic movement games to encourage your baby's language, motor and social development. Open play and socializing at the end. Ages newborn - 2, especially for walkers. Register.

Jingle Babies

10 am Saturday, Dec. 10

Time to get jolly as we read books, sing and jingle along with everybody's favorite holiday songs. We'll even play a few reindeer games! A footprint craft will be included. Register.

Newport

December Calendar

Programs

Registration is NOT required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 6

The Great Dissenter: The Story of John Marshall Harlan, America's Judicial Hero by Peter S. Canellos.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Dec. 9

Shelter by Christie Matheson. Register to get a free copy of the book. Ages 8-14.

Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, Dec. 20

Heretics Anonymous by Katie Henry. Register.

Adults

Zooming Home for the Holidays

6 pm Monday, Dec. 5

Can't make it home for the holidays? Learn how to use videoconferencing software so you can still see your loved ones faces! Register.

Snow Globes

6 pm Monday, Dec. 12

Capture the joy of winter all year long by creating a cute snow globe. Register.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

The time is planned but the fun is not at this weekly after-school hangout. Play board games, hang out, eat snacks, draw or whatever else you want to do.

Tween Scene

4 pm Tuesday, Dec. 6 & 13

Enjoy an afternoon of crafts and collaborate

with others to make a traffic jam inspired art piece.

Do You Want to Build a Snowman?

3 pm Wednesday, Dec. 7

Well, do you? No matter the weather outside, build a snowperson that can be used as holiday décor. Register.

Ice Cream Ornaments

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, Dec. 14

Add a touch of sweetness to your desk, room or tree with a fun ice cream ornament craft.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Popsicle Stick Weaving

11 am Saturday, Dec. 3

Learn the basics of weaving on popsicle stick looms.

Holiday Open House

Noon-3 pm Saturday, Dec. 10

While the weather outside may be frightful, the library has a delightful lineup of festive activities, which include live music from the Chris Comer Trio, visiting Cam, a photo booth and crafts for all ages.

Family Movie Night

6-8:30 pm Thursday, Dec. 15

Warm up as we watch *Arthur Christmas*. Hot chocolate will be served.

Puppy Tales

11 am-1 pm Saturday, Dec. 17

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. Register.

Children

Grades K-5.

Alphabet Kids Homeschool: Crafting with Campbell County Cooperative Extension Office

1 pm Thursday, Dec. 1

Campbell County Cooperative Extension Office will visit the library for a holiday crafting session. Register.

Afternoon Art:

Wire and Bead Wreaths

4 pm Thursday, Dec. 8

Every Afternoon Art session aims to allow kids the chance to explore various materials and mediums. This month, we will use aluminum wire, beads and more to create wreaths just in time for the holidays.

Alphabet Kids Homeschool: Holiday Party

1 pm Thursday, Dec. 15

Get festive at the library! This holiday celebration includes crafts, games and snacks. Register.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

Ready for K Through Play

10 am Monday, Dec. 5 & 12

Enjoy books, music and play to get your child ready for kindergarten. Ages 3-5.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Tuesday, Dec. 6 & 13

Promoting physical activity can help develop language, attention and decision-making skills. This story time focuses on movement with lots of fun and silly activities, including books and songs. Ages 2-3.

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

10 am Wednesday, Dec. 7 & 14

Reading with your little one is a great way to develop literacy skills. Bounce around in this story time that includes literacy activities for babies. Newborn-2.

Little Bookworms

10 am Thursday, Dec. 1, 8 & 15

The songs we sing, books we read and games we play at story time can have a positive influence on young minds. 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

All branches closed Dec. 24-25.
Library closes at 5 pm Dec. 31.

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

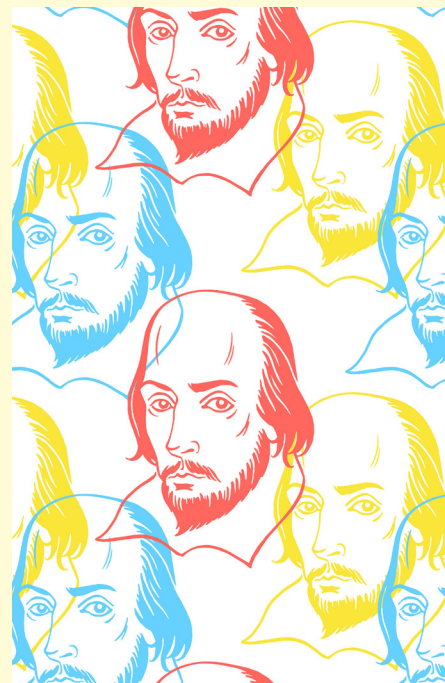
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LOOKING AHEAD

Shaking Up Shakespeare

Get to know the bard at Shaking up Shakespeare, a yearlong series at the Cold Spring Branch. The series kicks off on Jan. 18 at 6-8 pm, featuring a lecture on one of Shakespeare's most beloved tragedies, *Romeo and Juliet*, with Northern Kentucky University professor Dr. Parmita Kapadia. The first 15 registrants receive a free copy of *No Fear Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet* to keep. Sign up at www.cc-pl.org. All programs explore Shakespeare's popular works through classroom-style discussions, performances and movie screenings inspired by his plays.



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.