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Celebrate the 400-year anniversary of Shakespeare's First Folio with a year-long series featuring the Bard's timeless works.

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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:

- January 18 at Fort Thomas
- February 15 at Alexandria
- March 15 at Cold Spring
- April 19 at Newport

We suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: BOOKS ABOUT NEW BEGINNINGS



***Sankofa* by Chibundu Onuzo**

After finding her father's journal amongst her recently deceased mother's things, Anna sets out to find him in Africa. Despite extremes circumstances, the book is relatable to anyone who has lost themselves in their own world and needed to find themselves somewhere new.

— **Amy Carroll, adult/teen programming coordinator**



***Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson**

The main character, Stevie, has just started at Ellingham Academy where she plans to study detective work. The school is the focus of a decades-old, still unsolved kidnapping and murder case, where the only clue was a frightening poem signed by "Truly Devious." It reads like a modern-day Agatha Christie work.

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



***Legends & Lattes* by Travis Baldree**

In this cozy fantasy, Viv the barbarian orc leaves her adventuring party to hopefully realize her dream of opening the first coffee shop outside of the gnome capital. In doing so, she not only seeks a new beginning for herself away from the violence and scheming of her old life, but offers a new chance to other members of the town of Thune whose lives have been hindered by lack of opportunities and prejudice.

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



***The Little French Bistro* by Nina George**

A story of second chances and learning to embrace life's little joys, Marianne decides to leave her life behind and move to Brittany, France, where she meets a colorful cast of locals who open her eyes to what her life could (and should) have been all along.

— **Stephanie Daugherty, patron services assistant, Newport Branch**

Sign up for a Book Club!

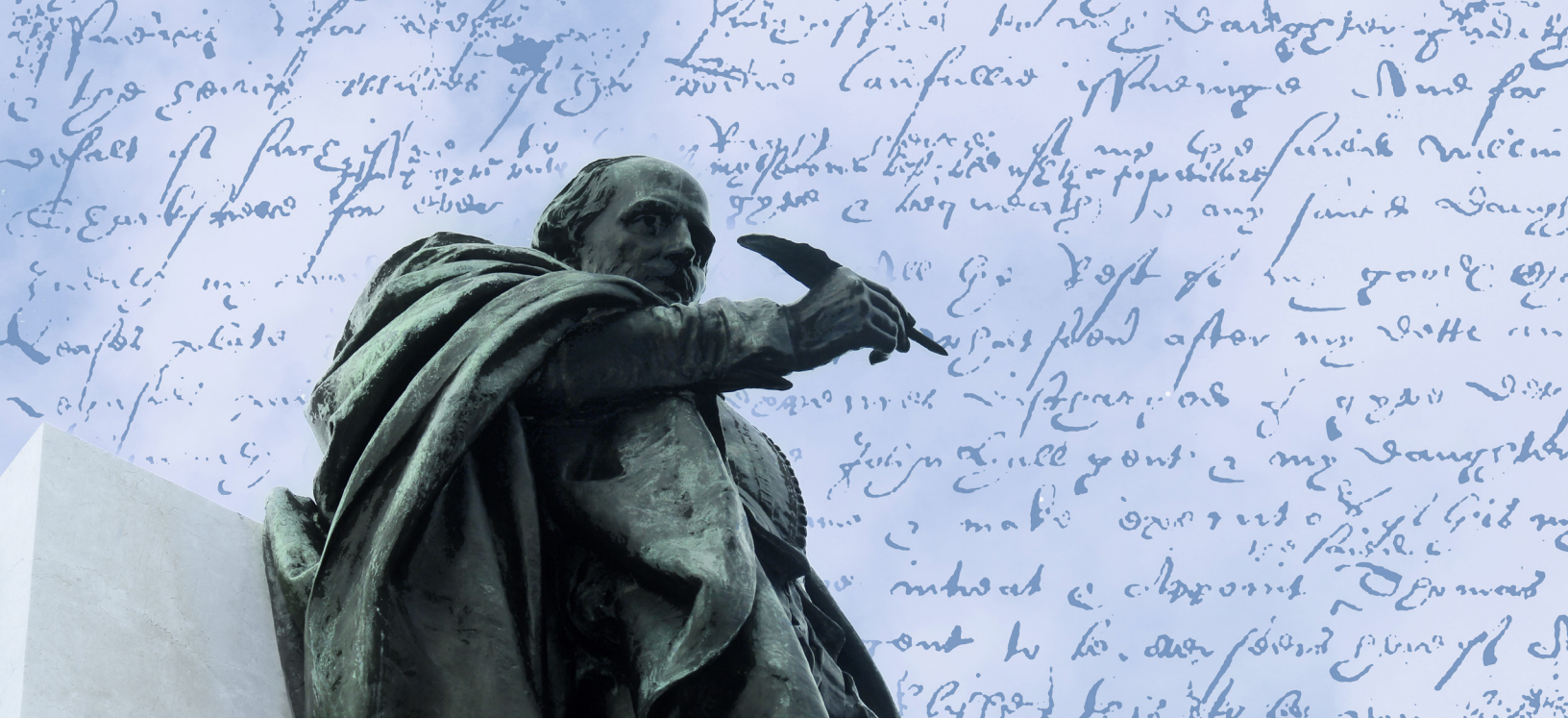
Start your new year reading goals off by joining a book club! With 12 book clubs to choose from across branches and age groups, there's something for all tastes and schedules. All book clubs operate on a come when you can basis. Whether you come when there is a

particular book you are interested in or every month, we're happy to have you. Learn more at www.cc-pl.org/book-clubs.

New this year is Must Read Romance. Held 7 pm every first Thursday of the month, members can choose books to discuss based on rotating themes rather than an assigned book. Share (and receive) recommendations, discuss what you're reading and more. January's theme, held Jan.5, is historical regency romance. Attendees can select a free book to keep. Register.

Signature Series

Falcon Takes Flight, a wing of Falcon Theatre, returns to the Signature Series stage at 7 pm Friday, Jan. 13 with selections from Marianne Worthington's poetry collection, *The Girl Singer*, which explores her childhood in urban Appalachia. Free tickets are required. The Newport Branch will close at 5 pm to set up for the event. To register, visit www.cc-pl.org/signature-series.



Shaking Up Shakespeare, *continued from the cover*

The library's series Shaking Up Shakespeare celebrates the iconic playwright's work through classroom-style discussions led by Northern Kentucky University faculty, theatrical performances and screenings of modern movies inspired by the plays.

A collection of Shakespeare's plays, the First Folio was published in 1623, seven years after his death. It's estimated that nearly half of his plays had never previously been in print. Without the First Folio, 18 of the Bard's works might have been lost forever to history.

The series will explore *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Sonnets*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *Macbeth*. Patrons can expect one program per month, all of which take place on Wednesdays at 6 pm from January to December. The first 15 to register for each lecture program receive a free copy of *No Fear Shakespeare*.

Check out the full Shaking Up Shakespeare lineup.

Romeo and Juliet

Jan. 18: Hear a lecture about Shakespeare's tragedy about star-crossed lovers from Dr. Parmita Kapadia, a professor of English at NKU.

Feb. 15: See Louisville-based group Kentucky Shakespeare bring key scenes from *Romeo and Juliet* to life in a free performance.

March 29: Kick back and watch a modern film take on the Bard's play

The Sonnets

April 19: Dr. Parmita Kapadia returns with a lecture on *The Sonnets*, just in time for National Poetry Month.

May 17: Enjoy a performance from The Shakespeare Pair, who will recreate select sonnets through lute and soliloquy as Shakespeare's original audiences would have heard it.

June 21: Learn about costume design in Shakespearean productions with NKU's Ronnie Chamberlain, an associate professor of theatre and dance in costume and technology.

The Taming of the Shrew

July 26: NKU's Dr. Emily Detemer-Goebel will provide a lecture and discussion on *The Taming of the Shrew*, a comedy following the courtship between strong-headed Katharina and witty Petruchio.

Aug. 23: Kentucky Shakespeare is back with another live performance.

Sept. 20: Head to the library to enjoy a modern movie adaptation of Shakespeare's beloved play *The Taming of the Shrew*.

Macbeth

Oct. 25: Learn about *Macbeth* in a lecture from NKU's Dr. Barclay Green. The tragedy follows general Macbeth, who is told in a prophecy from three witches that he will be King of Scotland.

Nov. 29: Enjoy Kentucky Shakespeare's last performance of the year at the library.

Dec. 20: Close out Shaking Up Shakespeare by watching a movie adaptation of *Macbeth*.

For more information, visit
www.cc-pl.org/shaking-up-shakespeare.





**Winter Wonderland
Crafternoon**
4:30 pm Thursday,
Jan. 26

Alexandria

January Calendar

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

After Hours Book Club

7:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 19

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 24

What We'll Build by Oliver Jeffers. Grades K-5.

Register for a free copy of the book.

Adults

No Knit Scarves

5-7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 18

Create cute scarves, no knitting or crocheting required.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Perler Bead Fun

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 25

Build Perler Bead charms to keep or share with friends.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Puppy Tales

4-6 pm Friday, Jan. 20

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.

Winter Wonderland Crafternoon

4:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 26

Make wintery crafts that capture the beauty of the season.

Children

Grades K-5.

Homeschool Hangout: Winter Animals

1 pm Wednesday, Jan. 18

Learn about how cold climate animals and how they adapt to their environments.

Show and Tell

3 pm Saturday, Jan. 28

Share an item that is special to you, whether it's a gift you got over the holidays or a family heirloom passed down through generations.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

Baby Story Time

11:15 am Friday, Jan. 20 & 27

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

Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesday, Jan. 24 & 31

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



Cold Spring

January Calendar

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 11

A Study in Scarlet by Arthur Conan Doyle.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 17

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Jan. 19

American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang.

Read the book and then watch the movie.

Register to get a free copy of the book per family. Ages 8-14.

Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, Jan. 26

Queen City Gothic by J.T. Townsend.

All are welcome.

Adults

Stargazers Club

6-8:45 pm Thursday, Jan. 5

This session of the Stargazers Club meets at the Cincinnati Observatory (3489 Observatory Pl. Cincinnati, OH), where members can enjoy a lecture about the local night sky.

Tickets required.

The Public Watch Party

11:30 am Tuesday, Jan. 17

Watch the Emilio Estevez-starring flick *The Public*, which was filmed in Cincinnati. Light snacks, coffee and tea will be served.

Shaking Up Shakespeare: 'Romeo and Juliet'

6-8 pm Wednesday, Jan. 18

See page 3 for details.

Food for Thought: Cincinnati's Own Bodysnatching Igor

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, Jan. 24

Your ancestors may not be where your family buried them. Learn about the history of body-snatching, or the act of removing corpses from graves, as told by Northern Kentucky University's Dr. Brian Hackett. City Barbeque sandwiches are provided. The lecture will also be filmed by Campbell Media.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Let's Get Organized with Bullet Journals

5:30-7:30 pm Monday, Jan. 23

Start the new year organized by learning the basics of keeping a bullet journal, which can be used as a planner, diary, habit tracker or a book log. All supplies are provided.

Teen Advisory Board and Hangout

5-7 pm Monday, Jan. 30

Tell the library what programs, prizes and other activities you'd like to this year. Light snacks will be provided. All attendees will earn volunteer hours.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Family Board and Card Game Day

1-5 pm Sunday, Jan. 15

Choose from the library's collection of over 250 board and card games or bring a favorite from home. No registration is required.

Children

Grades K-5.

Homeschool Hangout: Cozy Crafts

11 am Tuesday, Jan. 10

Sip hot cocoa while enjoying winter-themed crafts.

LEGO Party

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 19

Build LEGO masterpieces.

Pokémon Party

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 26

Train to become Pokémon masters through themed games and crafts.

CCPL Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, Jan. 28

Play Roblox games every month on private VIP servers hosted by library staff with friends and other local kids. Ages 8-14.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times, unless noted.

Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Monday, Jan. 23 & 30

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, Jan. 18 & 25

Exercise your little ones' busy bodies and minds with stories, songs, bouncy rhymes and a craft. Ages 2-3.

Baby Time

9:30 am Thursday, Jan. 19 & 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 Thursday, 19 & 26

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

Melodies to Grown On

10 am Saturday, Jan. 21

By singing, exploring instruments, and moving to music, children can develop and strengthen communication, motor and social skills in a fun environment. Register.

Carrico/Fort Thomas

January Calendar

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, Jan. 5

See details on pg. 2. **January's theme:**

Historical Romance - Regency.

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Jan. 11

Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 12

Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao by Kat Zhang.

Register and get a free copy. Grades K-5.

Adults

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, Jan. 17

Learn about new technology in this judgment-free group. This month's topic: Time management & apps.

Mosaic Coasters

6:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 19

Design your own coaster using beads. No registration is required.

Winter Burlap Door Decor

2 pm Tuesday, Jan. 24; 6:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 26

Use burlap, felt shapes, ribbon, paper cutouts and paint to create a winter-themed sign.

Register for only one program.

Online Safety Basics

11 am Saturday, Jan. 28

Learn how to navigate the internet and other online interactions safely. Attendees may bring their own laptop but they will be provided.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Summer Soiree

4:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 17

Channel warmer weather with summer crafts and games. No registration is required.

Homeschool Hive: Healthy Habits

11 am Friday, Jan. 20

Start the year off right with tips on how to stay healthy from local dietitian Sherri Hoffman. Ages 8-14.

Tween Firework Canvas

4:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 26

Celebrate the new year with this watercolor firework canvas craft. Ages 8-14.

Dungeons & Dragons

4:30-7 pm Saturday, Jan. 28

Play Dungeons & Dragons 5e at a staff-run table or on your own with friends.

Skill Check: Character Building

4:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 31

Skill Check is a new club for teens who want to hone their skills in tabletop role-playing games. All skill levels are welcome.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Puppy Tales

2-4 pm Saturday, Jan. 21

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.

Little Hands Art: Mess-Free Painting

10:30 am Saturday, Jan. 28

Make mess-free masterpieces at the library no matter your age. No registration is required.

Children

Grades K-5.

Minecraft Party

4 pm Monday, Jan. 23

Have fun with other Minecraft fans playing games, watching videos and crafting. No registration is required.

Magical Kitties Save the Day!

2 pm Saturday, Jan. 28

Magical Kitties Save the Day is a beginner-

friendly role-playing game for all ages. Take on the role of a magical cat as you solve large problems and save humans.

Cartoons & Canvas

4 pm Monday, Jan. 30

Watch your favorite cartoons while getting creative with paint and canvas.

No registration is required.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times, unless noted.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Monday, Jan. 23 & 30

Shake, move and sing in this active and musical story time followed by open play. Ages 2-3.

Together Time Tales

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 17, 24 & 31

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

Cozy Time for Babies

10 am Wednesday, Jan. 18 & 25

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

Baby Wigglers

10 am Thursday, Jan. 19 & 26

This story time is filled with engaging songs, rhymes and energetic movement games to encourage your baby's language, motor and social development. Followed by open play. Ages newborn - 2, especially for walkers. Register.

Mommy and Baby Yoga

10:30 am Saturday, Jan. 21

Mommies and babies will enjoy stretching and strengthening and interacting with others. Ages newborn-2. Register.

Newport

January Calendar

Programs

Registration is NOT required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Jan. 3

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Jan. 13

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser. Ages 8-14. Register to get a free copy of the book.

Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, Tuesday, Jan. 17

Starling by Isabel Strychacz.

Adults

Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am - 5 pm Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 12-14

9 am - noon Thursday, Jan. 26

Stock up on reads at the Friends of the Library Book Sale. Held in the Friends Room on the lower level of the Newport Branch, the cost is 25 cents for paperbacks, 50 cents for hardcovers and up to \$3 for select titles. Some books are free!

Signature Series: Falcon Theatre presents 'The Girl Singer'

7 pm Friday, Jan. 13

See details on pg. 2.

Broken Resolution Restart

6 pm Monday, Jan. 23

Push restart on your already-broken New Year's resolutions with these tips and tricks. Register.

Role-playing Game: Monster of the Week

5-7 pm Friday, Jan. 27

Fight monsters and roll dice in this new role-playing game. Teens ages 13+ are also welcome. Register.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

The time is planned but the fun is not. Play board games, hang out, eat snacks, draw or hang out.

Anime Club

3-5 pm Wednesday, Jan. 18

Watch and discuss anime while eating snacks.

Tween Scene: Stars and Moons Garland

4 pm Tuesday, Jan. 24

Welcome whimsy into your life with this celestial garland craft project that uses shimmery paints, beads, themed shapes and more.

Hot Chocolate and a Movie

3-5 pm Wednesday, Jan. 25

Warm up with hot chocolate and a movie.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Family Fun: Evening Play Date

6 pm Thursday, Jan. 19

If you're feeling tired of being cooped up inside your home, head to the library for a variety of fun.

Winter Watercolors

11 am Saturday, Jan. 21

Paint winter-themed art scenes using watercolors.

Take & Make: DIY Printed Fabric

Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Jan. 25

Pick up this take-home craft kit. Create a unique stamp to print designs on pieces of fabric. The kit includes: instructions, fabric, tempera paint, foam brush and other supplies. Scissors and glue not included. Register.

Snowman Plushies

11 am Saturday, Jan. 28

Stop by to learn how to make an adorable plushie without picking up a needle and thread.

Children

Grades K-5.

Homeschool: 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak

1 pm Thursday, Jan. 19

Circle around to read the classic childhood story of *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. Afterward, release your inner wild thing with crafts and games.

Afternoon Art: Kid-Friendly Embroidery

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 26

Afternoon Art allows kids the chance to explore various materials and mediums without the worry of cost and grading. Use yarn, thread and fabric to create kid-friendly embroidery.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

Ready for K Through Play

10 am Monday, Jan. 23 & 30

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

Movers & Shakers

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 17, 24 & 31

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

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

10 am Wednesday, Jan. 18 & 25

Bounce around in this story time that includes literacy activities for babies. Newborn-2.

Little Bookworms

10 am Thursday, Jan. 19 & 26

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 Jan. 16
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Services

Patron Services: 859-572-5041

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www.cc-pl.org/app

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LOOKING AHEAD

Level Up with the Library

February is all about teens and tweens at the library! Level up your skills with programs on Fridays at 5 pm. The lineup includes a K-Pop Party at Newport, a Camp Half-Blood Training Day at Cold Spring and Edible Terrariums at Fort Thomas. Represent your branch at the series' finale, the After Hours Gaming Lock In. Taking place on Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Newport Branch, enjoy a fun-filled night of video games, board games, anime and snacks! For more information, visit www.cc-pl.org.



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.