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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 19 at Newport
- May 17 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- June 21 at Alexandria
- July 19 at Cold Spring

We Suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: OUR FAVORITE BOOKS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES



World of Wonders by Aimee Nezhukumatathil

Aimee is an award-winning poet writing a collection of non-fiction essays on the strange and wonderful world of nature. Her personal accounts told in 20 essays are beautifully written and inspiring.

— Anne Fertitta, patron services supervisor, Cold Spring Branch



A Psalm for the Wild-Built by Becky Chambers

This is a cozy and optimistic imagining of a post-apocalyptic world, believe it or not. After robots gained autonomy, they left to live in the woods. Now the humans have gone back to the basics and live in harmony with the nature around them. The adventure starts when a robot and a tea monk become unlikely friends and begin traveling together and learning about each other and themselves.

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



Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

A middle grades novel, *Hoot* is set in Florida and follows newcomer Roy, who joins forces with friends to stop the construction of a pancake house that would destroy a colony of burrowing owls.

- Lisa Schienrenbeck, library courier



Secret of the Sirens by Julia Golding

This is a great middle-grade fantasy book with environmental themes. I love how many mythical creatures are featured and the idea of being a companion to a specific creature was so cool to child Steph (and, let's be honest, is still cool to adult Steph).

— Stephanie Daugherty, patron services assistant, Newport Branch

Celebrate El Día de los Libros

El Día de los Libros, also known as El Día, celebrates children, families, reading and cultures from around the world by emphasizing the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds.

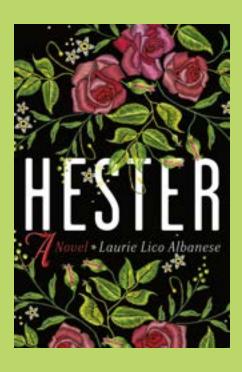
Head to the Cold Spring Branch on Saturday, April 29 to enjoy an afternoon of performances, fun activities and more. The schedule is as follows:

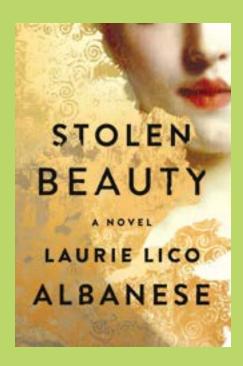
- 10-11 am: Take in an interactive dance performance by The Cultural Center of India.
- 11 am 1 pm: Climb aboard the Book Bus and pick out a free read to take home.
- 11:30 am-1:30 pm: Get your face painted by the Cincinnati Circus!

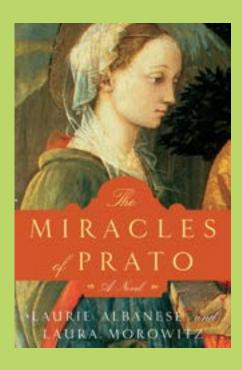
 1-2 pm: Closing out the festivities is a West African movement and music workshop led by Bi-Okoto.

There will also be crafts highlighting multicultura customs and traditions. Don't forget to grab a to-go bag filled with international snacks before you leave. No registration is required.









Signature Series: Author Laurie Lico Albanese, continued from the cover

Hear from award-winning novelist Laurie Lico Albanese at April's Signature Series, held at 7 pm Friday, April 28 at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.

Albanese will discuss how other artists, such as Gustav Klimt and Nathaniel Hawthorne, inspire the way she crafts her books.

The presentation will be followed by a brief reception with light refreshments and a chance to get an autograph. Roebling Point Books will be available to purchase books on-site or you can check out Albanese's titles from our catalog.

New! Signature Sneak Peek

If you're interested in the event but are unable to attend in the evening, join the library for the afternoon Signature Sneak Peek at 2 pm on Friday, April 28. While shorter, the event offers a glimpse into the evening's presentation.

About the Author

Based in Montclair, New Jersey, Albanese has written three novels and a memoir: *Hester*,

Stolen Beauty, Blue Suburbia and Lynlle by the Sea. Her stories have appeared in The New York Times, The Chicago Tribune and more.

Her books often dig into literary and art history. Take *Hester*, for example. The novel revisits Nathaniel Hawthorne's famed protagonist to ask: "What if the heroine in *The Scarlet Letter* could tell her own story?"

Bestselling author Gillian Flynn (*Gone Girl*) recommended the historical fiction novel on The Today Show, saying that, "It's a story about America itself, and the fury, righteousness and mercy in which it was formed."

Stolen Beauty is set in two different time periods. In the dazzling world of 1900s Vienna, Adele Bloch-Bauer—young, beautiful, brilliant and Jewish—meets Gustav Klimt, an Austrian painter who was known for being a prominent leader in the Vienna Secession movement and his use of gold in painting. Forty years later, Adele's niece, Maria, lives in Vienna as Nazis invade. Can her and her family escape the Nazis and preserve her aunt's legacy?

"I adore libraries and bookstores, and each of my books has been chosen for the IndieBound list by independent booksellers,"

reads Albanese's author bio. "Other awards include a Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Research Grant, NJ State Council in the Arts Fellowship in Fiction Writing, and Catherine R. Dodge Foundation Fellowship to the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts."

Register for Free Tickets

Free tickets are required. Register at www.cc-pl.org/signature-series.

Tickets will be mailed two weeks prior to the event. Tickets requested after that time will be available at the Patron Services desk on the evening of the performance. The Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch will close at 5 pm before to set up for the main event.





Stop by the Job and Career Resources Fair

Just in time for National Library Week, our Newport Branch is hosting a job fair on Wednesday, April 26 from 10 am to 3 pm as part of a statewide initiative with the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives. Here's a guide to get the most out of your job fair visit:

- 10 am 2 pm: Head to the Kinsella Community Room for advice on how to cover tattoos, free interview attire and a voucher for a free haircut at Empire Beauty School in Florence, KY. First come, first served.
- 10 am 2 pm: Head to the Kentucky Room for resume assistance and interview prep. Get help with building, revising and printing your resume (all for free!).
- 11 am 3 pm: Visit with employers of all sizes with job openings, who will have tables set up in the President's Room.

Take-home job fair kits with additional resources will be available until supplies run out. No registration is required.

Flex Your Creativity at Play, Explore, Build

Take a trip to Dayton, Kentucky's Gil Lynn Park for Play, Explore, Build. Held on Saturday, April 15 from 10 am to noon, the annual family-friendly event is bent on creativity.

Aimed at kids of all ages, the program puts an emphasis on engineering by providing materials like Big Blue Blocks, Makedo Cardboard Construction tools, Rigamajig, Keva planks and more. What you build is up to your imagination! New this year are dinosaur bones. Make sure to stop by the Book Bus to pick out a free book to take home.

No registration is required. Gil Lynn Park is located at 203 Greendevil Lane, Dayton, KY 41074.

Alexandria

April Calendar



Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

After Hours Book Club

7:30 pm Thursday, April 20 **Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate.

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, April 25 **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle. Grades K-5. Register to get a free copy of the book.

Adults

Paper Flowers

5-7 pm Wednesday, April 5 Channel spring vibes by creating cute paper flowers.

Puppy Tales

4-6 pm Friday, April 7 Come read a story or two to a speciallytrained therapy dog! Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to



Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Morse Code Bracelets

3-5 pm Wednesday, April 12 Learn about Morse Code and then make bracelets with a secret message only those in the know can figure out.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

DIY Stained Glass

4:30 pm Friday, April 14 Learn about the history of stained glass and then make your own faux piece.

Fancy Tea Party

3 pm Saturday, April 22 You're invited to a sophisticated afternoon tea party! Make hats to wear while enjoying tea and snacks. Feel free to dress up.

Children

Grades K-5.

Homeschool Hangout: LEGO Party

1 pm Wednesday, April 19 Follow LEGO kits or make your own creation. Either way, let your imagination run wild!

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

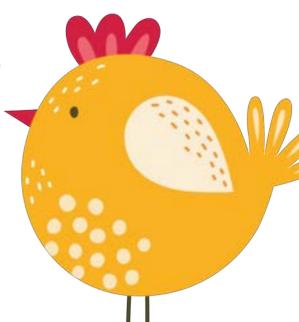
Baby Story Time

11:15 am Fridays
Socialize your little ones while making
connections with other parents during this
story time. Newborn-2.

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.



Cold Spring

April Calendar



Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, April 12 The Secret, Book, & Scone Society by Ellery Adams.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, April 18 *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton. No registration is required.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, April 20 Read the book and then watch the movie. **Crossover** by Kwame Alexander. Ages 8-14. Register to receive a free copy of the book.

Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, April 27 *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell. All are welcome.



Adults

Stargazers Club

6-8:45 pm Thursday, April 6 Test your knowledge about the night sky, NASA and space against other attendees to win a gift card!

Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, April 7 New and experienced players alike can play Dungeons & Dragons 5e at the library. Pregenerated characters will be available.

Shaking Up Shakespeare

6-8 pm Wednesday, April 19 As part of our Shaking Up Shakespeare series, which celebrates the 400-year anniversary of the First Folio, hear Dr. Parmita Kapadia discuss *The Sonnets*, just in time for National Poetry Month.

Food for Thought: Art of the Renaissance

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, April 25 Northern Kentucky University's Dr. William Landon will discuss artists of the Renaissance, including Donatello, Michelangelo and Botticelli. City Barbeque sandwiches provided.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, April 10 Return to the world of Minecraft alongside other local players using the library's server! Ages 8-14.

Pop Culture RPG Night

6-9 pm Friday, April 21 Play your way through two pop cultureinspired tabletop roleplaying game adventures: Avatar Legends and Kids on Bikes.

CCPL Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, April 22 Play different Roblox games every month on private VIP servers hosted by Campbell County Public Library staff. Ages 8-14.

DIY Vinyl Shirts

6-7:30 pm Monday, April 24 Design shirts using a Cricut Maker machine.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Easter Egg Hunt

11 am Saturday, April 1 Let the games begin to find as many Easter eggs as you can. Each has a hidden surprise. No registration is required.

Play-Doh Playdate

11 am Saturday, April 8 Bring children of all ages to make colorful Play-Doh creations.

Fairy Gardens

11 am Saturday, April 15 Make a garden cozy enough that a fairy might just take up residence.

Family Board and Card Game Day

1-5 pm Sunday, April 16 Bring your family to the library to play tabletop board and card games. Choose from our collection or bring a favorite from home. No registration is required.

El Día de los Libros

10 am – 2 pm Saturday, April 29 See details on pg. 2. No registration is required.

Children

Grades K-5.

Easter Party

4 pm Thursday, April 6 Enjoy Easter-inspired games and crafts.

Homeschool Hangout

11 am Tuesday, April 11 In honor of Earth Day, the Cincinnati Museum Center will present Evolution of Diversity: A History of Earth's Changes.

Cincinnati Museum Center Presents: Bats

4 pm Thursday, April 13 Meet a live native bat while learning about echolocation through a presentation, game, artifacts and more.

DIY Birdhouses

4 pm Thursday, April 20 In honor of Earth Day, build and decorate a wooden birdhouse for local birds to call home.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

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. Ages 2-3.

Baby Time

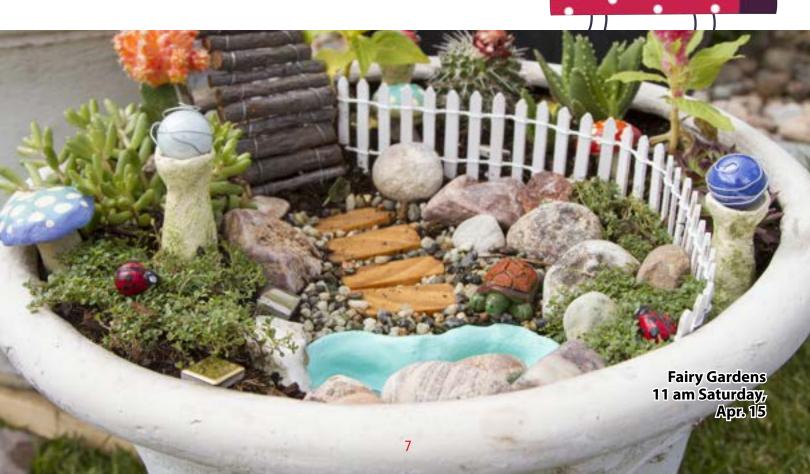
9:30 am Thursdays

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.



Carrico/Fort Thomas

April Calendar



Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, April 6 Rather than an assigned title, members choose books to discuss based on a rotating theme. April's theme: **Fantasy Romance** -**Witches**. Attendees can select a free romance book to keep.

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, April 12 *Hag-Seed* by Margaret Atwood.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, April 13 *Luna's Yum Yum Dim Sum* by Natasha Yim. Grades K-5.

Adults

Game Night @ The Post

5:30-7:30 pm Thursday, April 13 The library is hosting a game night at The Post (1136 S. Fort Thomas Ave.). Play games from the library's collection, those provided at The Post or bring your favorites from home. No registration is required.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, April 18 Learn about new technology in this judgment-free group. This month's topic: **Digital wallets & money apps**. The group will discuss digital wallets, apps and contactless payment.

Herb Growing

6:30 pm Tuesday, April 18 If you want to start a garden, David Koester from UK's Campbell County Extension Office will teach you the ropes of growing herbs in containers.

Wine Cork Boards

2 pm Tuesday, April 25 6:30 pm Thursday, April 27 Reuse and recycle by making a wine cork board with a wooden frame. Register for only one event.

Trivia Night @ The Post

6:30 pm Tuesday, April 25
Put your knowledge to the test during trivia night at The Post (1136 S. Fort Thomas Ave.).
Play as an individual or in a team of up to eight players in online Kahoot trivia, which includes five rounds of five questions. Each team will use a device (laptop, phone or tablet) to play along. Winners select a free book to keep. No registration is required.

Signature Sneak Peek

2 pm Friday, April 28. See page 3 for details. No registration is required.

Signature Series: Author Laurie Lico Albanese

7 pm Friday, April 28 See page 3 for details. Free ticket is required.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Hare and Tortoise Banks

4:30 pm Tuesday, April 18 Whether you're inclined to save money slow and steady or hurry to spend it all at once, choose a turtle or rabbit bank to paint and take home.

Tween Pokémon Party

4:30 pm Thursday, April 20 Have fun with other Pokémon fans! Watch the anime, play games and even enjoy a Pokémon craft. In honor of Earth Day, this month's party features grass-type Pokémon. Ages 8-14

Dungeons & Dragons

4:30-7 pm Saturday, April 22 Play Dungeons & Dragons 5e at a staff-run table or on your own with friends.

Skill Check: Cerberus Den

4:30 pm Tuesday, April 25 Hone your skills in tabletop role-playing games. All skill levels are welcome. This month, hear from a special guest: Josh from Cerberus Den. No registration is required.

Succulent Suncatchers

4:30 pm Thursday, April 27 Paint a succulent suncatcher complete with a pot, a perfect craft to set in the window of your room.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Little Hands Art: Suncatchers

10:30 am Saturday, April 8 Bring kids of all ages to create suncatchers in fun shapes. No registration is required.

Art at the Armory: Wooden Gnomes

4:30-6 pm Tuesday, April 11 Head to Tower Park's Armory (950 S. Fort Thomas Ave.) for crafting fun. Paint gnomes to decorate your home or garden. No registration is required.

Homeschool Hive: Cincinnati Civic Garden Center

11 am Friday, April 14 Learn about plants, pollinators, nutrient cycles and more. No registration is required.

Puppy Tales

2-4 pm Saturday, April 15 Come read a story or two to a speciallytrained therapy dog! Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time.

Children Grades K-5.

Spring Crafts

4 pm Monday, April 3

Usher in spring with seasonal crafts like DIY wind chimes, sun-catchers and more. No registration is required.

Cincinnati Museum Center Presents: Impact of Inventions

4 pm Monday, April 10 Investigate the impact of various inventions and inventors with the Cincinnati Museum Center. No registration is required.

Puppy Party

4 pm Monday, April 17 Unwind with all-things dogs, including fun games and crafts.

Magical Kitties Save the Day!

2 pm Saturday, April 22

Take on the role of a magical cat as you solve large problems and save humans from terrible troubles!

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Mondays

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

Together Time Tales

10 am Tuesdays

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

Cozy Time for Babies

10 am Wednesdays

Designed for the youngest babies, this story time is filled with songs, rhymes and gentle movement games to encourage your baby's development. Afterward, enjoy open play. Ages newborn-2, especially for pre-walkers. Register.

Baby Wigglers

10 am Thursdays

Designed for babies who are walking and are on the move, this story time is filled with fun, engaging songs, rhymes and energetic movement games to encourage your baby's development. Followed by open play. Ages newborn - 2, especially for walkers. Register.

Bunny Babies

10 am Saturday, April 1 Celebrate the spring season with songs, books and lots of bunny hopping! There will be an egg hunt and spring sensory activities. Register.

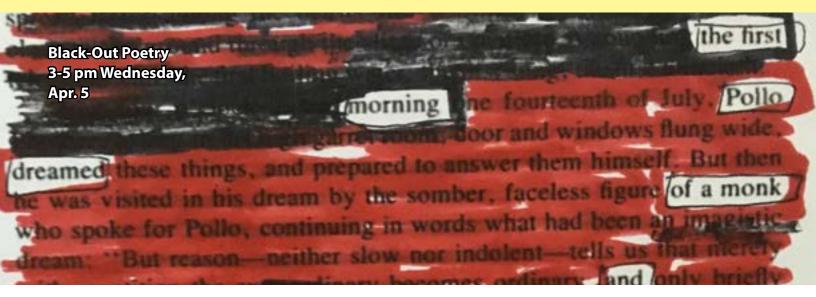
Mommy and Baby Yoga

10:30 am Saturday, April 15 Mommies and babies will enjoy stretching and strengthening and interacting with others. Ages newborn-2. Register.



Newport

April Calendar



Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, April 4 *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, April 14 **The House at the Edge of Magic** by Amy

Sparkes. Register for a copy of the book to keep. Ages 8-14.

Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, April 18 **This is Not a Ghost Story** by Andrea Portes.

Adults

Stress Management Workshop

5-7 pm Monday, April 3 Learn about the effects of chronic stress on both the mind and body from Alix Phillips, DMD, MS.

Free Tax Preparation from AARP Tax-Aide

10 am – 2 pm Tuesday, April 4 & 11
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax

preparation help to anyone and especially those 50 and older. Appointments are available on a first come, first served basis.

Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt

8:30 pm Saturday, April 8
Kids aren't the only ones who can have fun.
This adults-only Easter egg hunt features
glow-in-the-dark eggs hidden around the
library. For easier finds (and those with
mobility issues), search the lower-level.
Medium mode unfolds on the main floor
with eggs tucked behind books, tables,
computers and more.

Terracotta Pot Painting

6-7:30 pm Monday, April 10
Paint terracotta pots as whatever you can dream up.

2023 Statewide Job and Career Resources Fair

10 am – 3 pm Wednesday, April 26 See details on pg. 4. No registration is required.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Tween Scene

4 pm Tuesday, April 4 & 11 During this month's Tween Scene, make chap books and paper plants. Ages 8-14. No registration is required.

Black-Out Poetry

3-5 pm Wednesday, April 5 It's National Poetry Month! To celebrate, the library is hosting a black-out poetry workshop. Take things that are already written and black out words to create poetry from prose. No registration is required.

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays
The time is planned but the

The time is planned but the fun is not. Play board games, hang out, eat snacks, draw or hang out. No registration is required.

Watercolor Silhouette

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, April 12 Make a silhouette of your favorite animal back-dropped by imaginative scenes.

D&D 101 with Cerberus Den

3-5 pm Wednesday, April 19 Cerberus Den, a gaming store in Newport that specializes in Dungeons & Dragons, will host an introductory session for anyone interested in getting involved in D&D. Come roll dice with the library! No registration is required.



Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Wooden Egg Painting

11 am Saturday, April 1
Paint a wooden egg and enter a joke raffle for April Fool's Day. To enter, each participant submits a joke and their contact information.
The winner will receive a book of jokes and a \$20 Target gift card. No registration is required.

Puffy Paint Treasure Boxes

11 am Saturday, April 8 Decorate treasure boxes for your precious belongings with puffy paint. No registration is required.

Take & Make: Clay Fairy Doors

Wednesday, April 5-12

Invite whimsy into your home with this takehome fairy door craft, which is available for pickup from April 5-12. Kit includes instructions, craft sticks, clay, paint and decorations.

Family Fun: No-sew Pillows

6 pm Thursday, April 13 Kick back and relax after making a cozy nosew pillow. No registration is required.

CARdboard Drive-in Movie

1-3 pm Saturday, April 15 Create a car using cardboard boxes and then "park it" as we fire-up the popcorn machine and watch a movie. No registration is required.

Nature Suncatchers

11 am Saturday, April 22 This Earth Day, use natural and manmade materials to create suncatchers. No registration is required.

Children

Grades K-5.

Homeschool: Concrete Poetry

1 pm Thursday, April 6 Use your words to create a concrete object in honor of National Poetry Month. No registration is required.

Afternoon Art: Golden Bugs

4 pm Thursday, April 6

Afternoon Art aims to allow kids the chance to explore various materials and mediums without the worry of cost and grading. This session we will use cardboard, coloring supplies and gold foil sheets to make golden bugs.

Homeschool: LEGO Challenge

1 pm Thursday, April 20 Flex your LEGO-building skills by making imaginative creations. No registration is required.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

Ready for K Through Play

10 am Mondays

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

Movers & Shakers

10 am Tuesdays

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 Wednesdays

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

Little Bookworms

10 am Thursdays

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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 9 am - 7 pm

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 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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LOOKING AHEAD

Early Literacy Play Date

Mark your calendar for Early Literacy Play
Date on Saturday, May 6 from 11 am - 2
pm. Each child will receive a to-go bag
with toys, a free book from the Book Bus
and a grand prize entry for the chance
to win a literacy prize pack. Activities
will include stations with toys, activities
and games related to pre-literacy skills;
meeting a magical princess from the
Cincinnati Circus; and visiting community
vendors with resources for caregivers.



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.