

# CONNECTIONS

# arts + culture SERIES

Soak up classical music this May with the return of the library's Arts & Culture Series.

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## Who to Talk to

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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:

- May 17 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- June 21 at Alexandria
- July 19 at Cold Spring
- August 26 at Newport

## We Suggest

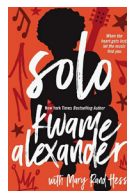
### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: FAVORITE MUSIC-RELATED READ



#### **Mozart's Starling by Lyanda Lynn Haupt**

It is an interesting little book about a starling that Mozart kept as a pet and wrote music for. While writing the book, Haupt obtained her own starling; the narrative switches back and forth between being a brief biopic of Mozart's bird, and Haupt's own reflections of the controversial species.

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



#### **Solo by Kwame Alexander**

Blade, the son of washed-up rock star Rutherford Morrison, never asked to be rich or famous. I liked the relationships that Blade discovers and the realization that he can choose to be a different man than his father.

— **Clara Gerner, adult/teen services librarian, Cold Spring Branch**



#### **Broken Horses: A Memoir by Brandi Carlile**

Brandi Carlile's memoir is a meditative story that follows her from a teen shunned by her faith for being queer to a woman who has built an incredibly close found family. I read the book, but I've been told that the audiobook listens like a book and an album with Carlile singing some of her original songs in addition to covers. The writing in her memoir contains a similar level of intentionality and depth as in her songs.

— **Leah Byars, collection services specialist**



#### **They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us by Hanif Abdurraqib**

It's a book of essays that looks at different topics from the vantage point of music. It is really beautifully written.

— **Toni Sparks, library accountant**

## The Big Read

The library is joining forces with the Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati for the Big Read, a project taking place through June 2023 across the country, with over 60 nonprofits participating. This year's Big Read is centered around *Sitting Pretty: The View From My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body* by Rebekah Taussig. On Tuesday, May 16 at 7 pm, the Newport Branch

will facilitate a discussion of Taussig's memoir in-essays. Pick up a copy of *Sitting Pretty* at the Newport or Cold Spring branches or contact Amy Carroll at [acarroll@cc-pl.org](mailto:acarroll@cc-pl.org) to reserve it elsewhere. No registration is required.

Taussig is a Kansas City-based writer, teacher and advocate who uses a wheelchair due to paralysis resulting from childhood cancer. Her memoir weaves together stories of her experiences, told with humor, empathy and humanity.

To find about other Big Read events happening in Greater Cincinnati, visit [www.ensemblecincinnati.org/nea-big-read](http://www.ensemblecincinnati.org/nea-big-read).





### **Arts & Culture Series,** *continued from the cover*

The Arts & Culture Series features a variety of music performed by local professional orchestras and bands. Kicking off May 12, all concerts take place at 7 pm on Fridays at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.

The annual concert series aims to educate and entertain attendees through music. Whether you're into swing music or love movie soundtracks, head to the library to unwind to live tunes all month long.

Read on for 2023's Arts & Culture Series lineup.

**May 12 | Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra** (CCO) will cross the river to transport listeners to the soundscapes of beloved movies. CCO will perform classical music used in major blockbusters, Disney songs and more. Gather the whole family, or your friends, to hear one of the region's most esteemed performing arts organizations.

**May 19 | The Kentucky Symphony Orchestra** (KSO) returns to the series, bringing together the sounds of the 1930s, swing music and hip hop. Based in Northern Kentucky, KSO first formed in 1992 with a mission to make classical music attractive, accessible and affordable to surrounding communities.

**May 26 | Abya Yala**, a band that is a part of La Fórmula Music Productions, will perform indigenous music from the Andes. La Fórmula is a multi-generational collective of musicians, arrangers, educators, music conductors, dancers and other artists from six countries around the world.

Register at [www.cc-pl.org/arts-culture-23](http://www.cc-pl.org/arts-culture-23) or call the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch at 859-572-5033.

Either way, get ready to sit back and unwind to live music, the perfect way to enjoy spring and usher in summer arts.

## Meet the Westside Express

Say hello to the new Westside Express this spring!

The library welcomed a new addition to our express pickup locations on April 28: the Westside Express, located at the Northern

Kentucky Scholar House on 402 W. Sixth St. in Newport, KY.

Patrons can request that items be sent to the Westside Express through the library's website, app or by calling the Newport Branch. Library items are delivered and picked up on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday! Once ready, head to the location and pick up your requested items! It's that easy.

The Silver Grove and Melbourne Express units also got a refresh: All locations now have touch screens! Once there, follow the

onscreen prompts to get your items. Return all library materials in the designated bin or at any branch.

The Silver Grove Express is located at 5011 Four Mile Road while the Melbourne location is at 1402 Mary Ingles Highway.

Browse the library's collection—and place holds to your heart's content—at [www.cc-pl.org](http://www.cc-pl.org).



# Alexandria Branch Expands Hours

Pop the confetti! Starting May 1, the Alexandria Branch introduced new hours. The branch is now open seven days a week—that means there are two new days patrons can drop by the branch; the location was previously closed on Sundays and Mondays. The library is proud to offer more time for patrons to drop by the branch and browse its collection, get studying or work done or use

its valuable services. Check out the expanded Alexandria Branch hours below:

**Monday-Friday: 11 am - 7 pm**

**Saturday: 11 am - 5 pm**

**Sunday: 1-5 pm**

For Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas and Newport hours, visit [cc-pl.org](http://cc-pl.org) or check out the back of this newsletter.

**Jewelry Making**  
5-6:30 pm Wednesday,  
May 31



# Alexandria

## May Calendar

### Programs

*Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.*

### Book Discussions

#### After Hours Book Club

7:30 pm Thursday, May 18

***The Underground Railroad***

by Colson Whitehead.

#### Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, May 23

***Feel the Fog*** by April Pulley Sayre. Grades K-5.

Register to get a free copy of the book.

### Families

*Kids of all ages and their families.*

#### Puppy Tales

4-6 pm Friday, May 5

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.

### Teens & Tweens

*Ages 11-19, unless noted.*

#### Jewelry Making

5-6:30 pm Wednesday, May 31

Make a bracelet or necklace using beads, embroidery floss and other supplies.





# Cold Spring

May Calendar



**Dungeons & Dragons**  
6-10 pm Saturday,  
May 5

## Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

## Book Discussions

### Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, May 10

*The Mysterious Affair at Styles* by Agatha Christie.

### Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, May 16

*Sitting Pretty* by Rebekah Taussig, which is also the book selection for the Big Read (see pg. 2). No registration is required.

### Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, May 18

Read the book and then watch the movie.

*Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Ages 8-14. Register to receive a free copy of the book.

### Real Men Read

7-9 pm Thursday, May 25

*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. All are welcome. No registration is required.

## Adults

### Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, May 5

New and experienced players alike can play Dungeons & Dragons 5e at the library. Pre-generated characters will be available.

### Parker Academy Project Roundtable

6-8 pm Thursday, May 11

Dr. William Landon from NKU's History and Geography Department will lead a roundtable discussion with students that are part of the Parker Academy Project, which allows them to participate in archeological digs and give educational presentations. Ages 13+

### Shaking Up Shakespeare

6-8 pm Wednesday, May 17

As part of our Shaking Up Shakespeare series, which celebrates the 400-year anniversary of the First Folio, enjoy a musical performance inspired by *The Sonnets* from The Shakespeare Trio.

### Food for Thought: The Underground Railroad and the Power of Religion in Northern Kentucky

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, May 23

Hear from Northern Kentucky University's Dr. Eric Jackson, who will discuss the role religion played in Underground Railroad activities. City Barbeque sandwiches provided.

## Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

### Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, May 8

Return to the world of Minecraft alongside other local players using the library's server! Ages 8-14.

### Diamond Art Keychains

6-7:30 pm Monday, May 15

Celebrate spring by making flower diamond art keychains.

### Book BINGO

6-7:30 pm Monday, May 22

Play BINGO for the chance to win a free book.

# Carrico/Fort Thomas

## May Calendar

### Programs

*Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.*

### Book Discussions

#### Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, May 4

Rather than an assigned title, members choose books to discuss based on a rotating theme. May's theme is **Historical Romance – Scottish**. Attendees can select a free romance book to keep.

#### Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, May 10

**Bad Blood** by John Carreyrou. Coffee will be provided by Fort Thomas Coffee.

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

4:30 pm Thursday, May 11

**Rocket Says Look Up** by Nathan Bryon. Grades K-5. Register for a free copy of the book to keep.

### Adults

#### Game Night: Star Wars

6-8 pm Thursday, May 4

Happy Star Wars Day! Take part in a Star Wars-themed adventure of your own creation in this tabletop roleplaying adventure. No experience is necessary. Attendees will have the chance to win a nostalgic Star Wars water bottle and keychain. Teens are welcome with an adult.

#### Silhouette Selects: 3-D Paper Flowers

2 pm Tuesday, May 9 & 6:30 pm Thursday, May 11

Learn how to use the Silhouette Cameo 4 and then create 3-D paper flowers to turn into a card. This craft is perfect for Mother's Day or other celebrations. Register for only one event.

#### Arts and Culture Family Movie Night with CCO

7 pm Friday, May 12

See details on pg. 3.

#### Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, May 16

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

**Reading apps & resources.**

#### Trivia Night @ The Post

6:30 pm Tuesday, May 16

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.

#### Arts and Culture: KSO Swing

7 pm Friday, May 19

See details on pg. 3.

#### Game Night @ The Post

5:30-7:30 pm Thursday, May 25

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.

#### Arts and Culture: Indigenous Music from the Andes

7 pm Thursday, May 26

See details pg. 3.

### Teens & Tweens

*Ages 11-19, unless noted.*

#### Teen Stress Busters

4-6 pm Monday, May 15

Feeling end-of-school-year stress? The library is here to help! Drop in anytime between 4-6 pm for games, activities and more to help you unwind, de-stress and recharge.

No registration is required.

#### Dungeons & Dragons

4:30-7 pm Saturday, May 20

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

#### Tween Game Day

4:30 pm Thursday, May 18

Play games and eat snacks at the library.

There will be a large variety of board and card games to choose from. If you don't know how to play, library staff are happy to teach you. Ages 8-14. No registration is required.

#### Skill Check: Star Wars

4:30 pm Tuesday, May 30

Hone your skills in Dungeons & Dragons and other tabletop role-playing games. This month, learn about Edge of the Empire, the Star Wars roleplaying system. All skill levels are welcome. No registration is required.

### Families

*Kids of all ages and their families.*

#### Homeschool Hive

11 am Friday, May 5

Learn about Chinese porcelain from the Taft Museum of Art's Jessica Runyon.





# Newport

## May Calendar



**Dreamcatchers**  
3-5 pm Wednesday,  
May 17

### Programs

*Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.*

### Book Discussions

#### Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, May 2

**Who is Maud Dixon?** By Alexandra Andrews.

#### Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, May 12

**Ghosts: A Graphic Novel** by Raina Telgemeier.

Register for a free copy of the book to keep.

Ages 8-14.

#### Young Adult for Grown Adults

7 pm Tuesday, May 16

**In Every Generation** by Kendare Blake.

### Adults

#### DIY Fascinators

6 pm Monday, May 1

Make a fascinator hat just in time for the Kentucky Derby.

#### Rock Painting

6-8 pm Monday, May 8

Use rocks as your canvas to make a miniature painting.

### Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am – 5 pm Thursday-Saturday, May 11-13

Stack your books high at the Friends of the Library used book sale. Held on the lower level of the Newport Branch in the President's Room, the cost is 25 cents for paperbacks, 50 cents for hardcovers and \$3 for select titles. Some books are free! DVDs, CDs, audiobooks and other materials are also available. No registration is required.

### Woodland Animal Painting

6-8 pm Monday, May 15

Paint cute forest critters on wood cuts.

### Big Read: 'Sitting Pretty'

7 pm Tuesday, May 16

See details on pg. 2. No registration is required.

### 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. No registration is required.

### Mother's Day Craft

3-5 pm Wednesday, May 10

Need a Mother's Day gift? Make a cute, handmade craft!

### Dreamcatchers

3-5 pm Wednesday, May 17

Soak up summer vibes with this dreamcatcher craft. No registration is required.

### Beginner Cross Stitch

3-5 pm Wednesday, May 24

Come learn basic cross stitch. We will use blunt needles to make it a safer craft to learn. No registration is required.

### Families

*Kids of all ages and their families.*

### Early Literacy Play Date

11 am – 2 pm Saturday, May 6

Encourage your child's love of reading with fun activities, including a meet-and-greet with a Cincinnati Circus princess, community vendors and more. 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. No registration is required.





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### Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

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Fort Thomas, KY 41075  
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### Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street  
Newport, KY 41071  
859.572.5035 — email: nwinfo@cc-pl.org

### Alexandria Branch

8333 Alexandria Pike  
Alexandria, KY 41001  
859.572.7463 — email: alinfo@cc-pl.org

### Library Express

Pick up holds and return items  
Silver Grove — Firehouse  
Melbourne — St. Philip Parish Center  
Westside – Northern Kentucky Scholar House

### 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

Monday-Friday 11 am – 7 pm  
Saturday 11 am – 5 pm  
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

**All branches open at noon on May 12 due to staff training.**

**All branches closed May 28 & 29 for Memorial Day.**

### Services

Patron Services: 859.572.5041

#### 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

### Summer Reading

Hold on to your books! Dinosaurs are roaring, soaring and reading all summer long at the library. The festivities kick off on Saturday, June 3 with registration opening at the Cold Spring, Carrico/Fort Thomas and Newport branches at 9 am and 11 am for Alexandria. The kick-off event will feature live music, refreshments and more.

Sign up for the library's Summer Reading and leave with fun prizes, including drawstring backpacks for children, 6-color pens for teens/tweens and 4-in-1 pens for adults.

Keep an eye out for the Summer Reading brochure, available online and in branches, for more information.



#### 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.