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A New Play is Coming to Newport: 'The Head of Pearl Bryan'

Falcon Theatre produced a new play about the notorious murder case of Pearl Bryan, which has local ties. Now the play is coming to the Newport Branch as part of our Signature Series.

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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:

- Jan. 17 at Carrico/Fort Thomas
- Feb. 21 at Alexandria
- March 20 at Cold Spring
- April 17 at Newport

We Suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Our favorite teen comedies



10 Things I Hate About You

10 Things I Hate About You (1999) has everything. Comedy, romance, young Heath Ledger AND Joseph Gordon Levitt. Julia Stiles as Kat is still EVERYTHING I want to be. My sister was named after this movie (shout out to Bianca).

— **Bella Hemsath, patron services assistant, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch**



She's the Man

This is an early 2000s take on Shakespeare's comedy *Twelfth Night*. Viola Johnson poses as her twin brother, Sebastian, to play soccer at his new boarding school while he gallivants around London. Things get complicated when Viola falls for her roommate Duke, who is in love with Olivia, who is crushing on Sebastian. This movie has some of the most hilariously iconic moments in teen comedy cinema history.

— **Rebekah Napier, patron services assistant, Alexandria Branch**



Not Another Teen Movie

A celebration AND a spoof of teen movies, *Not Another Teen Movie* gloriously sends up all your favorites with a razor-sharp (and, at times, quite bawdy) sense of humor. Visual gags abound. You will cry-laugh. A guaranteed good time.

— **Clinton Davis, adult outreach services assistant**



Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure

My favorite teen comedies (besides *Mean Girls*, of course - it's just so cool) are *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* and the sequel *Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey!* These movies are so funny, and full of totally excellent quotes! *Air guitar* Party on, dudes! Strange things are afoot at the Circle K.

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

Winter Reading Challenge

Kick off your 2024 reading goals with the Winter Reading Challenge, which runs from Jan. 1-31. To participate, sign up on Beanstack. The challenge includes 31

prompts, which can be completed for an entry to win a prize per age group—a \$50 gift card and library swag.

Books, ebooks and audiobooks can all be used for the challenge. If applicable, books may be used toward multiple prompts.

Adults, teens and children can all join in on the fun. Interested? Sign up at cc-pl.org/beanstack.





A New Play is Coming to Newport: *The Head of Pearl Bryan, continued from the cover*

The Head of Pearl Bryan had its world premiere in November of last year at Falcon Theatre —and now the play is taking flight at the Newport Branch at 7 pm Friday, Jan. 12.

Cincinnati-area playwrights Paul Strickland and Kate MacDonald took on the story of Pearl Bryan's notorious murder. In 1896, the 22-year-old music student was found decapitated in Fort Thomas. Her head was never located.

The mystery of Pearl Bryan's case—once called the “crime of the century”—and the location of her head remain today. The case even spawned ghost stories; some say Pearl's ghost is among those haunting Bobby Mackey's.

Based on extensive research from newspapers and historical records, Falcon Theatre's play puts a new spin on the events by telling the story from the perspective of various characters, including Bellevue grocer John Enzweiler.

Pre-show music will be performed by Raison D'etre, a group made up of Violet Rae Webster, Vickie Ellis and Roberta Schultz. According to

their website, one critic described the trio of women as “divinely stirring.”

The performance is both a part of the library's ongoing Signature Series and of Falcon Takes Flight, the theater's outreach wing. Free tickets are required. Tickets will be mailed out two weeks prior to the event; those who register after that date can pick up tickets at the door.

Register at cc-pl.org/signature-series.



Kentucky Talking Book Library

Download audiobooks and braille books or get them delivered via mail through the Kentucky Talking Book Library! Any resident of Kentucky who has difficulty reading standard print material or who is

unable to hold a book and turn the pages is eligible for our service. The disability may be permanent or temporary.

Patrons of the Kentucky Talking Book Library can find a wide range of titles similar to what they might find in a medium to large public library.

There are over 60,000 titles for all ages. For more information on what the collection includes, and how to apply, visit cc-pl.org/kentucky-talking-books-library.



Healthy Choices for Every Body

A four-part series is coming to the Cold Spring Branch: Healthy Choices for Every Body. Learn tips and tricks from the Campbell County Extension Office about cooking at home, saving money at the grocery store, and more. Each date is open to both adults and teens over the age of 13.

Sessions are on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm starting Jan. 17 and ending Feb. 7. Topics for each session are listed below. Register at cc-pl.org/programs.

Jan. 17: Healthy Cooking and Food Safety

Jan. 24: Healthy Affordable Meals and Making Healthier Choices

Jan. 31: Fruits & Veggies, and Reading Food Labels

Feb. 7: Better Beverage Choices



New Year, Old Memories

Another new series is making its way to the library this January. Head to the Alexandria Branch on Thursdays at 11:30 am starting Jan. 11 and ending Jan. 25 to learn how to manage personal memories.

The three-part series will give patrons the chance to learn from Tabitha O'Connor, who has over 20 years of experience as a personal memory manager.

Whether you have physical boxes or a phone full of treasured family photos, O'Connor will teach you all about cloud storage, photo management plans, organization tips and more. Discover how to share memories with loved ones in both print and digital formats. Registration is required.



Manga to Anime Club

Naomee McKiddy, the Alexandria Branch's adult/teen services programmer, is launching the Manga to Anime Club.

The concept? Geared for teens ages 13 and up, members will read the first volume of a manga series and then discuss both the manga and anime.

When laying out the club's first six sessions, McKiddy aimed to curate a good mix of classic and newer manga titles. The dates, ordered January to June, are as follows: *Spy x Family* by Tatsuya Endo; *Fruits Basket* by Natsuki Takaya; *My Hero Academia* by Kohei Horikoshi; *Pokémon Adventures* by Hidenori Kusaka; *Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba* by Koyoharu Gotouge; and *Komi Can't Communicate* by Tomohito Oda.

All club dates are held at 4 pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Light snacks will be provided.



Alexandria

January Calendar



Managing Personal Memories
11:30 am-1 pm
Thursday, Jan. 11, 18 & 25

PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Manga to Anime Club

4 pm Wednesday, Jan. 10

See details on pg. 4. Register. Ages 13+.

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 16

No Buddy Like a Book by Allan Wolf. Register for a free copy of the book. Grades K-5.

Books and Brunch Book Club

11:30 am Saturday, Jan. 20

Grenade by Alan Gratz. No registration is required.

Adults

Managing Personal Memories

11:30 am-1 pm Thursday, Jan. 11, 18 & 25

See details on pg. 4.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Teen Hangout at Alexandria

4:30-6:30 pm Monday, Jan. 22

Calling all teens! Do you like games, snacks and hanging out with friends? Come to the Alexandria Branch for an evening of fun.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Family Board Game Day

1:30-4:30 pm Sunday, Jan. 14

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and competition with a variety of board games for all ages. From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be something for everyone. Light snacks will be provided. No registration is required.

Craft Open House

11:30 am-3:30 pm Saturday, Jan. 27

Your imagination is the limit on what you can create! All ages are welcome. No registration is required.

Children

Grades K-5.

After School Program

4 pm Friday, Jan. 19

Head to the library after school to make penguin-themed crafts.

Young Ones

Registration is not required for story times.

Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesday, Jan. 16, 23 & 30

Join us every week to help your child develop their pre-literacy, fine motor and gross motor skills with fun activities, crafts and books. Ages 3-5.

Baby Story Time

11:15 am Friday, Jan. 19 & 26


We will sing, rhyme, and read board books geared toward babies. Story time is followed by free play complete with sensory toys. This program provides a great opportunity for socializing your little ones as well as making connections with other parents. Ages newborn-2.

Cold Spring

January Calendar



City BARBEQUE food FOR Thought SERIES



Food for Thought: Popular Music Since the Rock Era & its Impact
6:30-8:30 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 23

PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 10

The Enigma of Room 622 by Joël Dicker. No registration is required.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 16

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. No registration is required.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, Jan. 18

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. Register for a free copy of the book. Ages 8-14.

Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, Jan. 25

The Maidens by Alex Michaelides. All are welcome. No registration is required.

Adults

Healthy Choices for Every Body

6-8 pm Wednesday, Jan. 17, 24 & 31

This four-part series featuring cooking demos, hand-activities, grocery shopping tips and more kicks off in January. See details on pg. 4.

Food for Thought: Popular Music Since the Rock Era & its Impact

6:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 23

Sponsored by City Barbeque, the library's Food for Thought series returns. Kick off the series with a conversation with Dr. Burke Miller of NKU's History and Geography Department about popular music in the U.S. Check out the other Food for Thought programs, which run monthly through May, at cc-pl.org/food-for-thought-24.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Animal Painting for Teens

6-7:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 16

Paint your own animal masterpieces using pictures of your pet or a favorite stuffed animal as inspiration.

Teen Advisory Board and Hangout

6 pm Monday, Jan. 29

Tell us what'd you like to see from our programming, prizes and more in the coming year. All ideas are welcome! Afterward, hang around to play some games. Attendees will earn volunteer hours for their extracurricular activities. Light snacks will be provided. No registration is required.

Children

Grades K-5.

Cozy Book BINGO

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 18

Sip some hot cocoa while playing a classic round of BINGO. Winners receive a free book.

CCPL Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, Jan. 20

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

Winter Games

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 25

Experiencing cabin fever? Keep your symptoms at bay with these snow-and-winter-themed competitions.

Young Ones

Registration is NOT required for story times.

Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesday, Jan. 17, 24 & 31

Stories, songs and bouncy rhymes that will

exercise your little ones' busy bodies and busy minds. This story time is followed by a craft to match the day's theme. Ages 2-3.

Baby Time

9:30 am Thursday, Jan. 18

Help build your baby's language skills through engaging and interactive songs, rhymes, simple movement games and books. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages newborn-2.

Preschool Time

10:30 am Thursday, Jan. 18 & 25

Join us every week to help your child develop their pre-literacy and motor skills with themed stories, gross motor play and crafts. Ages 3-5.

Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Monday, Jan. 22 & 29

Build your child's development skills through engaging and interactive themed stories, songs, and gross motor play. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 1-3.

Baby Time with Melodies to Grow On

9:30 am Thursday, Jan. 25

This class aims to build communication, motor, and social skills; foster relationships; and support children and families. All of the songs and musical experiences used are created with the purpose of promoting the development of essential non-musical skills in a fun and motivating way. Ages newborn-2



Winter Games
4 pm
Thursday, Jan. 25

Carrico/Fort Thomas

January Calendar



Hygge Craft Night
5-7 pm
Thursday, Jan. 18

PROGRAMS

Book Discussions

Registration is required, unless noted.

Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, Jan. 4

Members choose books to discuss based on the monthly theme. January's topic: **Historical Romance – Victorian**. Register and receive a free romance book of your choosing.

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, Jan. 10

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. No registration is required.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 11

Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd. Register for a free copy of the book. Grades K-5.

Adults

Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, Jan. 16

Join Natalie for a friendly discussion of technology topics. Bring your own devices or try out something new at the library. We will learn together in this judgment-free informal group. This month's topic: **Grocery Apps**. Register.

Trivia Night @ The Post

6:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 16

Head to The Post (1136 S. Fort Thomas Ave.) to play Kahoot! trivia. Individuals or teams of up to eight players will be challenged over five rounds; the team with the highest score will win! A smartphone, tablet or laptop will be needed to participate. Teams only need one device to answer on.

Hygge Craft Night

5-7 pm Thursday, Jan. 18

Hygge refers to the Danish lifestyle that embraces all things cozy and comforting.

Enjoy a calming evening of crafts, tea and activities. This is a drop-in program, so stay for a while and leave when you're ready.

Winter Animal Magnets

2 & 6:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 25

Choose which winter animals you want to make magnets of and let them warm your heart when it's cold outside. Please register for only one time.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted. Registration is required, unless noted.

Teen Game Night

4:30-7 pm Friday, Jan. 19

Join us at the library to play your favorite games! We'll have board games, video games, and a staff-run table playing Dungeons & Dragons 5e.

Chess Club

4:30 pm Monday, Jan. 22

Chess is a fantastic way to improve your memory, problem-solving skills and creativity. All skill levels are welcome. Chess

sets and instruction are provided through a partnership with Chess in Schools. No registration is required.

Sticker Design Lab

4:30 pm Tuesday, Jan. 30
Create stickers using various techniques.

Families

Registration is required.

Puppy Tales

2-4 pm Saturday, 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. Register.

Children

Grades K-5. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

Little Hands Art: Sticker Mania

10 am Friday, Jan. 26
Bring kids of all ages to create sticker art.

Kids in the Kitchen: Snowy Snacks

4 pm Wednesday, Jan. 31
Celebrate the winter season by making hot chocolate on a stick, penguin cookies and polar bear treats. All treats can be made gluten, dairy, nut and egg free.

Young Ones

Registration is NOT required for story times, unless noted.

Together Time Tales

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 16, 23 & 30
Spend some quality time together while reading, playing and learning. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 3-5.

Cozy Time for Babies

10 am Wednesday, Jan. 17, 24 & 31
Designed for the youngest babies, 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, Jan. 18 & 25
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 language, motor and social development. Open play and socializing at the end. Ages newborn-2, especially for walkers. Register.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Monday, Jan. 22 & 29
Shake, move and sing in this active and musical story time followed by open play. Ages 2-3.



**Kids in the Kitchen:
Snowy Snacks**
4 pm
Wednesday, Jan. 31



Newport

January Calendar

Melting Snowman
6-8 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 22



PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Registration is required, unless noted.

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, Jan. 2

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, Jan. 12

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine

Applegate. Register to receive a free copy of the book. Ages 8-14.

Challenging Reads

7 pm Tuesday, Jan. 16

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell.

Adults

Registration is required, unless noted.

Adults Only Board Game Night

6-8 pm Monday, Jan. 8

Stay warm by cozying up at the library for a

night of board games. Play from the library's collection or bring a favorite of your own.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

9 am-5 pm Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 11-13

Head to the Friends Room on the lower level of the Newport Branch for the first Friends of the Library weekend book sale of the year!

Signature Series

7 pm Friday, Jan. 12

See details on pg. 3. Register.

Cornish Poet Bert Briscoe: 'Poetry, Story & Song'

2-3:30 pm Saturday, Jan. 20

Bert Briscoe is a poet, songwriter and historian, from Cornwall. As a poet, Bert is prolific, lyrical, and wide-ranging in subject matter and style. An accomplished reader, Bert seasons his performances with a selection of songs from his lengthy career.

Melting Snowman

6-8 pm Tuesday, Jan. 22

The holidays are officially over. Now, we await

spring. Show the transition between seasons with this melting snowman craft.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

Book Tasting

3-5 pm Wednesday, Jan. 3

Come to the book café and partake in some free samples of books! Maybe you'll even go home with a few new titles you hadn't thought of before.

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

The time is planned, but the fun is not! Head to the library to game, draw, eat some snacks or just hang out.

Roblox Hangout

3-5 pm Wednesday, Jan. 24

Come hangout and play Roblox with us.

Snacks will be provided. First come, first serve.



**Tween Scene:
Cozy Paint and Sip
3:30-5 pm
Friday, Jan. 26**

Families

Kids of all ages and their families.

Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

No-Sew Pillows

5:30-7 pm Thursday, Jan. 18

Learn two different techniques for making a no-sew pillow.

Afternoon Art: Paper Luminaries

4 pm Thursday, Jan. 25

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 flameless candles, paper and hole punches of different shapes to create paper luminaries.

Children

Grades K-5. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

Take & Make: Recycled Looms and Weaving

9 am Wednesday, Jan. 10

Learn how to turn old CDs into beautiful art

with this simple Take & Make, which are not programs to attend but are prepared crafts that registered patrons can pick up and do at home. You will receive an email when this Take & Make is ready for pick up. Register children only; caregivers do not need to register themselves.

Homeschool: Marshmallow Forts

1 pm Thursday, Jan. 18

Create a fort using marshmallows and toothpicks. Learn tips and tricks that will help it stay standing. At the end, there will be a short marshmallow fight between forts.

Tween Scene: Cozy Paint and Sip

3:30-5 pm Friday, Jan. 26

Create a wintery watercolor scene while you sip on hot cocoa. We will walk through the steps to create a winter scene with time to customize paintings at the end. Ages 8-14.

Young Ones

Registration is NOT required for story times.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Tuesday, Jan. 16, 23 & 30

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. 17, 24 & 31

Reading with your little one from an early age is a great way to start developing their literacy skills. Bounce around in this story time for literacy activities for babies as well as reading and singing time. Doors open at 10 am and story time begins around 10:15 am. Ages newborn-2.

Ready for K Through Play

10 am Monday, Jan. 22 & 29

Enjoy books, music and play to get your child ready for kindergarten. 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

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

ALL BRANCHES WILL BE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY, JAN. 1, AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, JAN. 15.

Services

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cc-pl.org/app

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LOOKING AHEAD

Party at the Library

Teens & tweens, get ready to part at the library all February long. We've been planning a series of five programs throughout the month geared toward grades 5-12.

Each branch will throw its own themed bash. Check out the dates below.

- Shiny Pokémon Party at 4:30 pm on Feb. 1 at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch
- Birthday Party at 3 pm on Feb. 7 at the Newport Branch
- Super Mario Party at 4 pm on Feb. 16 at the Alexandria Branch
- After Hours Party at 5 pm on Feb. 24 at the Newport Branch
- Hoppy Leap Day Party at 6 pm on Feb. 29 at the Cold Spring Branch

Visit cc-pl.org/programs for more details.



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.