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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:

- May 15 at Fort Thomas
- June 19 at Alexandria
- July 17 at Cold Spring
- Aug. 21 at Newport



We Suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Our Favorite Trilogies



***The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams**

This is technically five books, but Adams often joked that it was a five-book trilogy. It's a brilliant send-up of sci-fi tropes and a great social commentary wrapped up in a comedy.

— Dave Anderson, Cold Spring Branch manager



***The Millennium Trilogy* by Stieg Larsson**

When I read these books, one after the other, I couldn't put them down.

Admittedly, it took awhile to get through the first hundred pages of *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*—lots of exposition and family member sorting—but once I hit my stride I plowed through them, and actually got eye strain as a result! LOL!

— Julie Pergem, patron services assistant, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch



***The Bone Witch Trilogy* by Rin Chupeco**

Everything changes when Tea accidentally resurrects her dead brother. Suddenly she is thrust into a world of learning what it means to be one of the most important and reviled types of witches there are - bone witches. Throughout the trilogy, we witness Tea navigating monsters and politics, as well as oppression. I love that this book gives representation of characters that make poor choices or go against the grain of being "good," as they learn there's nothing good about the norm. Finishing this series left me sobbing and empty in the best way possible.

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



***Emily Series* by L.M. Montgomery**

While Anne Shirley is more famous, Emily is my favorite L.M. Montgomery heroine. She's sensitive, clever, and a talented writer. Throughout all three books she works to hone her writing skills in order to fulfill her dream of becoming a published author. I've always admired Emily's wit and determination.

— Sarah Geisler, collection services librarian



***The Winternight Trilogy* by Katherine Arden**

This series is a mixture of folklore, history and fairytale set in a wintry medieval Russia. You follow the story of Vasya, and her growth into an incredible heroine as she navigates the worlds of both magic and men. There's a wicked stepmother, a fear-mongering preacher, a Winter King, and beautiful writing all around!

— Stacey Venneman, early literacy outreach librarian



***A Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray**

A Great and Terrible Beauty follows Gemma, a girl whose mom has passed away, and is set at a Victorian-era London boarding school. She soon finds out she has powers to go to other realms. This series completely enveloped me when I was a teen. Gemma was defiant, headstrong, and stubborn. It was really fun to try to figure out what she would do next when faced with a new impossible situation.

— Tera Stadtmiller, information services assistant, Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch



Arts & Culture Series,
continued from the cover

Arts & Culture Series is back with a triad of intimate performances this May at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch. The lineup includes orchestras, bands and choirs from Northern Kentucky and across the river in Cincinnati. All performances are held on Fridays at 7 pm.

May 3: Summermusik will kick the series off with “Bella Musica,” featuring Italian pieces performed by a woodwind quintet. Summermusik, formally the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra—an independent ensemble of professional musicians—is sure to whisk audiences away to a warm piazza in the sun.

What better way to usher in spring? Plus, the ensemble is celebrating its 50-year anniversary of creating “intimate, transformative experiences that connect the musically curious.”

May 17: MUSE Cincinnati Women's Choir bills itself as an “inclusive and feminist choral

community advocating for peace and social justice.”

Catch their performance of “emBODY Diversity,” which works to both empower and enlighten audiences. The genre-spanning performance will include everything from pop to protest anthems to choral art songs.

May 24: Take a bow! Northern Kentucky University's String Project will close out Arts & Culture with a riveting concert. After the show, attendees will get a chance to see and learn about the instruments up close!

The nationally-recognized NKU String Project started in 2012 and is one of 41 across the country. Since forming, the project has raised over \$45,000 in grant funding and \$3,000 in student-fundraised quarters.

The finale also marks family night; all ages are invited to view this performance.

Register for each performance and learn more at cc-pl.org/arts-and-culture-24.



NoveList

In search of your next great fiction read? NoveList is the perfect place to find titles—and you can access it from the comfort of your own home. NoveList is an easy-to-search database of fiction titles. You can search by vibe—from haunting and atmospheric to angst-filled and witty—age, genre and author. You can even create your own “appeal mix” by selecting different elements to help narrow your search. The possibilities are endless. All you need to

access the database from home is your library barcode and PIN.

Our staff is a great resource! Walk into any branch and our staff will be happy to offer suggestions.

The *Connections* newsletter also includes monthly recommendations, as does our website and social pages (@campbellkylib).

Plus, visit cc-pl.org/recommendations for staff-curated book lists; you can even sign up to get updates on new titles, bestsellers and more delivered to your email.



Early Literacy Play Date

Take your young ones to the Newport Branch for a fun-filled afternoon of enriching activities and games. Early Literacy Play Date returns on Saturday, May 18 from 11 am-2 pm in the children’s and main area of the branch.

Along with activities and games for young ones that promote early literacy, adults can also check out local and relevant resources and services. Plus, there will be a drawing for an early literacy prize pack.

Don’t forget to pick out a free book via the Book Bus, which will be parked outside of the branch. Visit cc-pl.org/elp-2024 for more details. No registration is required.



Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library

We’re shouting our love for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library from the rooftops—and we think you will, too. All children in Campbell County age newborn to five are eligible to get a free book mailed to them every month through Imagination Library!

All you have to do is sign up online at cc-pl.org/imagination-library or in person at any branch. The books are age-appropriate and free to keep at no cost or obligation to you or your family.

The service is made possible through a partnership between CCPL and local schools.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAMMING BREAK



If you flip through the newsletter, you may notice fewer children's and young ones programs. As the library prepares for Summer Reading (June 1-July 27), we're giving our children's services department a much-deserved break. Our staff also uses this time to promote Summer Reading in local schools.

Story times and programming will resume in full-force in June. We can't wait to see you! Flip to the back of this issue to see preliminary Summer Reading details (and keep an eye out for Summer Reading brochures in all of our branches).

Family Board Game Day
1:30-4:30 pm Sunday,
May 19



Alexandria

May Calendar

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Manga to Anime Club

4 pm Wednesday, May 8

Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba by Koyoharu Gotouge. Ages 13+.
No registration is required.

Books and Brunch Book Club

11:30 am Saturday, May 18

The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton. No registration is required.

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, May 21

Molly's Tuxedo by Vicki Johnson. Register. Grades K-5.

Adults

Cozy Crafting: Book Nooks

3-5 pm Thursday, May 23

Using a variety of materials and techniques, learn how to design and assemble your very own miniature book nook. Come join us for an afternoon of crafting and creativity, and leave with a unique piece of art to adorn your bookshelves!

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Teen Art Lab

4:30 pm Thursday, May 2

Bring your creativity and we'll give you the materials to let your inner artist shine!

Teen Hangout

4:30-6:30 pm Monday, May 13

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 & their families.

Puppy Tales

4-6 pm Friday, May 24

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.

Family Board Game Day

1:30-4:30 pm Sunday, May 19

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. We also have a Nintendo Switch with *Super Smash Brothers: Ultimate* and *Mario Party*. Light snacks will be provided.

Cold Spring

May Calendar



Learning to Play Mah-Jongg

6:30-8 pm Thursday,
May 16

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, May 8

The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. No registration is required.

Homeschool Book to Movie Club

11:30 am Thursday, May 16

A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket Register to get a free copy of the book. Ages 8-14.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, May 21

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. No registration is required.

Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, May 23

The Holdouts by Graham Moore. No registration is required.

Adults

Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, May 3

New and experienced players alike can play Dungeons & Dragons at the library. The library will have pre-generated characters to use, but you can also create your own.

Learning to Play Mah-Jongg

6:30-8 pm Thursday, May 16

Usually played by four people, Mah-jongg is a game played with a set of 136 or 144 rectangular pieces called tiles; the objective is to collect winning sets, as done in games like gin rummy. The game started and gained popularity throughout 19th-century China, especially in cities like Shanghai and Beijing.

Food for Thought: Radical Republicanism in High Renaissance Florence —the Tragedy of Girolamo Savonarola

6:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, May 21

In the last installment of Food for Thought, Northern Kentucky University's Dr. William Landon will discuss Girolamo Savonarola, a Dominican friar (and prophet) who guided the city of Florence, Italy's revival of republican traditions. International politics and Florence's enemies brought that brief moment to a close

in May of 1498, when Savonarola and two of his brothers were executed as villains. City Barbeque sandwiches are provided.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted.

Teacher Appreciation Bookmarks

6 pm Monday, May 6

Use our craft supplies to create the perfect gift for your teachers just in time for Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 7. You might as well make a matching one for yourself, while you're at it!

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, May 13

Join other local players in the virtual world of Minecraft using the library's server. Ages 8-14.

Switch it Up!


6-7:30 pm Monday, May 20

Join us at the Cold Spring branch for a teen game night celebrating all kinds of gaming, including board games, Retro systems and games for the Nintendo Switch! Choose any game from our collection, or bring a favorite from home to share. We carry more than 200 board and card games, and lots of fun video games.



Carrico/Fort Thomas

May Calendar



Kitchen Canvas Art
2 & 6:30 pm Tuesday,
May 7

Programs

Book Discussions

Registration is required, unless noted.

Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, May 2

Members choose books to discuss based on a monthly theme. May's topic: **Fantasy Romance** —**Fae/Faeries**. Register and pick out a free romance book to keep.

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, May 8

The Old Woman with the Knife by Gu Byeong-mo. No registration is required.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, May 9

Cece Loves Science by Kimberly Derting. Register to get a free copy of the book to keep. Grades K-5.

Adults

Registration is required, unless noted.

Arts & Culture: Bella Musica with Summermusik

7 pm Thursday, May 3

See details on pg. 3.

Kitchen Canvas Art

2 & 6:30 pm Tuesday, May 7

Add some style to your kitchen by using stencils to paint a food-or-cooking-themed canvas! Register for only one time so that we can accommodate as many people as possible.

Talking Tech Troubles: Reading Apps & Resources

2 pm Tuesday, May 14

Join Natalie, the adult/teen services programmer, in this judgment-free discussion of technology topics. This month's topic: **Reading Apps & Resources**.

Bridgerton Tea Party

5:30-7 pm Thursday, May 16

Enjoy tasty teas and snacks while you dream about romance, scandal, dances and staying out of Lady Whistledown's letters. We'll make Regency inspired hats, so feel free to dress up and live out your Bridgerton fantasy.

Arts & Culture: MUSE Choir Presents 'emBODY Diversity'

7 pm Friday, May 17

See details on pg. 3.

Arts & Culture: NKU String Project

7 pm Friday, May 24

See details on pg. 3.

Trivia Night @ The Post

6:30 pm Tuesday, May 28

Test your knowledge at The Post (1136 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.!) Play on your own, with your friends, or as a family. No registration is required.

Teens & Tweens

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

DIY Squishies

4:30 pm Thursday, May 2

Color your own foam squishies! Use permanent marker to make them as bright and colorful as you want!

Therapy Animals with Teens

4-6 pm Wednesday, May 8

Relieve stress by hanging out with therapy animals. Plus, learn about what it takes for a dog or cat to be certified as a therapy animal. What's not to love?

Game Show Tournament

4:30 pm Tuesday, May 14

Do you think you could win big on a game show? Join the library for mini-games inspired by your favorites on TV... with prizes on the line!

Newport

May Calendar



**May the Fourth
Be with You**
3-5 pm Wednesday,
May 1

Programs

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

Book Discussions

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, May 7

Get Well Soon: History's Worst Plagues and the Heroes Who Fought Them by Jennifer Wright. No registration is required.

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, May 10

Some Places More Than Others —History's Worst Plagues and the Heroes Who Fought Them by Renee Watson. Register for a free copy of the book to keep. Ages 8-14.

Challenging Reads

7 pm Tuesday, May 21

This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki & Jillian Tamaki. No registration is required.

Adults

Registration is required, unless noted.

Sock Puppets

6-8 pm Monday, May 6

Relive your childhood by making sock puppets. You're never too old for fun.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

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

Get used books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks and more at can't-miss prices at the Friends of the Library Book Sale! The sale is located in the Friends Room on the Newport Branch's lower level. No registration is required.

Memories: Physical to Digital

6-8 pm Monday, May 13

Have old VHS tapes lying around at home? Come and learn how to convert those tapes to digital files! Audiovisual preservation is incredibly important, and we want to save those memories before it's too late.

Macramé Daisy Keychains

6-8 pm Monday, May 20

Create fun daisy keychains using macramé techniques.

Teens & Tweens

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

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.

May the Fourth Be with You

3-5 pm Wednesday, May 1

Prep for *Star Wars* day on May 4 with the library. Hang out, color, build a lightsaber out of a pool noodle and watch a *Star Wars* movie. And don't forget: "May the Fourth Be with You."

Mother's Day Cards

3-5 pm Wednesday, May 8

Celebrate your mom (or mother figure) by making a handmade card telling her how you feel.

Button Bracelets

3-5 pm Wednesday, May 22

Make a cute button bracelet for yourself or a friend!

Families

Kids of all ages and their families. Registration is NOT required, unless noted.

Early Literacy Play Date

11 am-2 pm Saturday, May 18

See Details on pg. 4.



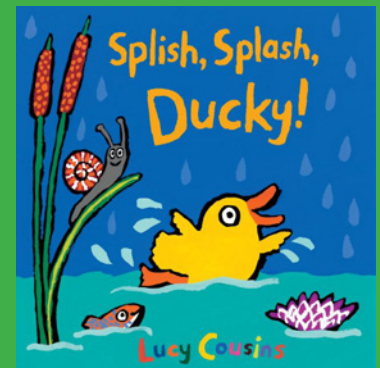


Walk a Picture Path

Go on a walk this May while taking in a story! The library's Outreach Department partners with local parks to set up picture paths in the spring and summer months. It's the perfect activity for children and their families/friends.

The interactive displays feature a children's story book on one side, along with suggested activities to do while strolling. On the flip side, you'll find educational information about plants and animals you might see nearby.

One participating park is A.J. Jolly Park (1501 Race Track Road) in Alexandria. You can walk along to *Splish, Splash, Ducky!* by Lucy Cousins. Visit cc-pl.org/picture-paths for more.



Resources for Seniors

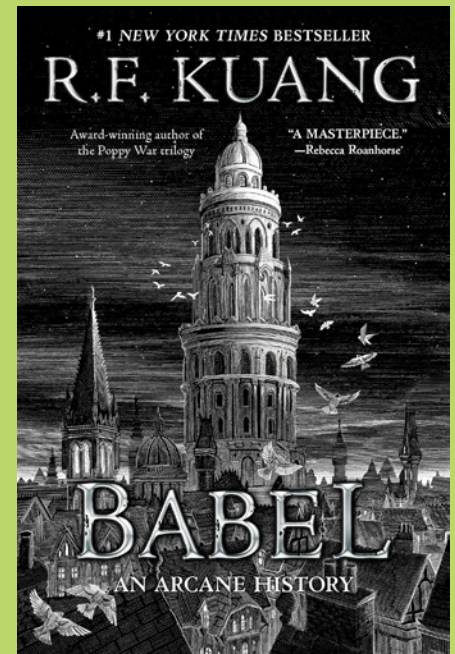
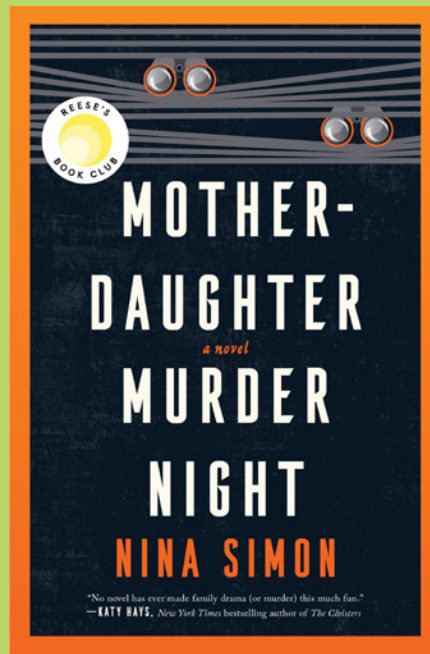
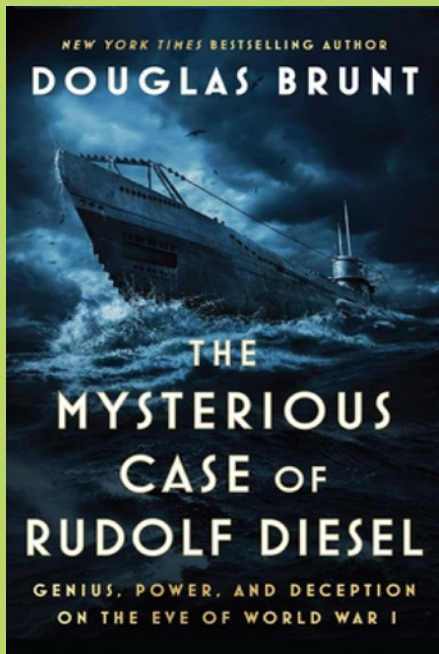
The library maintains a list of resources for older adults at cc-pl.org/community/nky-resources-for-seniors. The page includes information about senior centers, home caregivers, hospice care, elder abuse protection/prevention, adult daycares, housing and assisted living.

Adult outreach staff host monthly book talks at senior centers, adult day care facilities,

retirement living homes and more. These book talks don't require that a specific book be read or selected by each participant; rather, the talks vary in interest and include a presentation that encourages discussion among attendees.

There's also Home Delivery Service; residents of Campbell County who cannot visit the library due to temporary or permanent illness/disability are eligible! You can get books (including large print!), magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, CDs and other materials delivered to your home. Items are selected based on your interests, requests and needs.





Virtual Author Talks

Listen to award-winning author talks from home (or anywhere you wish). The library hosts Virtual Author Talks year-round through a partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium. Grab your laptop, tablet or smartphone and get comfortable.

There are three author talks slated for May. All talks require registration.

The first talk of the month on Wednesday, May 1 at 3 pm features **Douglas Brunt**, who will discuss his instant bestselling nonfiction novel *The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel: Genius, Power, and Deception of the Eve of World War I*. The book centers on famous inventor Rudolf Diesel, who disappeared while aboard the steamship Dresden on Sept. 29, 1913. While the ship arrives in England from Belgium, Diesel mysteriously vanishes overnight. Hear Brunt recount the mystery.

Next is a talk with **Nina Simon** on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 pm. Also a mystery, Simon will talk about her book *Mother-Daughter Murder Night*, a whodunnit featuring a grandmother-mother-daughter trio who just so happen to be amateur sleuths.

Wrapping up the month is **R.F. Kuang**, author of *Babel* and *Yellowface*. Kuang will discuss Asian-American representation in literature, which the latter bestselling fiction novel explores.

Register for each talk and find more at libraryc.org/ccpl/upcoming.

Stop & Smell the Musical Flowers

New flowers have bloomed at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch this spring—at least metaphorically. Next time you're at Fort Thomas, make sure to pay a visit to their new musical flowers located outside of the branch by the gazebo.

The colorful additions each have their own musical chord in C Major; each flower's petals sound off their own gong-like notes. All ages are welcome to create music using the flowers. We can't wait to hear what you come up with!





Get Ready to Kick Off Summer Reading

Summer Reading is just around the corner and we're prepping for Kickoff Week! Sign up for Summer Reading via Beanstack or physical logs and receive a free pocket notebook, while supplies last.

Save the date for all of our branches' kickoff festivities. Summer Reading will run **June 1-July 27**. Keep an eye out for details.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4: Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

10 am: Tower Tuesday - Honey Hill Farm Mobile Petting Zoo at Tower Park (900 S Ft Thomas Ave, Fort Thomas), for kids of all ages & their families.

3:30 pm: Build-Your-Own Adventure Kit, for grades K-5.

4:30 pm: Become a Wanderer with The Hills of Kentucky Dulcimers, for all ages.

6:30 pm: Around the World in Six Cups with Churchill's Teas, for adults, however, teens are welcome to attend with an adult.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5: Newport Branch

10 am: Book Bus on Tour - Popsicles with Puppies & Duckies at Bellevue Beach Park (643-665 Frank Benke Way, Bellevue), for kids of all ages and their families.

1 pm: King Tut Remembered - Adventures in Archaeology with NKU, for teens & adults.

3-4:30 pm: Gem Dig, for grades K-5.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6: Alexandria Branch

10 am: Jolly Thursday—Kentucky Reptile Zoo at A.J. Jolly Park (1501 Race Track Road, Alexandria), for kids of all ages & their families.

Noon-4 pm: 'Adventure is Out There!', for kids of all ages & their families.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7: Cold Spring Branch

2 pm: Wave Foundation presents 'Tide Pool', for families.

5-7 pm: Creative Cosplay, for teens & adults.





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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

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAY,
MAY 26 AND MONDAY, MAY 27 FOR
MEMORIAL DAY**

Services

Patron Services: 859.572.5041

Download books & music:

<https://kyunbound.overdrive.com>

Download the library app:

cc-pl.org/app

Visit us online @ cc-pl.org



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LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Reading 2024

Adventure Begins at the Library! Participate in Summer Reading from June 1-July 27 for challenges, programs, park hangs and more.

All ages (adults, teens and children) can participate in Summer Reading. This year, participants can track activities—like reading, attending library programs, getting creative and more—on Beanstack or via paper logs for the chance to win weekly prizes.

Visit cc-pl.org/summer-reading-24 for more information; keep an eye out for Summer Reading brochures, which will hit branches in May.



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.