

CONNECTIONS

Be well. Stay well.

By JC Morgan
Director

It goes against the nature of libraries to be closed. Serving people is too important to us. When we decided to close



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March 13 to protect patrons and staff from the coronavirus, we had no idea that it would take this long to

reopen. Now, we recognize that whenever we do reopen, it will be a gradual process, accomplished in stages.

Current guidance from the state and federal level will tell us how to best serve you and keep everyone as safe as possible during each stage. With our recent experience, I'm sure plans will be modified many times before we get back to normal operations.

In the meantime, we are planning our summer reading programs and activities

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Take care of yourselves and your loved ones.
We're taking care of your fines and fees.

AMNESTY FOR ALL You're fine (free).

Libraries throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky are finding a new way to serve the public – by offering “Amnesty for All.” The Campbell County Public Library is waiving all fines and fees prior to March 14, 2020 when our branches closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Everyone can return to the library and

utilize its services without the barriers of outstanding charges on their accounts.

Patrons do not need to come to the library to clear their accounts, but all items currently checked out should be returned to the library. Until we reopen fully, overdue fees for returned items will not be charged.

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Seeking applications for new board members

We know Kentucky's Healthy at Home restrictions will be eased eventually, so the search continues to fill two positions on the library's Board of Trustees.

By Kentucky statute, board members are limited to two four-year terms. Cathy Howard and Paul Johnson both have served for the past eight years. The law also requires a balanced geographical representation of all areas of the county. In keeping with that law,

one incoming board member will represent the Fort Thomas area and the other will represent the southern part of the county including Camp Springs, Melbourne and California.

Anyone interested in serving on the library's board should submit a resume and cover letter to Director JC Morgan, Campbell County Public Library, 3920 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076, or email jcmorgan@cc-pl.

People with occupations or interests in the areas of business, finance and banking would be especially beneficial. Trustees are expected to be advocates for the library.

Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2020 and interviews will be conducted this summer. The Board of Trustees are non-paid positions appointed by the Campbell County Judge-Executive. The successful nominees will begin their terms of office on Oct. 1, 2020.

Construction Update



At left, the walkway path to the new Newport Dog Park being built by the City of Newport in the back on the northeast side of the Newport Branch is nearly finished, along with work for the parking lot expansion and improvements.

At right, the doors and windows at the Cold Spring Branch were boarded up in April and it looked pretty bleak. All that plywood, however, was there to protect the glass from the jack hammers busting up the concrete at the front entrance. Those orange construction cones and driving barriers are signs of progress!



In addition, parking lot improvements at Carrico/Fort Thomas are nearly finished. We are fortunate that all this construction work is being accomplished with minimal disruptions to patrons. By the time we reopen we are hopeful all of our parking lot improvements and the front entrance at Cold Spring will be totally complete.

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without gatherings of any size and with as much online activity as we can. We'll have details for you in the June newsletter.

These past weeks have not been easy for anyone. We want to be there for all of you and help you get back to the library with a clean slate: no fines, no fees and no charges for lost items. If you have a library card but haven't been able to use it, now you can.

It will be so nice to see you all. As I said, libraries are not designed to be closed and you are the reason. We want to serve you. We look forward to it. Hopefully, it'll be soon.

Amnesty

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"People have been through a lot and we want to make it as easy as possible for our patrons to use their library again," said JC Morgan, director. "Amnesty for All wipes the slate clean and provides a fresh start for when people can walk into our buildings, use our computers and check out books. This is especially important for people who have suffered financially through this pandemic."

In addition to Campbell County, more than 25 libraries around the state are offering Amnesty for All to help patrons recover after the stay-at-home coronavirus restrictions are lifted.



All branches of the library are currently closed due to the health risks surrounding COVID-19. Access our digital collection online 24/7. Visit www.cc-pl.org/coronavirus for the latest updates of when branches will reopen.

Locations

Cold Spring Branch

3920 Alexandria Pike
Cold Spring, KY 41076
csinfo@cc-pl.org

Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

1000 Highland Avenue
Fort Thomas, KY 41075
ftinfo@cc-pl.org

Newport Branch

901 East Sixth Street
Newport, KY 41071
nwinfo@cc-pl.org

Alexandria Branch

8333 Alexandria Pike
Alexandria, KY 41001
alinfo@cc-pl.org

Library Express

Service to Express locations in Silver Grove and Melbourne has been temporarily suspended. The return item bins at our branch locations are open. You will not incur fines for items returned past the due date while we are closed.

24-hour services

Patron Services: 859-572-5041
Storytelling: 859-572-5039

Download books & music:
<http://kyunbound.lib.overdrive.com/>

Download the Library app:
www.cc-pl.org/app

Visit us online @ www.cc-pl.org



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Looking ahead at the library

Summer Reading 2020

Plans are moving forward for Summer Reading in June and July, although it will be different. We'll provide lots of new and entertaining events online, and we are planning some programming that will work with recommendations for controlling crowd size and maintaining social distancing. We will still have fun and you can read to win prizes. Be on the lookout for a new style of Jolly Thursday and Tower Tuesday Adventures via story walks! More details to come. Visit our website and be sure to follow us on social media for the latest.



ADA Compliance Statement

The Library makes every reasonable effort to provide equal access to all patrons. Please contact access@cc-pl.org or call 859-781-6166 x 31 at least 72 hours prior to an event to arrange for accommodation. All facilities and meeting rooms are ADA compliant.