

CONNECTIONS



Participate in Summer Reading from **June 1-July 27** for the chance to win weekly prizes. Everything you need to know is in this special edition of *Connections*.

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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. Next meeting dates and locations are:

- June 19 at Alexandria
- July 17 at Cold Spring
- Aug. 21 at Newport
- Sept. 18 at Fort Thomas
- Oct. 16 at Alexandria

FRIENDS OF THE
CAMPBELL COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOOK SALE
JULY 11-13
9 AM-5 PM
IN THE FRIENDS
ROOM AT OUR
NEWPORT BRANCH

We Suggest

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Our Favorite Books Set at Summer Camp/the Great Outdoors



Lumberjanes, Vol. 1: Beware the Kitten Holy by N.D. Stevenson

Five best friends are determined to have an amazing summer at Miss Qiunzella Thistkwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's Camp for Hardcore Lady Types. While the name of the camp is a mouthful, the plot is fun and easy to follow. I love the humor and the ridiculous situations the friends get themselves in.

— Carrie Ratterman, branch supervisor, Alexandria Branch



The Curse of Camp Cold Lake by R.L. Stine

This book is one of three classic summer camp lake stories by R.L. Stine.

— Cody Elliott, adult/teen services programmer, Newport Branch



The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon by Stephen King

It's about a little girl who gets lost in the woods, but has a radio, so she listens to baseball games for comfort and company. Gets very spooky very fast... just how I like it!

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



Camp Damascus by Chuck Tingle

I am very biased, because Tingle is very vocal about being autistic, and the main character is also autistic (as am I). It feels good to be represented in pop culture/literature. The narrative is woven together in a way that is seamlessly sinister. I don't want to spoil the ending, but it is very satisfying.

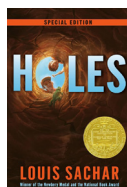
— Anonymous staff member



Camp by Kayla Miller

It is a very relatable graphic novel about middle school best friends, Willow and Olive, who attend summer camp together. The girls struggle to find the balance between fostering their close bond and making new friends. This story can help readers learn about friendship, communication, and conflict resolution.

— Molly Walker, children's services librarian, Cold Spring Branch



Holes by Louis Sachar

A humorous, middle grade classic that offers mysterious twisting timelines and a band of boys with inventive nicknames.

— Rebekah Napier, patron services assistant, Alexandria Branch



Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan

This is a PERFECT summer camp adventure series! I re-read this every single summer and desperately wish I could pick strawberries with the satyrs and play Capture the Flag with Annabeth. My favorite of the series would have to be the fourth book, *The Battle of the Labyrinth*, but they're all so good it took a while to make that decision!

— Stephanie Daugherty, patron services assistant, Newport Branch



Adventure Begins at the Library, *continued from the cover*

Summer Reading is back this June & July and brimming with fun programs, activities and challenges. All ages can participate. Here's everything you need to know to get started.

Getting Started

Whether you're getting lost in fictional worlds like Middle Earth or Camp Half-Blood or you're attending a cool program, our Summer Reading theme rings true: Adventure Begins at the Library. And it starts with registering for Summer Reading!

This year's program is activity based. Patrons of all ages can track their activities via Beanstack or paper logs. Paper logs will be available for pick up at any branch or for download at cc-pl.org/summer-reading. (Spanish language versions will be available upon request. Habrá versiones en español disponibles a pedido.)

Win a book or small prize and an entry into a weekly themed prize for every five activities logged.

Log one activity per day from the choices below. (Activities can be repeated.)

Summer Reading Activities

- Attend a Library Program
- Read
- Adventure in the Community
- Get Creative
- Play a Game
- Use Library Materials or Resources
- Try Something New

Prizes are awarded per age group (adults, teens and children). Each week is a different theme, but you can enter for what you're most interested in.

Themed Prizes

- June 1-8:** Art
- June 9-15:** Games
- June 16-22:** Build It!
- June 23-29:** Book Lovers
- June 30-July 6:** Local Favorites
- July 7-July 13:** Squishmallows
- July 14-July 20:** Outdoor Adventure
- July 21-July 27:** Movie Night

Checkout Challenge

Want a more laid-back adventure? All ages can participate in the Checkout Challenge. Get an entry into a midsummer and finale prize drawing—a \$50 Target gift card and \$100 Meijer gift card, respectively—each time you check out materials at any branch.

Other Fun

Flip through this newsletter to plan your summer with the library branches.

Each branch's section includes both June and July programs for all age groups, including book clubs, crafts, game nights and more.

Interested in kicking the summer off with us? The library is celebrating the start of Summer Reading the first week of June. Check out our Kickoff Week's lineup on pg. 4.

Plan ahead by marking our Summer Reading finales on your calendar. See pg. 6 to read all about our teen and children's finales and get excited for the return of Art After Hours on Friday, July 26 at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.



Adventure Begins at Kickoff Week

Summer Reading Kickoff is here! Jump-start your adventure with the library by joining us during Kickoff Week.

Register for Summer Reading via Beanstack or physical logs and receive a free pocket notebook, while supplies last. Can't make it the first week? No sweat! You can sign up for Summer Reading throughout the season, which runs June 1-July 27.

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.*





Summer Fun at Local Parks

Tower Tuesdays & Jolly Thursdays are back this June & July with fun programs, entertainers and some cool critters.

All programs begin at 10 am. Families are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs when needed.

Tower Tuesdays

Tower Park's Amphitheater, Fort Thomas

- June 4:** Honey Hill Farm Mobile Petting Zoo
- June 11:** Talewise Science Heroes Presents *Adventure of the Lost Treasure*
- June 18:** Foam-tastic Party!
- June 25:** Comedy Juggler Matt Jergens
- July 9:** Kentucky Reptile Zoo
- July 16:** Raptors Inc. Presents *Fantastic Beasts of the Harry Potter World*
- July 23:** Arboretum on Wheels

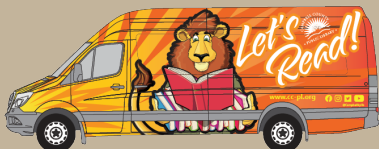
Jolly Thursdays

A.J. Jolly Park's Stapleton Pavilion, Alexandria

- June 6:** Kentucky Reptile Zoo
- June 13:** Kentucky Shakespeare Presents *Romeo and Juliet*
- June 20:** Bright Side Theatre Presents *Storybook Tales*
- June 27:** Talewise Science Heroes Presents *Adventure of the Lost Treasure*
- July 11:** Bollywood Beat Dance Performance
- July 18:** Family Concert with Big Bang Boom!
- July 25:** Honey Hill Farm Mobile Petting Zoo

The Book Bus on Tour

Can't get enough of local parks? Us either! The Book Bus will hit the roads of Campbell County and set up at local parks. All programs take place at 10 am on Wednesdays. Peep the lineup to the right.



- June 5:** Popsicles with Puppies & Duckies at Bellevue Beach Park
- June 12:** Art All Over! at Chief Sayers Park
- June 19:** Beach Bash at Southgate Community Center
- June 26:** Dino Buddies at the Alexandria Community Park
- July 3:** Bubble Bonanza! at Bellevue Beach Park
- July 10:** Good Green Earth Petting Zoo at Chief Sayers Park
- July 17:** Gone Camping at Southgate Community Center
- July 24:** Incredible Insects at the Alexandria Community Park



Teen & Children Summer Reading Finales

Save the date for end-of-summer, all-ages fun. Read about the Adult Summer Reading Finale below.

Teen Summer Reading Finales

3-6 pm Friday, July 26: Adventure Movie Marathon at Alexandria Branch

Whether you're a fan of swashbuckling pirates or heroic adventurers, our movie marathon has something for everyone. Grab popcorn, gather your friends, and settle in for a night of big-screen thrills and summer fun.

2-4 pm Saturday, July 27: Switch it Up! Tournament Time at Cold Spring Branch

Go head-to-head with other teens on the library's Nintendo Switch to see who reigns victorious. Prizes are on the line! We'll play both *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe* and *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*.

4:30-7 pm Saturday, July 27: A Trip Through Time at Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

Become a Viking with local organization The

Bluegrass Varangians, play retro video games on vintage consoles, get creative with crafts from centuries past and more. Time travel can be hungry work, so there will be plenty of snacks available.

4-7 pm Saturday, July 26: Care Closet and Interview Info at Newport Branch

Hear a presentation from Northern Kentucky University and the Newport Care Closet about their mission and services.

They will bring some of their clothing for those that register; please indicate your age, sizes and clothing preferences (masculine/feminine) in the special needs box when you register at cc-pl.org/events.

Children Summer Reading Finales

4 pm Thursday, July 25: Cool Critters Outreach at Cold Spring Branch

Get an up-close, personal look at the fascinating world of snakes, lizards, spiders and more with Cool Critters Outreach.

4-7 pm Friday, July 26: Back-to-School Bash at Newport Branch

Wrap up Summer Reading and prepare for the new school year with our back-to-school bash! Everyone will leave with school supplies.

10 am-noon Saturday, July 27: Outdoor Cooking at Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch

Embark on an outdoor culinary adventure as we make delicious solar oven and picnic recipes.

Noon-4 pm Saturday, July 27: Build-Your-Own Adventure Buddy at Alexandria Branch

We've all had so many adventures together this summer! Keep them going by making a stuffed animal adventure buddy.

Write your plans for future adventures and add the paper in with the stuffing so you and your buddy can adventure long after summer is over.

Visit cc-pl.org/summer-reading for more info.

Adult Summer Reading Finale:



Art After Hours, the Adult Summer Reading Finale, returns on Friday, July 26 at 7 pm at the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch.

Patrons can expect to take in art; nosh on food from Kate's Catering; unwind to live music from Ricky Nye; and enjoy beautiful flower arrangements provided by Fort Thomas Florist.

Sixteen artists will display their work, which ranges in medium, style and taste. See something you like? Most pieces will be available for purchase.

Amy Carroll, the library's programming & community engagement manager, reflects that art is meant to be shared. While each artist pulls from within to create art, Carroll

says that connection also drives creativity. "Having spaces where artists can see and be inspired by each other's work is important," continues Carroll. "Especially in an age where so much influence comes from the digital world, it's important to see what other artists are doing in this community."

Displayed artists include Billy Tackett, Carole Winter, Charie Fischer, Claire Long, Connie Springer, Everage King, Jerry Warner, Joan Abraham, Margie Lakeburg, Marie Hamaker, Mary Moran, Sharmon Davidson, Sherry Perry, Steve Kosztala, Tina Tepe and Nicole Kessel.

Featured creatives are a mix of new and returning artists. One artist, Jerry Warner, has come back year after year!

"My goal each year is to have something for everyone," says Carroll. "Whether you like modern art, landscapes, pottery, or something else, I want there to be something that speaks to everyone who walks through the door."

Tiny Art Show

You can display miniature art of your own at Art After Hours! Tiny Art Show participants can create works on a 3" x 3" canvas, which they may display at Art After Hours.

AAH attendees will vote for the Best Overall and Best for Summer Reading theme (Adventure Begins at the Library) in each age category.

Winners receive a Michael's gift card. Create a canvas at home (and submit it by July 23) or attend one of the following programs:

Teen Tiny Art Show: 4:30 pm Tuesday, July 16. Register.

Adult Tiny Art Show: 2 & 6:30 pm Thursday, July 18. Register for one time only.

Children Tiny Art Show: 4 pm Monday, July 22. No registration is required.

ALEXANDRIA

JUNE PROGRAMS



BOOK PAGE FLOWERS
2-4 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Manga to Anime Club

4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday, June 12

Komi Can't Communicate, Vol. 1

by Tomohito Oda.

Books & Brunch Book Club

11:30 am Saturday, June 15

Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden. No registration is required.

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, June 18

Hidden Gem by Linda Liu. Grades K-5.

ADULTS

DIY Decoupage Map Coasters

2-4 pm Monday, June 17

Transform ordinary coasters into works of art. Participants will learn the art of decoupage, a timeless technique that involves decorating surfaces with layers of paper and sealant.

Book Page Flowers

2-4 pm Tuesday, June 25

Recycle book pages into beautiful paper flowers that will bloom forever in your home. We will have old book pages available, but feel free to bring your own!

TEENS

Ages 11-19.

Pokémon Perler Party

4-6 pm Monday, June 3

Bring your favorite Pokémon to life using Perler Beads.

Cryptid Crafts: Mothman Sock Plush

4-6 pm Friday, June 14

Get ready to create your very own Mothman companion—no sewing required! Who knows what secrets may flutter forth from your handmade creation? Don't miss out on this opportunity to craft a legend!

Adventure Trivia

4-5:30 pm Thursday, June 20

It's trivia time; get your smartphones ready to Kahoot! Whether you're a die-hard fan of Indiana Jones, a devotee of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle-Earth, or an aficionado of epic quests and daring adventures, this event is your chance to showcase your knowledge and claim bragging rights as the ultimate adventure trivia champion.

Adventure Through the '80s Movie Night

4-6 pm Friday, June 28

Embark on an epic cinematic voyage as players immerse themselves in the thrilling world of 1980s adventure films. Attendees will vote on what to watch. Snacks provided.

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages & their families.

Family Board Game Day: Adventure Edition

1:30-4:30 pm Sunday, June 9

From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be something for everyone. The library will also have a Nintendo Switch with *Super Smash Brothers: Ultimate* and *Mario Party*. Light snacks will be provided. No registration is required.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5.

Adventure Sash Decorating

4 pm Tuesday, June 11

Come decorate your own adventure sash! You can earn buttons for each program you attend over the summer. Pin them to your personalized sash and show them off.

Avatar: The Last Airbender Party

11:30 am-1 pm Saturday, June 22

Do you have what it takes to become the next Avatar and save the world? Join us for Avatar training where you will train your body and mind to become the strongest Avatar yet!

Slime Bubbles

4 pm Wednesday, June 26

Make bubbles using slime! You can hold and even stretch these bubbles, so you don't have to worry about running out.

YOUNG ONES

No registration is required.

Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesdays

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 Fridays

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.

ALEXANDRIA

JULY PROGRAMS



Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Manga to Anime Club

4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday, July 10

Jujutsu Kaisen, Vol. 1 by Gege Akutami.

Cam's Kids Book Club

4:30 pm Tuesday, July 16

My Indigo World by Rosa Chang.

Books & Brunch Book Club

11:30 am Saturday, July 20

The Guest List by Lucy Foley. No registration is required.

ADULTS

Adventure Writing Workshop

4-6 pm Tuesday, July 2

Dive into the art and craft of storytelling this summer with our immersive writer's workshop. Whether you're working on a novel, a short story or simply looking to explore the art of storytelling, this workshop offers a supportive and inspiring environment to hone your craft.

Paint-Along Landscape Painting

4-6 pm Monday, July 8

Follow along a video tutorial for landscape painting.

TEENS

Ages 11-19

Adventure Writing Workshop

4-6 pm Friday, July 5

Whether you're a seasoned storyteller or just beginning to pen your tales, this workshop

will ignite your imagination and equip you with the tools you need to embark on your own literary adventures. Connect with fellow storytellers and take your skills to new heights!

Introduction to Cosplay

4:30-6:30 pm Friday, July 12

Step into the world of cosplay and bring your favorite characters to life in this exciting workshop. Whether you're a die-hard fan of anime, video games or comic books, join us for an immersive journey into the art of costume crafting, character portrayal and creative expression.

Dungeons & Dragons Basics: How to be a Dungeon Master

4-6:30 pm Thursday, July 18

Are you ready to take the helm and become the mastermind behind epic quests, thrilling encounters and fantastical worlds? Join us for an unforgettable journey into the art of Dungeon Mastering in Dungeons & Dragons!

Harry Potter's Birthday Party

4-6 pm Wednesday, July 31

Celebrate the magic of Harry Potter on July 31—Harry's birthday! No Harry Potter party would be complete without enchanting crafts, including custom wands and potion bottles. Snacks and birthday goodies will be provided.

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages & their families

Family Board Game Day: Adventure Edition

1:30-4:30 pm Sunday, July 14

From classic favorites to modern gems, there will be something for everyone. Discover

new games, or bring a personal favorite. You can also play Nintendo Switch with *Super Smash Brothers: Ultimate* and *Mario Party*. Light snacks will be provided. No registration is required.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5

Afternoon Origami

4 pm Tuesday, July 9

Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper into shapes and figures. Journey outside your comfort zone and come make some awesome origami figures with us!

The 2024 Library Olympic Games

4-5:30 pm Wednesday, July 17

The Summer 2024 Olympic Games kick off July 26. The library is getting excited by throwing an Olympics of our own! Grab the whole family for a fun day of games.

YOUNG ONES

No registration is required.

Preschool Story Time

11:15 am Tuesdays

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. *There is no story time on July 30.*

Baby Story Time

11:15 am Fridays

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

JUNE PROGRAMS



GEOLOGY ROCKS!
4 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, June 12

The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware. For adults who love reading mysteries and spooky stuff! No registration is required.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, June 18

The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley. No registration is required.

Real Men Read

7 pm Thursday, June 27

A Fatal Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum by Emma Southon. No registration is required.

ADULTS

Rough Draft Collab Writer's Club

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, June 4

Struggling with your work in progress? Wanting to connect with other area writers for advice? Join us at the new Cold Spring Writer's Club led by local published author CherieDawn Haas.

Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, June 14

Play Dungeons & Dragons 5e at our Cold Spring Branch! New and experienced players are welcome.

Summerween

6:30-8:30 pm Thursday, June 20

Why wait until October to get into a spooky season mood? The library is throwing a summer celebration of all-things pumpkins, treats and spooks!

DIY Wooden Coasters

6-7:30 pm Wednesday, June 26

Create beautiful and unique coasters, which we'll make water resistant using craft glue sealant.

TEENS

Ages 11-19

Registration is required.

Minecraft Club

5-7 pm Monday, June 10

Return to the world of Minecraft using the library's server! Register. Ages 8-14.

Custom Fidget Spinners

6-8 pm Monday, June 17

Have you ever wanted to create your own fidget spinner? Now is your chance! Learn how to make a working fidget spinner out of cardboard and pennies.

Teen L.A.N. Party

6-8 pm Monday, June 24

A L.A.N. party is a social gathering of participants with personal computers or compatible game consoles, where a local area network (LAN) connection is established between the devices using a router or switch, primarily for the purpose of playing multiplayer video games together.

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages & their families.

Family Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, June 15

Join the Family Roblox Club, where we play different Roblox games every month on private VIP servers hosted by library staff. Play small private games with friends and other local kids. In addition to playing

Roblox games, family-friendly activities will be provided like coloring pages, crafts and building blocks.

Take and Make: Wooden Bird Feeder

Monday, June 17

Build and decorate a wooden bird feeder for our local feathered friends.

Take and Make: DIY Spin Drums

Monday, June 24

Spin drums, or pellet drums, are affixed to a vertical rod or pole, which is rotated back and forth along its axis between the palms, causing the pellets to strike the heads in a similar manner.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5.

Board Game Bonanza

4 pm Thursday, June 6

Make new friends while exploring the library's extensive collection of board games.

Geology Rocks!

4 pm Thursday, June 13

Enjoy a fun-filled day exploring rocks. Break open geodes, identify different types of rocks and paint rocks—all while learning about the disciplines of geology and petrology.

Juice & Paint

4 pm Thursday, June 20

What better way to enjoy summer than to sit back, sip some juice, and paint a summertime theme? All materials will be provided.

DIY Bristlebots

4 pm Thursday, June 27

Make a miniature zippy robot out of a toothbrush, battery and pipe cleaners. Bristlebots are a fun way to learn about basic engineering, motors, circuits and principles of balance.

YOUNG ONES

No registration is required.

Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Mondays

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.

Preschool Time

10:30 am Tuesdays

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. *There is no story time on June 18.*

Baby Time

9:30 am Tuesdays

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. *There is no story time on June 18.*

Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesdays

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. *There is no story time on June 19 due to the holiday.*

COLD SPRING

JULY PROGRAMS

Registration is required for all programs, unless noted.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Cup of Crime

7 pm Wednesday, July 10

Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn. For adults who love reading mysteries and spooky stuff! No registration is required.

Tuesday Book Club

10 am Tuesday, July 16

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty. No registration is required.

Not Another Book Club

7 pm Thursday, July 18

Sankofa by Chibundu Onuzo. No registration is required.

ADULTS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Book BINGO

6-7:30 pm Tuesday, July 2

Play a classic round of BINGO! Each winner will receive a free book.

Dungeons & Dragons

6-10 pm Friday, July 5

Play Dungeons & Dragons 5e at our Cold Spring Branch! New and experienced players are welcome.

Floral Arrangements w/ Amber

6-7:30 pm Thursday, July 18

Join us as Amber from Broken Oaks Farm returns to teach you how to make beautiful floral arrangements for your own home!

Adult L.A.N. Party

6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, July 24

What is a L.A.N. Party? It's a social gathering of participants with personal computers or compatible game consoles, where a local area network (LAN) connection is established between the devices using a router or switch, primarily for the purpose of playing multiplayer video games together.

TEENS

Ages 11-19

Registration is required.

Rocket into Space

6-7:30 pm Monday, July 1

Martin Schadler from the Aviation Museum

of Kentucky will teach us how to build a compressed air rocket and send it soaring into the sky.

Exploring Tinkercad

5:30-7:30 pm Monday, July 8

Learn about Tinkercad, a free 3D designing tool available on the internet! Tinkercad is a website that has helpful videos and instructions on how to design your own 3D model design, or add to an existing one.

Teen Book BINGO

6 pm Monday, July 15

Play a classic round of BINGO! Each winner will receive a free book.

Friendship Bracelets

6 pm Monday, July 22

Create your own friendship bracelets!

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages & their families.

Take and Make: Constellation Jars

Monday, July 1

Bottle stars as part of an out-of-this-world craft project! Constellations are groups of stars in the sky that have been given



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names. Create a replica of a constellation as a keepsake.

Take and Make: DIY Rainsticks

Monday, July 8

Want to capture the sound of rain? Make a rainstick, a long, hollow tube filled partially with granular materials. When the stick is turned, the pebbles fall and hit the inner surface, producing the rain-like ambience. It is believed that the musical instrument was invented by the Mapuche, who believed that playing it could conjure rainstorms.

Family Roblox Club

11 am Saturday, July 20

Join the Family Roblox Club, where we play different Roblox games every month on private VIP servers hosted by library staff. Play small private games with friends and other local kids. In addition to playing Roblox games, family-friendly activities will be provided like coloring pages, crafts and building blocks.

Take and Make: DIY Gold Medal

Monday, July 22

Prepare for the start of the Summer 2024 Olympics by making gold medals for the whole family. Each kit will include materials to make four medals.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5.

DIY Slime

4 pm Thursday, July 11

Did you know slime was a toy produced in 1976 by Mattel? It was sold in a plastic trash can and made with guar gum. Learn the science behind slime—including what makes it so gooey—and use those skills to make your very own.

Junior Library Olympics

4 pm Thursday, July 18

Celebrate the 2024 Summer Olympics by testing your skills of agility, endurance, and speed with our "Olympic" obstacle course.

YOUNG ONES

No registration is required.

Tot Time

9:30 & 11:30 am Mondays

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. *There is no story time on July 29.*

Baby Time

9:30 am Tuesdays

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. *There is no story time on July 16 & 30.*

Preschool Time

10:30 am Tuesdays

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. *There is no story time on July 16 & 30.*

Toddler Time

10 & 11 am Wednesdays

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. *There is no story time on July 31.*



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JUNE PROGRAMS



CAMP NOSTALGIA
2 & 6:30 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 27

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, June 6

Do you love reading romance novels? Do you wish that you had someone to talk to about your latest read or to share their book recommendations? Join us at the library for a romance genre-focused book club that is not like your traditional book club! **June's theme: New Adult Romance.**

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, June 12

Met the End by Holly Brians Ragusa.

No registration is required.

If You Give a Kid a Book Club

4:30 pm Thursday, June 13

Song in the City by Daniel Bernstrom. Register to get a free copy of the book to keep. Grades K-5.

ADULTS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Self Defense Workshop

6:30 pm Wednesday, June 12

Learn the basics of self-defense with guest presenter Blue Lantern Martial Arts. Teens are welcome with an adult.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, June 18

Join Natalie for a friendly discussion of technology topics in this judgement-free

informal group. Bring your own devices or try out something new at the library. Each meeting will include a short presentation along with answering any questions you may have or casual conversation about technology concerns. This month's topic: **Smart watches and fitness trackers.**

Hot Air Balloon Lantern

2 & 6:30 pm Thursday, June 20

Use paper lanterns to create glowing hot air balloons that can light up the sky... or your living room! Enjoy the whimsy of this unique style of traveling. Register for only one time.

Trivia Night @ The Post

6:30 pm Tuesday, June 25

Join the library to test your knowledge at The Post (1136 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.)! Play on your own, with your friends, or as a family. Individuals or teams of up to eight players will be challenged over five rounds with five questions to earn points. Each round will end with a special question worth double the points, the team with the highest score will win! No registration is required.

Camp Nostalgia

2 & 6:30 pm Thursday, June 27

Who says summer camp crafts have to just be for kids? Reminisce with classic camp crafts like friendship bracelets and create one-of-a-kind no-sew patches to show off your personal flair. Register for only one time.

TEENS

AGES 11-19

Registration is required, unless noted.

Crystal Cave Crafts

4:30 pm Thursday, June 6

Imagine you are spelunking through stalagmites and stalactites as you create crystal inspired art! There are several crystal caves in the world, including here in Kentucky! Let those caves inspire your art during this program.

Stage Combat Workshop

4:30 pm Tuesday, June 11

Learn the basics of stage combat with Kentucky Shakespeare.

Teen Game Night

4:30-7 pm Friday, June 21

We'll have board games, video games and a staff-run table playing Dungeons & Dragons 5e. Small snacks and water will be provided.

Dungeons & DIY

4:30 Tuesday, June 25

Gear up for your next tabletop role-playing adventure by making crafts inspired by Dungeons & Dragons! We'll make dice trays, mimic chests, tokens and more, while supplies last.



BOLLYWOOD BEAT
11 AM FRIDAY, JUNE 14

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages & their families
No registration is required.

Puppy Tales

2-4 pm Saturday, June 8
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.

Bollywood Beat

11 am Friday, June 14
Music, dance, action and drama all come together in Bollywood dance numbers! Enjoy an interactive showcase of artistic expression, energy and beauty from the Cultural Centre of India.

Squishmallow Party

10 am Friday, June 21
Calling all Squishmallow fans! Create crafts, play themed games and win fun prizes inspired by these popular fuzzy friends.

Capes and Costumes

10 am Friday, June 28
Transform into superheroes, animals, princesses and more! Make your own custom costume or cape with our supplies.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5
No registration is required, unless noted.

DIY Adventure Badges

4 pm Monday, June 10
Make your summer memories even more special with customized accessories. Create personalized badges, stickers and pins for your summer adventures!

Beginning Woodworking

4:30-6:30 pm Monday, June 17
Learn woodworking skills while building a personalized Taylor Swift shadowbox with the staff from Oh She Built That! Ages 8-14. Register.

Do Animals Sing?

4 pm Wednesday, June 26
Purr, rumble and buzz! Animals make lots of sounds but what do these sounds mean? Visit with scientist Irina Tolkova to learn how we use math and computer science to study animals. Afterward, conduct your own exciting hands-on animal sound activities.



YOUNG ONES

No registration is required.

Together Time Tales

1 pm Fridays
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 Wednesdays
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. *There is no story time on June 19 due to the holiday.*

Baby Wigglers

10 am Thursdays
Designed for babies who are walking and 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 Mondays
Shake, move and sing in this active and musical story time followed by open play. Ages 2-3.

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JULY PROGRAMS



TEEN GAMENIGHT
4:30-7 PM FRIDAY, JULY 19

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Coffee & Conversation

2 pm Wednesday, July 10

Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead. No registration is required.

Must Read Romance

7 pm Thursday, July 11

Do you love reading romance novels? Do you wish that you had someone to talk to about your latest read or to share their book recommendations? Join us at the library for a romance genre-focused book club that is not like your traditional book club! This month's topic: **Grumpy & Sunshine Romance**.

ADULTS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Game Night: Old Gods of Appalachia

6:30-9 pm Tuesday, July 2

Old Gods of Appalachia is a beginner friendly tabletop role-playing game from Monte Cook Games based on the podcast of the same name. No experience with tabletop roleplaying games is needed to play! Players will explore the dark, eerie past of an alternate 1920s Appalachia.

Mountain String Art

2 & 6:30 pm Thursday, July 11

Get crafty with a hammer and nails as you make a mountain scene with string! In this program, you will hammer nails into a wooden board to create the outline of a mountain range. Then, you will add your string to make the scene pop!

Tiny Art Show

2 & 6:30 pm Thursday, July 18

See details on page 4.

Talking Tech Troubles

2 pm Tuesday, July 23

Join Natalie for a friendly discussion of technology topics in this judgement-free informal group. Bring your own devices or try out something new at the library. Each meeting will include a short presentation along with answering any questions you may have or casual conversation about technology concerns. This month's topic: **The Cloud**.

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points, the team with the highest score will win! No registration is required.

TEENS

AGES 11-19

Registration is required.

Virtual Reality Vacation

4:30 pm Monday, July 1

Explore grand places with the help of virtual reality! Try on our VR headsets and tour vacation spots from around the world.

Tween Pokémon Party

4:30 pm Tuesday, July 9

Do you love all things Pokémon—from the trading cards to the anime to the video games? Join us at the library to celebrate and have fun with other Pokémon fans! Play trivia, do a Pokémon-themed craft and more! Tweens and teens should feel welcome to bring their own gaming systems or trading cards. This month's theme: **Dragon-type Pokémon!**

Teen Tiny Art Show

4:30 pm Tuesday, July 16

See details on page 4.

Teen Game Night

4:30-7 pm Friday, July 19

We'll have board games, video games and a staff-run table playing Dungeons & Dragons 5e. Small snacks and water will be provided.



**ADVENTURES IN PRINTMAKING
10 AM FRIDAY, JULY 5**

Cryptid Crafts

4:30 pm Thursday, July 25

Do you think Mothman is amazing and that Sasquatch is adorable? Us too! Come make cute (and slightly creepy) crafts to celebrate some of your favorite cryptids.

FAMILIES

Kids of all ages & their families

No registration is required.

Adventures in Printmaking

10 am Friday, July 5

Explore the art of printmaking by creating beautiful prints using various techniques.

LEGOs @ the Library

2 pm Saturday, July 13

Calling all LEGO lovers! Play LEGO games, build creations using the library's LEGO collection and make themed crafts.

3D Art

4 pm Monday, July 15

Discover the world of 3D art through different materials and techniques.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5

No registration is required, unless noted.

Astronomer Apprentice

4 pm Wednesday, July 3

Embark on a celestial adventure to learn about space with the Cincinnati Observatory.

Comics 101

4 pm Wednesday, July 10

Learn the process of making comics and bring your own ideas to life with the staff from Skool Aid.

Magical Kitties Save the Day!

4:30 pm Thursday, July 18

Magical Kitties Save the Day is a beginner-friendly role-playing game for all ages. Take on the role of a magical cat as you solve large problems and save humans from terrible troubles! Ages 8-14. Register.

Tiny Art Show

4 pm Monday, July 22

See details on page 4.

YOUNG ONES

No registration is required.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Mondays

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

Ages 2-3. *There is no story time on July 29.*

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Together Time Tales

1 pm Fridays

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.

Baby Sharkies

10 am Saturday, July 13

Celebrate everything sharks today with your little ones! We'll sing songs and read books. And, we'll have water bins filled with ocean creatures and a special shark bubble machine.

NEWPORT

JUNE PROGRAMS



JEWEL AND FLOWER SOAPS
6-8 PM MONDAY, JUNE 17

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, June 4

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman. No registration is required

Tween Book Club

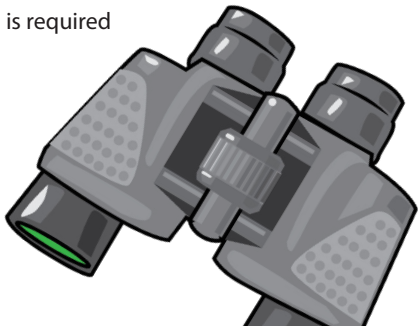
4 pm Friday, June 14

The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm. Ages 8-14. Register for a free copy of the book.

Challenging Reads

7 pm Tuesday, June 18

Flamer by Mike Curato. No registration is required



ADULTS

Registration is required.

Flamingo Snow Globes

6-8 pm Monday, June 10

Capture island vibes in a bottle with these cute flamingo snow globes.

Jewel and Flower Soaps

6-8 pm Monday, June 17

Come make soaps that not only smell great, but look like your favorite gemstones and flowers, too!

Anime Club for Adults

6-8 pm Monday, June 24

Anime isn't just for the youths! Come hang out, eat snacks, and go on an adventure in another world with the library.



TEENS

Ages 11-19

No registration is required.

Sharpie Mugs

3-5 pm Wednesday, June 5

Create your own personalized sharpie mug. You can draw anything from flowers to your favorite meme!

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

Come to this after-school hangout to play board games, eat snacks, draw and pretty much whatever else you want to do (as long as it is in line with library rules).

Watergun Watercolors

3-5 pm Wednesday, June 12

Pew, pew, pew! Draw a picture and shoot watercolors on it to create a fun background.



Magic Wands

3-5 pm Wednesday, June 19

All the greatest wizards and witches have their own wands, so where is yours? Make one!

Map Necklaces

3-5 pm Wednesday, June 26

Nothing says adventure like maps! Create a necklace that shows your favorite destination.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5

No registration is required.

Make a Hat, Take a Hat

11 am Saturday, June 1

Keep yourself cool and protected this summer with a hat no one else is bound to have. Hats will be available for children and their grown-ups to decorate.

Take and Make: Hot Air Balloons

Wednesday, June 12

Imagine all of the adventures you could take while making this month's Take & Make. This kit includes everything needed to make a paper hot air balloon.

Homeschool: Weather Science

1 pm Thursday, June 13

Create a cloud in a jar, a snowstorm and a tornado using products that can be found around the home.

Tween Scene: Cardboard Sword Forging

3:30-5 pm Tuesday, June 21

Every epic quest needs a cool sword. Stop by the library to decorate your own.

DIY Camping Lanterns

5:30-7 pm Thursday, June 27

Create a unique camping lantern perfect for summer nights.

YOUNG ONES

No registration is required.

Ready for K Through Play

10 am Mondays

Books, music and play are the focus in this story time that gets your child ready for kindergarten! Each week highlights a different activity to encourage skill development.

Movers & Shakers

10 am Tuesdays

Shake, move and sing in this active, musical story time. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction.

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

10 am Wednesdays

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.

NEWPORT

JULY PROGRAMS



FELT BALL COASTERS
6-8 PM MONDAY, JULY 22

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is required, unless noted.

Newport Book Club

7 pm Tuesday, July 2

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto. No registration is required

Tween Book Club

4 pm Friday, July 12

Eva Evergreen, Semi-Magical Witch by Julie Abe. Ages 8-14. Register for a free copy of the book.

Challenging Reads

7 pm Tuesday, July 16

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. No registration is required



ADULTS

Registration is required.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks

6-8 pm Monday, July 1

Stop and smell the flowers—and then turn the blooms into bookmarks.

Bath Bombs

6-8 pm Monday, July 8

One of these luxurious bath bombs will make you feel like you're on a tropical getaway. Come learn how to make your own!

Felt Ball Coasters

6-8 pm Monday, July 22

These cute coasters are easy and fun to make; and they'll give your drink a nice and stylish place to hang out!

Summertime Photobooks

6-8 pm Monday, July 29

Summer is ending, so let's compile all our fun adventures into a photobook. Bring your own photos.

TEENS

Ages 11-19

No registration is required.

DIY Lip Gloss

3-5 pm Wednesday, July 3

Learn how to create the perfect lip gloss that is cute, moisturizing, and actually good for your lips!

Impromptu

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

Come to this after-school hangout to play board games, eat snacks, draw and pretty much whatever else you want to do (as long as it is in line with library rules). *There is no program on July 4 due to the holiday.*

Cartoons & Color

3-5 pm Wednesday, July 10

Summer is for adventure and fun, but sometimes you just need to watch cartoons, eat snacks and color. Come to the library to do just that.



TWEEN SCENE: ADVENTURE MAPS
3:30-5 PM TUESDAY, JULY 16

LEGO Crafts

3-5 pm Wednesday, July 17
 Who doesn't love LEGOs? Come and learn how to make creations out of them!

Roblox Reunion

3-5 pm Wednesday, July 24
 Reunite with your friends and go on a fun adventure in the world of Roblox.

CHILDREN

Grades K-5
No registration is required.

Saturday Afternoon Movie

1-3 pm Saturday, July 6
 Watch *Moana* before the sequel hits theaters in November. Snacks included! The movie will begin at 1:10 pm, to allow time for everyone to get settled.

Take and Make Enchanted Forests

Wednesday, July 10
 Create a magical paper forest with this month's Take & Make kit.

Homeschool: Edible Soil Layers

1 pm Thursday, July 11
 Learn about soil layers in this edible and hands-on science project.

Treehouse Craft

5:30-7 pm Thursday, July 18
 Take it easy with this hands-on, experimental craft using recyclable materials to create a treehouse.

Tween Scene: Adventure Maps

3:30-5 pm Tuesday, July 16
 Create a map for the next great fantasy tale using rice, pens and paper. You can work on your own map or create one with friends that details your next great adventure.

Afternoon Art: Spoon Puppets

4 pm Thursday, July 25
 We can all use more art in our day. Afternoon Art aims to allow kids the chance to explore various materials and mediums without the worry of cost and grading. In this session, use wooden spoons, random art materials and markers to create spoon puppets.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Spotlight Series

Before you know it, August will be here. And with it, our annual Spotlight Series will return. The series takes place on Thursdays at 7 pm in August at the Callahan Community Center. Save the dates!

Aug. 15: *Sin City* – A Musical Revue

Aug. 22: The Haunting Case of the Bricca Murders

Aug. 29: Perfect Day in Kentucky—
Traveling Around Kentucky

Register for each installment at cc-pl.org.



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