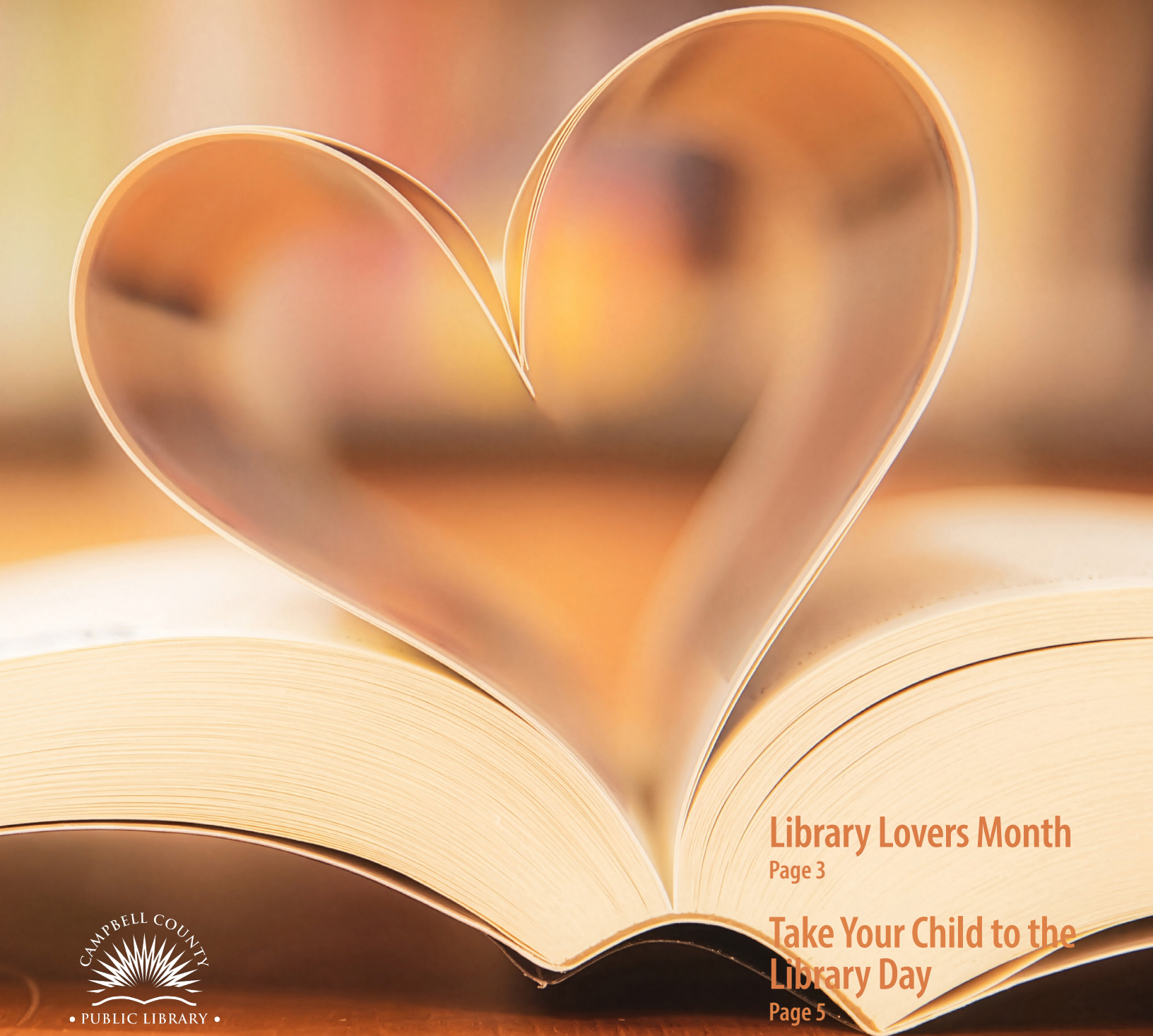


CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# Letter From Our Director

Chantelle Phillips  
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February is Library Lovers Month and, while we love hearing how much you appreciate your library and all that we do, we want you all to know how much we appreciate and value you. To that end, we are always evaluating what we offer and working to develop services and programs that best serve our communities. This month, we roll out two new services – bus passes and notary services. Through the generous support of the Friends of the Campbell County Public Library, we purchased 190 TANK 1-Day passes and 48 Metro/TANK 1-Day passes to distribute to those who demonstrate transportation needs to work, health or social services related appointments. These passes are for emergency transportation needs and are not intended as a permanent transportation solution for individuals. With the continued support of the Friends or from other generous donors, we hope to replenish these passes every six months. We will be asking for proof of need. You may read about that and other details on our website at [cc-pl.org/bus-passes](http://cc-pl.org/bus-passes).

We are a little late to the game of offering notary services; both Boone County and Kenton County libraries already offer this service, but better late than never. We now have three notaries on staff: one at Cold Spring, one at Carrico/Fort Thomas and one at Newport. Appointments may be made through our online form found on our website at [cc-pl.org/notary](http://cc-pl.org/notary). Please be sure to read what is required to have on hand for your appointment, as well as what our notaries will and will not notarize.

In addition to these two services, we are evaluating how best to serve the communities in the southern portion of our county. The current Alexandria Branch opened eight years ago on Jan. 16, 2018. This small, rented location has served its patrons well, offering a small popular works collection along with laptops, a meeting room and programs for all ages. However, we believe that we need to offer more at this location. To discover exactly what is needed from our Alexandria Branch, we are working with the architects at Brandstetter Carroll ([brandstettercarroll.com](http://brandstettercarroll.com)) on a feasibility study to determine what adding a branch to our property at 1045 Parkside Road should look like and include. We know we need more space for a larger collection and more meeting rooms. We want to offer more classes, have a dedicated children’s area and, possibly, have an outdoor area to offer story times and other programs. We also need to know what you want from this new location. If you want to participate in this conversation, join us on Tuesday, Feb. 24, any time between 3 and 7 pm, at Main Street Baptist Church, 11093 Alexandria Pike, Alexandria. Main Street is located across Parkside from where the new Alexandria Branch may be built. In addition to hosting this conversation about a new library branch, we will also have kids’ activities, and you can visit the Book Bus to take home a free book. I will be there, and I hope to see you there, too.

Enjoy the shortest but “love”- liest month of the year by visiting your favorite Campbell County Public Library branch to find some books to love and to attend one of the many programs created by our dedicated and knowledgeable programming staff.

## Board of Trustees Meeting

The Campbell County Public Library’s Board of Trustees meets at 5:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. All board meetings are open to the public. Next meeting dates and locations are listed.

- FEB. 18 AT ALEXANDRIA**
- MARCH 18 AT COLD SPRING**
- APRIL 15 AT NEWPORT**
- MAY 20 AT CARRICO/FORT THOMAS**



## Showing Off Our Services for Library Lovers Month

### THE LIBRARY'S LOVE LANGUAGE IS ACTS OF SERVICE

For Library Lovers Month, we want to take time to show you all the library has to offer. We have services to fit all ages and interests. Whether it be early literacy, tech learning, GED testing and more, we are sure to have a service that fits your needs.

### EARLY LITERACY SERVICES

We take pride in all that we do to support your little one's literacy development. From newborn to five, you can take part in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten services. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library supplies your child with a free book every month until the age of 5; simply sign up online to get started. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten helps set a goal for your child to read 1,000 books before kindergarten, with a prize being awarded at each 100-book milestone.

### GED TESTING

The Cold Spring Branch offers GED testing most Mondays and one Saturday each month. We can also refer you to free test-prep services, such as in-person or online GED prep courses

through the Campbell County Adult Education organization and online GED sample tests.

### ADULT OUTREACH

Our adult outreach services librarian can host monthly programs at local care facilities and senior apartments. Past programs have included everything from music bingo to game show parties to crafts and more. The adult outreach services librarian delivers library materials in person and through the mail for those who are unable to visit the library due to disability or illness.

### TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

As an individual or as part of a group, you can stop by any of our branches and receive personalized tech training. Simply sign up online or call to let the library know what you need help with. If you want more specific and rigorous training, we also have a collection of courses that we can connect you with.

### BOOK CARE PACKAGES

Let the library staff offer you a hand in picking out your next books. Whether it be to find new books, get out of a reading rut or for help on a research project, our library staff can bundle

up packages of up to 10 books and audiobooks for you to pick up. Go to [cc-pl.org/book-care-packages](http://cc-pl.org/book-care-packages) and fill out a questionnaire to help our librarians pick out books best suited for your wants and needs. Give us a week to get the perfect items prepared for you and then pick them up at your local branch.

### NEW FOR 2026: BUS PASSES AND NOTARY SERVICES

The library is happy to announce several exciting new services launching in February, including free TANK/Metro 1-Day bus passes and notary services. Bus passes are available Monday through Friday, from 10 am to 2 pm, at all CCPL locations. To receive a bus pass, patrons must provide proof of necessity. Notary services are available by appointment only at the Newport, Fort Thomas and Cold Spring branches.

Though Library Lovers Month is celebrated in February, we celebrate library lovers all year long. The services listed are only a few of the many that we offer to better the lives of our patrons and community members!



**blind date**  
with a book

It is the season of love, with Library Lovers Month and Valentine's Day being at the forefront of celebrations. The library is a matchmaking system: for you and the perfect book, of course! Throughout February, all branches have a Blind Date With a Book display. The displayed books are wrapped in paper with the genre description, a short synopsis and the age group written on the front; think of this as *Love Is Blind: Library Edition*.

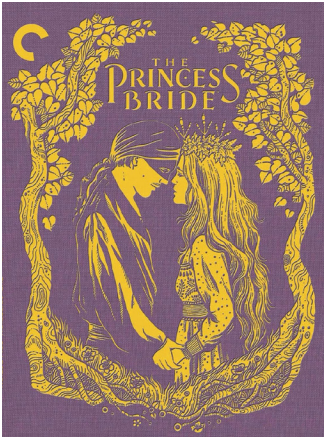
That is not all, though, because at the library, we celebrate February right. Inside the books you choose, there is a "Rate Your Date" bookmark that you can fill out and return to the library by Friday, March 6 to be entered in for the chance to win a gift card. We know you will enjoy this: it is cupid-approved!

More details at [cc-pl.org/blind-date-with-a-book](http://cc-pl.org/blind-date-with-a-book).

# We Suggest

Staff Recommendations

## ROM-COM MOVIES



### THE PRINCESS BRIDE

"The Princess Bride is absolutely goat-ed, and it is the perfect mix of romance, comedy, action and story."

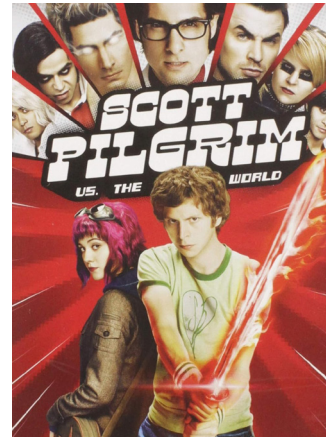
— Max Sulken  
patron services assistant



### DOWN WITH LOVE

"My recommendation is Down with Love. It has an incredible cast with Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor starring as two writers. Set in the 1960s with incredible costumes, it is equally comedic and romantic."

— Isabel DuBarry  
children's programmer



### SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD

"Scott Pilgrim vs. the World is a blast, and the fun and hijinks will keep you bought in and laughing through all the crazy action."

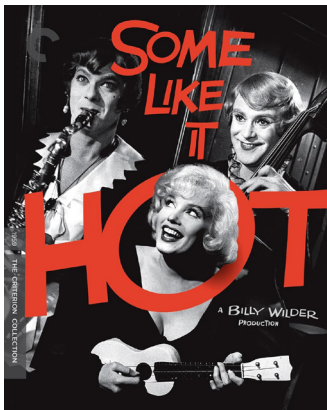
— Max Sulken  
patron services assistant



### THE BROKEN HEARTS GALLERY

"A newer one I could see being a classic in the future is The Broken Hearts Gallery, featuring Dacre Montgomery of Stranger Things. This movie does a great job of building the tension of the 'will they, won't they' trope and showing how to navigate life when you're thrown a curveball."

— Claire Smith  
children's services librarian



### SOME LIKE IT HOT

"I vividly remember the first time I saw this gem. My mom had recently checked out some VHS tapes, and I was immediately mesmerized by Marilyn's presence, and Tony Curtis's and Jack Lemmon's antics had me rolling with laughter. Perhaps my favorite part of the movie, though, is the final line of dialogue."

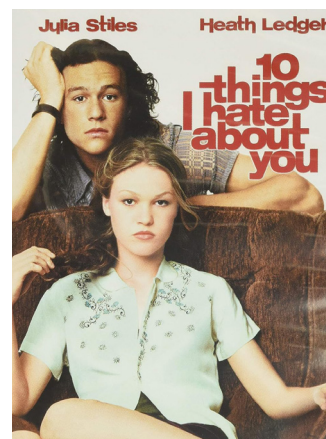
— Anonymous



### 50 FIRST DATES

"50 First Dates is an instant classic. Growing up, I probably broke a rewind button or two with how much I watched the movie over and over."

— Claire Smith  
children's services librarian



### TEN THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU

"I love Ten Things I Hate About You because it perfectly blends humor, romance and heart. The characters feel real and relatable, especially Kat, whose independence and wit make her stand out from typical rom-com leads."

— Dakota Guilkey  
information services assistant

You can find these items and more in our collection. View our catalog and put items on hold at [catalog.cc-pl.org](http://catalog.cc-pl.org).



# Library News



## February Signature Series: Tidalwave Road

Kentucky-based bluegrass band Tidalwave Road plays at the Newport Branch on Friday, Feb. 27 at 7 pm. From Williamsburg, these Kentucky boys toe the line of what bluegrass is to create a unique take on the genre, which led to their win at the 2023 SamJam Festival Band Competition. Their blend of sounds from a banjo, mandolin, bass and a guitar makes audiences want to stand up and stomp their boots to the beat. Though their debut album, "Skin and Bone," was only released this past October, Tidalwave Road has been playing fan favorites since 2012. Their previously released EP, "The Bonfire Sessions,"

brought in more listeners who realized their great potential. The dedication displayed by the band members is obvious to see through their love for bluegrass and their expertise in playing a style that every bluegrass lover enjoys. Three of the four band members are family, which helps them get regular airtime on Sirius XM's Bluegrass Junction station, and earn them the title of "2024 Kentucky Music Acts to Watch" by the Kentucky Country Music Hall of Fame.

Registration required. Learn more at [cc-pl.org/signature-series](http://cc-pl.org/signature-series).



## Community Conversation: Expanding the Alexandria Branch

We want to hear your ideas for a new library branch in Alexandria! CCPL is currently working with local architects at Brandstetter Carroll to develop plans for a potential new Alexandria Branch. To design a building that truly meets the needs of the Alexandria community, we want your input. Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 24, between 3 and 7 pm at Main Street Baptist Church (11093 Alexandria Pike) to learn more about the proposed new branch and share your thoughts. The Book Bus will also be on site to provide free books for all ages.



## Take Your Child to the Library Day

The Newport Branch celebrates Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 10 am to 1 pm with a fun-filled day perfectly tailored to our youngest patrons! The library has a variety of engaging activities for children, and you can experience them all on this day! There

will be story times, a scavenger hunt, crafts and a visit from the Newport Aquarium. Of course, Cam will also be in attendance to join in the fun!

You can find more information at [cc-pl.org/take-your-child-to-the-library-day](http://cc-pl.org/take-your-child-to-the-library-day).

Programs with an asterisk (\*) require registration.

# Adults

Book Discussions

## NEWPORT BOOK CLUB

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 3

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

*The Return of Ellie Black* by Emiko Jean

## MUST READ ROMANCE\*

7-8:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 5

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Calling all romance readers! In this book club, there are no assigned books. Instead, members can select any book they would like based on a theme. Attendees of the monthly discussion will also get to select a free book to keep! This month's theme: **Romance Trope—Second Chance**



## COFFEE & CONVERSATION

2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 11

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

*Symphony of Secrets* by Brendan Slocumb

## CUP OF CRIME

7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 11

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

*Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson

## TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

10 am Tuesday, Feb. 17

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

## CHALLENGING READS BOOK CLUB

7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 17

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

*All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

## BOOKS AND BRUNCH

11:30 am Saturday, Feb. 21

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

*The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

## Programs

### FREE TAX PREPARATION FROM AARP TAX-AIDE

10 am - 2 pm Tuesdays

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone, especially those 50 and older. Appointments are first come, first-served.

### ART AT THE ARMORY: WATERCOLORS

4:30-6 pm Wednesday, Feb. 4

TOWER PARK (950 S. FORT THOMAS AVE.)

Join us at the Armory to create bookmarks and home decorations using watercolors.

### CHAPTERS OF CHANGE: TURNING NEW PAGES IN LIFE'S JOURNEY

12-1:30 pm Fridays

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Join the PIER Recovery Community Center to learn about recovery and mental health resources, find and connect with support systems and explore wellness and recovery tools.

### DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS\*

6-10 pm Friday, Feb. 6

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

New and experienced players alike are welcome

to join the library to play Dungeons & Dragons 5e. There will be pre-generated characters to use, but you can also make your own.

### SELF CARE DAY AT THE LIBRARY\*

1-3 pm Saturday, Feb. 7

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

It is important to take a break sometimes and make sure we are caring for ourselves. Join us for activities that help promote self-love and relaxation through spa-related activities.

### NAIL POLISH MARBLE MUGS\*

6-8 pm Monday, Feb. 9

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

A cute dip dye mug is the perfect handmade Valentine's Day gift.

### SEWING DESIGNS\*

5-6:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 10

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Now is the time to learn basic sewing skills and even create a little hand-sewn design to take home! Sewing patterns will be available to choose from.

### SENIOR PLANET: ANTI-VIRUS AND MALWARE REMOVERS AT A GLANCE\*

6 pm Tuesday, Feb. 10

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Protecting your personal devices can be difficult. Learn about virus and malware programs: how they get on a computer, phone or tablet and the different software programs that can be used to protect against them.

### DO ANYTHING CLUB

6-8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 10

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Come hangout with us at the library! This club

## GALENTINE'S DAY CUPCAKES!\*



1-3 pm Saturday, Feb. 7  
FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Galentine's Day is a time to celebrate your friends, and what could be a sweeter way to do so than decorating cupcakes together? Use piping bags and sprinkles to make your cupcakes unique!



# BOOK SALE

**FEBRUARY 26** IN THE FRIENDS ROOM AT OUR NEWPORT BRANCH  
9 AM-NOON

Head to the lower level of the Newport Branch to the Friends Room to find can't-miss deals on used books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks and more.

is perfect for adults who want to socialize while playing games or participating in other fun activities.

## WINTER WELLNESS: AROMATHERAPY\*

6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 12

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

We will explore aromatherapy by making shower melts and room sprays with essential oils. Treat yourself to an at-home mini spa with the skills you learn!

## SOAP ROSE BOUQUET\*

6-8 pm Monday, Feb. 16

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Bouquets can be used for much more than a romantic gesture. Create a bouquet of roses out of soap to make your bathroom a little bit fancier than before.

## TALKING TECH TROUBLES: BUILDING YOUR RESUME\*

2 pm Tuesday, Feb. 17

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Learn how to format your resume on a computer, as well as tips and tricks to make your resume stand out.

## MEMORY CAFÉ\*

2 pm Wednesday, Feb. 18

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

This free monthly program is for those living with memory loss, dementia, Alzheimer's or brain injuries, along with their caregivers.

## DIAMOND ART\*

5-6:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 24

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Do not ruin your table with pesky water rings; instead, make coasters using diamond art. Not only will your table look brand new, but it will also look fancy.

## DO ANYTHING CLUB

6-8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 24

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Come hangout with us at the library! This club is perfect for adults who want to socialize while playing games or participating in other fun activities.

## TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE POST

6:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 24

THE POST (1136 S. FORT THOMAS AVE.)

Enjoy a night of Kahoot! trivia at The Post. Each player on the winning team will get to select a free

book to keep. Individuals or teams of up to eight players will be challenged over five rounds with six questions to earn points. Bring a smart device such as a smartphone, tablet or laptop to play.



## NEURODIVERSE CRAFT CLUB: COOKIE DECORATING\*

4:30-6 pm Wednesday, Feb. 25

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Neurodiverse Craft Club is a welcoming space for neurodivergent teens and young adults who are looking for a place to learn new things, create fun crafts and build a community. This month, decorate cookies with fun icing and sprinkles! Ages 11+.

## WINTER WELLNESS: SOUND HEALING\*

6:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 26

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Sound Healing Therapy uses sound vibrations to relax the body and mind. We will discuss and demonstrate the benefits of sound healing.

## AFTER-HOURS GAME NIGHT

6-8 pm Friday, Feb. 27

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

It is game on! Bring friends or meet new ones while playing cards and board games.

## SIGNATURE SERIES: TIDALWAVE ROAD\*

7 pm Friday, Feb. 27

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Tidalwave Road comes from the heart of Daniel Boone Country to bring bluegrass to Newport. They create a different blend of bluegrass that is full of heart and Kentucky influences. See pg. 5 for more details.

# CITY BBQ FOOD FOR THOUGHT: 300 YEARS OF AMERICAN FURNITURE\*

**6:30-8 pm Tuesday, Feb. 24**  
**COLD SPRING BRANCH**



Dr. Brian Hackett, an associate professor at NKU, returns to talk about how furniture reflects the developments of our country over 300 years. As our country grew, so did our taste in furniture.

Programs with an asterisk (\*) require registration.

# Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted

Book Discussions

## MANGA TO ANIME CLUB

4-5:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 11

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

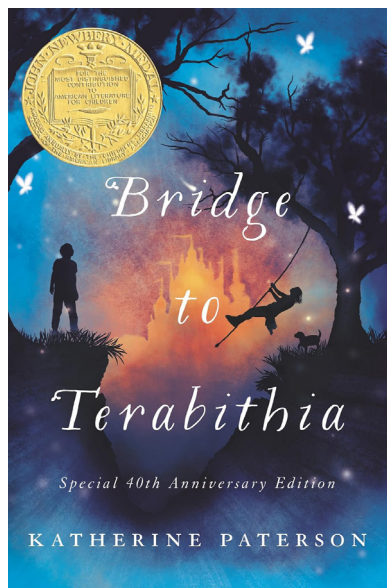
*Cardcaptor Sakura, Vol. 1* by Clamp

## YOU'VE BEEN BOOKED\*

3:30 pm Monday, Feb. 16

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

*The Iron Trial* by Holly Black and Cassandra Clare



## HOMESCHOOL BOOK TO MOVIE CLUB\*

11:30 am Thursday, Feb. 19

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

*Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson. Ages 8-14.

## Programs

### HOMEWORK HUDDLE

3:30-5 pm Wednesday, Feb. 4

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Need a little extra homework help? You can stop by for a librarian to offer you some guidance on those tough assignments!

### IMPROMPTU

3-4:45 pm Thursdays

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

This is a weekly after-school hangout where you play board games, hang out, eat snacks, draw and so much more. Come and have some fun with us!

### ART AT THE ARMORY: WATERCOLORS

4:30-6 pm Wednesday, Feb. 4

TOWER PARK (950 S. FORT THOMAS AVE.)

Join us at the Armory to create bookmarks and home decorations using watercolors.

### ART CLUB

4:30-6 pm Thursday, Feb. 5

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Every month, we create a new artwork based on our art dice prompts, using different media and styles. Find your inspiration and develop your skills while sharing your creativity with others.

### SPICE UP YOUR RAMEN\*

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 5

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Learn simple techniques to transform instant ramen into a gourmet meal. Make your own unique ramen during the program or create a special spice blend for future ramen recipe inspiration.

### GAME DAY

2-4 pm Saturday, Feb. 7

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Bring friends or meet new ones while you play video games, card games and board games. Enjoy light snacks while playing your favorite games or learning new ones.

### FASFA WORKSHOP: PAYING FOR COLLEGE\*

6 pm Monday, Feb. 9

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

2026 FASFAs are due June 30. Montana McClain from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) answers all your questions about grants, scholarships, loans, work studies and more.

### TWEEN VALENTINE PARTY\*

4:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 10

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Make woven heart-shaped bags to fill up with treats and give to your friends. There will be sweet snacks to enjoy while you craft. Ages 8-14.

### CHOCOLATE!

3-5 pm Wednesday, Feb. 11

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Who does not love chocolate? This sweet treat comes in many different forms and can be used in a variety of dishes. Enjoy this chocolate-themed program!

### DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR TEENS\*

4:30-7 pm Friday, Feb. 13

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Join us at the library to play Dungeons & Dragons 5e!

### VALENTINE'S DAY SCIENCE\*

2 pm Sunday, Feb. 15

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Become a scientist for the day and conduct experiments with a Valentine's Day twist! Things may get messy—as they often do when it comes to love—so make sure to wear appropriate attire. Ages 8-19.

### HOMESCHOOL HIVE: CHARACTER CREATION

11:30 am Tuesday, Feb. 17

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Explore creative thinking, self-expression, storytelling and visual composition while creating an original character inspired by paintings from the Taft Museum of Art.

### PIPER KITS

3-5 pm Wednesday, Feb. 18

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

A Piper Kit teaches you how to build computers, and enriches your skills in electrical engineering and coding while playing the Raspberry Pi Edition of Minecraft.

### TOTE BAGS\*

4:30-6 pm Thursday, Feb. 19

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

A good tote bag can make any day better. Design a tote bag and make it your own by adding your designer personality to it. Iron-on patches, along with other materials, will be provided.

## DIY STICKER JOURNALS\*

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 19

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Journaling is an excellent way to express yourself and the best place to start is decorating the journal cover! Design stickers for your own journal on Canva, and we will print them out for you to add more pizzazz to your journal cover.

## MINECRAFT CLUB\*

11 am Saturday, Feb. 21

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Join us at the Cold Spring Branch as we return to the world of Minecraft using the library's server! Ages 8-14.

## HOMEWORK HUDDLE

3:30-5 pm Monday, Feb. 23

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Need a little extra homework help? You can stop by for a librarian to offer you some guidance on those tough assignments!

## TEEN HANGOUT: AIR DRY CLAY\*

6 pm Monday, Feb. 23

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Teen Hangout is a space for teens to hang out! This month, we are crafting with air dry clay. Not feeling this month's activity? Feel free to bring your favorite game to share, use the library's collection, do some crafts or just hang out with friends.

## AIR PLANT TERRARIUMS

3-5 pm Wednesday, Feb. 25

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Brighten up these cold months by building an air plant terrarium! Learn how to grow and take care of air plants to set yourself up for success.

## NEURODIVERSE CRAFT CLUB: COOKIE DECORATING\*

4:30-6 pm Wednesday, Feb. 25

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## TWEEN POKÉMON PARTY\*

4:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 26

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Play trivia, do a Pokémon-themed craft and more at this celebration of all things Pokémon! This month's theme is **Flying Type Pokémon**. Ages 8-14.

# Families

*Kids of all ages and their families*

## Programs

### HOW TO READ TO YOUR CHILD

6 pm Tuesday, Feb. 3

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Learn tips for reading to your children, as well as the benefits of reading from a young age. Caregivers can select a free book to take home.



### ART AT THE ARMORY: WATERCOLORS

4:30-6 pm Wednesday, Feb. 4

TOWER PARK (950 S. FORT THOMAS AVE.)

Join us at the Armory to create bookmarks and home decorations using watercolors.

### STARGAZERS CLUB \*

6-7:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 5

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Listen to a lecture to hear the latest updates about the night sky, win prizes from quizzes and view the stars and planets through telescopes if the sky is clear.

### TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

10 am-1 pm Saturday, Feb. 7

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Experience all the library has to offer for your little one on this activity-filled day, which includes a scavenger hunt, a craft, time with Cam and a visit from the Newport Aquarium!

### SUPERB-OWLS

2 pm Sunday, Feb. 8

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Three owl ambassadors from Raptors Inc. talk about what makes owls truly superb using owl artifacts. It is sure to be a hoot!

### HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: LOCAL CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISITS\*

11 am Tuesday, Feb. 10

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Chris Demeropolis, local children's author of *Teddy Lou, Bell Guru*, joins us for this special story time. After the story, we will use bell-shaped cookie cutters on Play-Doh and make other bell-themed crafts to take home.

### PUPPY TALES\*

1:30-3 pm Sunday, Feb. 15

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Curl up with Koda, the therapy dog, for Puppy Tales! Read a story, share a snuggle or just hang out with our furry friend. Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time. Ages newborn- 11.

### WOODEN DOLLS

2 pm Sunday, Feb. 15

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Craft a new friend with wooden peg dolls and a variety of other craft supplies.

### LEGOS AT THE LIBRARY

3-6 pm Monday, Feb. 16

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Calling all LEGO lovers! Build creations using the library's LEGO collection and make LEGO-themed crafts.

### OPEN PLAY

10 am-2 pm Friday, Feb. 20

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

This is an open space for kids to play and socialize. Stay the whole time or just play for a while: the choice is yours!

### MINECRAFT CLUB\*

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Join us at the Cold Spring Branch as we return to the world of Minecraft using the library's server! Ages 8-14.

### MOVIE MATINEE: 'OVER THE HEDGE'

2-4 pm Saturday, Feb. 21

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Bring your friends and family to enjoy a movie at the library. Make themed crafts and enjoy some light snacks while you watch.

Programs with an asterisk (\*) require registration.

# Children

Grades K-5, unless noted

Book Discussions

## KIDS COMIC CLUB

4 pm Monday, Feb. 2

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

February's theme: **Friendship**

## FAMILY BOOK CLUB\*

6 pm Tuesday, Feb. 10

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

*A Gift of Dust: How Saharan Plumes Feed the Planet* by Martha Brockenbrough

## CAM'S KIDS BOOK CLUB\*

4:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 17

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

*The Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson

## Programs

### SKYPE WITH A SCIENTIST\*

4:30 pm Monday, Feb. 2

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Dr. Mieko, a veterinarian, joins us virtually via Skype to share the fascinating science between food and animal conservation in zoo animals, livestock and wildlife.

### HOMEWORK HUDDLE

3:30-5 pm Wednesday, Feb. 4

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Need a little extra homework help? You can stop by for a librarian to offer you some guidance on those tough assignments!

### BUG BONANZA\*

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 5

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Enjoy a bug-filled, creepy crawly afternoon with bug stories, bug games and edible bug treats.

### CHESS CLUB

3-6 pm Monday, Feb. 9

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Looking for a fun, engaging and brain-boosting activity? Both budding grandmasters and complete beginners are welcome to learn and play chess.

### CRYSTAL HEARTS\*

4:30 pm Monday, Feb. 9

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Some say they have a heart of glass, ours are made out of crystals! Make shimmering crystal hearts and explore the science behind how the crystals grow!

### TAKE & MAKE: DIY TAMBOURINE\*

9 am-9 pm Wednesday, Feb. 11

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Take & Makes are curated kits designed to be picked up and made from the comfort of home. In this kit, learn about tambourines and how to make a DIY version of one.

### HOMESCHOOL: VALENTINE'S SCIENCE

1 pm Thursday, Feb. 12

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Celebrate Valentine's Day by creating a heart-shaped bird feeder, fizzing heart art and more. We will discuss the science behind these projects and enjoy a sweet treat.

### VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY\*

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 12

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Enjoy Valentine's Day crafts and games inspired by hearts, love and friendship in honor of the holiday.

### PUPPY TALES\*

1:30-3 pm Sunday, Feb. 15

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Curl up with Koda, the therapy dog, for Puppy Tales. Read a story, share a snuggle or just hang out with our furry friend. Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time. Ages newborn- 11.

### CLAY PINCH POTS\*

4:30 pm Monday, Feb. 16

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Your tiny treasures deserve a holder as special as they are. Create a pinch pot out of air-dry clay and make it one-of-a-kind.

### HOMESCHOOL HIVE: NATURE-INSPIRED DOLLS

10 am Tuesday, Feb. 17

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Connect with nature and create a wooden doll that interacts with different ecosystems. Supplies and landscape art provided by the Taft Art Museum.

### HOMESCHOOL HIVE: CHARACTER CREATION

11:30 am Tuesday, Feb. 17

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Explore creative thinking, self-expression, storytelling and visual composition while creating an original character inspired by paintings from the Taft Museum of Art.

### PAPER MACHE: PART ONE\*

4 pm Thursday Feb. 19

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

In the first part of this two-part program, explore the art of paper mache and create your initial artwork. Next week, apply the final decorations and take your masterpiece home!

### PUZZLE AND SNACK

5:30-7 pm Thursday, Feb. 19

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

We have several puzzles to choose from, ranging in piece count from 100-200. Trade puzzle-building strategies and snack on various chips, treats and more. This program is ideal for elementary students, who love puzzles or who want to learn how to work them.

### CERAMIC PAINTING PARTY

3-6 pm Monday, Feb. 23

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Get creative at this paint party! Pick a ceramic and paint it any way you want. Take your piece home and admire the effort you put into it.

### HOMEWORK HUDDLE

3:30-5 pm Monday, Feb. 23

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Need a little extra homework help? You can stop by for a librarian to offer you some guidance on those tough assignments!

### RAINBOW LOOM BRACELETS

4-5:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 24

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Learn how to make a basic bracelet using Rainbow Looms. Create a custom bracelet for yourself or make a friendship bracelet to give away.

### PAPER MACHE: PART TWO\*

4 pm Thursday, Feb. 26

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Your paper mache craft is finally ready to decorate! You can use paint and other materials to perfect your art.

### SELF-CARE SCIENCE

5:30-7 pm Thursday, Feb. 26

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Self-care is a great tool for people of all ages. In this program, we will create a couple of tools to perfect your self-care routine: a shower melt, a worry stone and a lip balm. As we work, we will discuss various ways we can practice good self-care.

# Young Ones

*Ages 0-5, unless noted*

## Story Times

### TOT TIME

9:30 & 11:30 am Mondays

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

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.

### MOVERS AND SHAKERS

10 am Mondays

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Shake, move and sing in this active and musical story time. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 2-3.

### READY FOR K THROUGH PLAY

10 am Mondays

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

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

### MOVERS AND SHAKERS

10 am Tuesdays

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

Movement helps to tire your kids out, but did you know that promoting physical activity for kids can also help children develop language, attention and decision-making skills? This story time focuses on the benefits of movement with lots of fun and silly activities, books and songs!

### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

11:15 am Tuesdays

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

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.

### TODDLER TIME

10 & 11 am Wednesdays

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Stories, songs and bouncy rhymes that will exercise your little ones' busy bodies and busy minds. Followed by a craft to match the day's theme.

### COZY TIME FOR BABIES\*

10 am Wednesdays

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

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 of the program. Ages newborn-2, especially for pre-walkers.

### BABY BOUNCE AND RHYME

10 am Wednesdays

**NW** NEWPORT BRANCH

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. Ages newborn-2.

### BABY TIME

9:30 am Thursdays

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

Help build your baby's language skills through engaging and interactive songs, rhymes, simple movement games and books.

### BABY WIGGLERS\*

10 am Thursdays

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

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.

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Get up and move in this active and musical story time. Time is allowed at the end of the program for open play and interaction. Ages 2-3.

### TOGETHER TIME TALES

10 am Fridays

**FT** FORT THOMAS BRANCH

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 STORY TIME

11:15 am Fridays

**AL** ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Grab the littlest ones for a story time that promotes bonding with your baby. During Baby Story Time, we sing, rhyme and read. Following story time will be free play. Ages newborn-2.

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10 am Saturday, Feb. 7

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### BABY TIME WITH MELODIES TO GROW ON

9:30 Thursday, Feb. 12

**CS** COLD SPRING BRANCH

In this special edition of the usual Baby Time story time, Rachel Sedmak, a music therapist from Melodies to Grow On, joins us!

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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 9 am – 7 pm  
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# Looking Ahead



## FAMILY STEAM NIGHT

The Fort Thomas Branch hosts a fun-filled Family STEAM Night on Saturday, March 28, from 6–8 p.m. Local organizations will lead hands-on activities and share exciting insights across science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Bring the whole family to explore, learn and enjoy an evening of discovery together. Learn more at [cc-pl.org/family-steam-night](http://cc-pl.org/family-steam-night).

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