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Letter From Our Director

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Summer Reading is here! The time of year when the library pulls out all the stops to ensure you have the best summer with lots of activities for all ages and interests, and REWARDS FOR READING!

Ever wondered why and when Summer Reading started? It began with our founding fathers, who saw literacy as the protector of democracy. According to James Madison, "A diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty." And, outside of schools, libraries are the key to promoting literacy. In fact, Benjamin Franklin established The Library Company of Philadelphia, a subscription library, for this purpose. He also helped establish what is believed to be the nation's first public library, The Franklin Public Library in Franklin, Mass., when he donated 116 books to the town named after him instead of a bell for the town's meeting house. The town's residents voted to lend these books to all residents at no charge, laying the foundation for the first public library. Both libraries still exist: see The Franklin Public Library at franklinma.gov/233/Franklin-Public-Library and The Library Company of Philadelphia at librarycompany.org.

The first recorded summer reading program was developed in 1896 by Linda Eastman, the head librarian at The Cleveland Public Library. An advocate for children's literature, Eastman distributed a list of book recommendations through local schools, encouraging children to read as many books on the list as they could over summer recess. These lists brought more children into the library to talk about and share the books they had read, which popularized the idea of reading logs. Around the same time, at the Hartford Public Library in Connecticut, librarian Caroline Hewins identified that children needed to interact with the books they read, not just log their progress. She pioneered the interactive summer reading programs libraries still offer today, with activities surrounding reading and prizes for children who reached benchmarks. In the late 1990s, research encouraged librarians to expand summer reading programs by finding that kids who did not read over summer break lost as much as 30% of what they learned during the school year; but, children who read four to five books could better retain information and strengthen their skills over the summer. Today, librarians work to intentionally develop programs that incentivize and encourage readers. Summer reading programs also provide families with activities that boost intelligence and encourage social interaction.

This summer, for every six activities completed, everyone can earn a small prize (a book or flashcards) and an entry to a weekly prize drawing. Activities include: read, attend a library program and use a library resource. We will also be getting books into the hands of kiddos through our Book Bus Tour. The Book Bus, filled with free books for all ages, will visit a park each Wednesday in July, where our librarians will offer fun activities and allow all to step onto the Book Bus to select one book. We have a generous community member who, each year, donates money to help us add books to the Book Bus. Let me know (cphillips@cc-pl.org) if you are also interested in helping us get forever-books into the hands of local kids.

We are also working with EducateNKY, the river cities in Campbell County- Newport, Bellevue, Dayton and Southgate- and their school districts to better prepare our littlest patrons for kindergarten. Read Ready provides universal access to resources and fun, real-world activities for children from birth to 5-years-old, ensuring every child arrives at kindergarten ready to learn. You may register and read more about this initiative at readreadyky.org. This summer, attend story times and book clubs specifically for kids and families to ensure your children are ready for the school year and earn prizes while doing it! Tag us in your favorite summer library photos on Instagram and Facebook @campbellkylib. Have a blast this summer!

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.

JUNE 17 AT ALEXANDRIA
JULY 15 AT COLD SPRING
AUG. 19 AT NEWPORT
SEPT. 16 AT CARRICO/FORT THOMAS

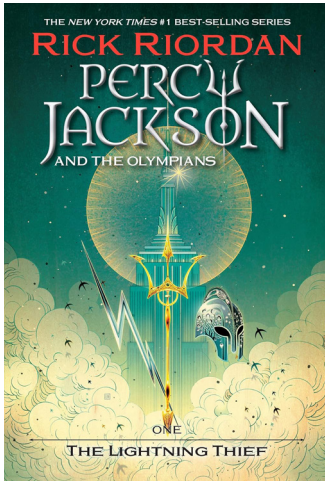
Closures

ALL BRANCHES CLOSED:
Friday, June 19: Juneteenth
Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

We Suggest

Staff Recommendations

FAVORITE SUMMER STORY



THE LIGHTNING THIEF by Rick Riordan

"It's the first book in one of my favorite childhood book series, and it takes place over the course of a summer as Percy, Annabeth and Grover travel across the country to retrieve the titular Lightning of Zeus!"

— **Jade Grigsby**
patron services assistant

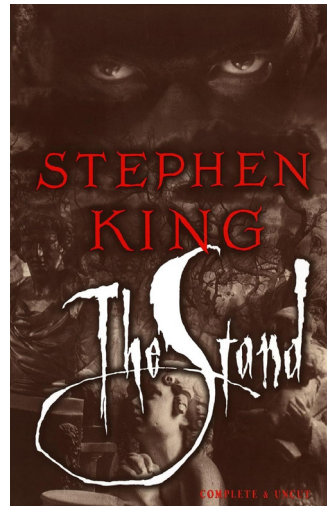


NOW AND THEN directed by Lesli Linka Glatter

"It has a great ensemble cast and makes me nostalgic for riding bikes

and having adventures with my best friends during the summer."

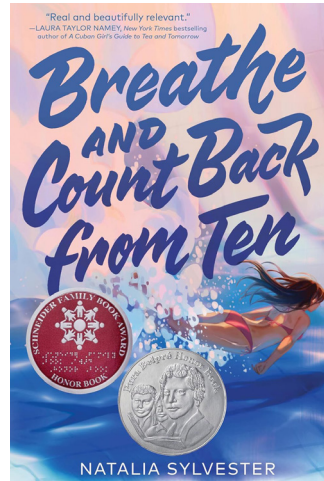
— **Molly Walker**
branch services lead librarian



THE STAND by Stephen King

"It takes place around late June, when a nasty virus breaks out. It wipes out 99% of the world's population by the Fourth of July. I love the different stories of random strangers, and how they all come together in a fairly epic battle of good vs. evil. Leading up until then, it's very cool how each story is painted so beautifully and how these little stories are all woven together. Meanwhile, seeing how the different parts of the country are described in the pandemic's aftermath is fascinating. A great (but heavy) summer read."

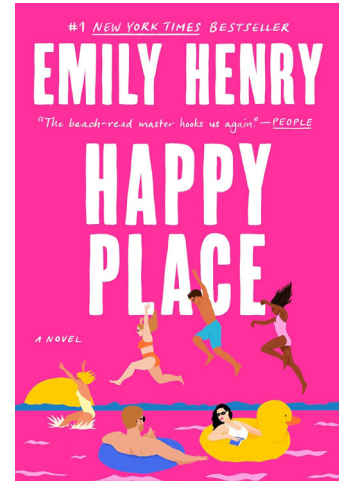
— **Julie Pergrem**
patron services assistant



BREATHE AND COUNT BACK FROM TEN by Natalia Sylvester

"This book follows a Peruvian-American teen named Veró who has hip dysplasia and loves to swim. Swimming doubles as a pain-relieving exercise for her hip and as a time she can be free from the watchful and concerned eyes of her parents. During the summer before her senior year of high school, Veró auditions to become a performing mermaid at Mermaid Cove theme park, hiding this plan from her parents, who are concerned that the job will prove too strenuous for her body. The book discusses physical disabilities with such care while also tackling such tough topics as bi-cultural identity, parental expectations, immigration and bodily agency."

— **Danielle Heiert**
Cold Spring Branch manager

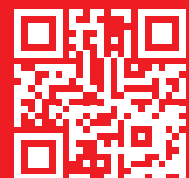


HAPPY PLACE by Emily Henry

"As the protagonist navigates a new reality with awkwardness, nostalgia and a little deception, she reckons with the shifting dynamics of adult friendships and the heartbreak of lost love, all the while laughing at the predicaments she finds herself in and hoping for a happy ending."

— **Amy Carroll**
branch services programming manager

You can find these items and more in our collection. View our catalog and put items on hold at catalog.cc-pl.org.





Let CCPL Help You Create the Story of Your Summer!

The wait is finally over: summer is here! Our Summer Reading theme is Summer of Stories, and staff have been preparing all year to make sure this summer is memorable for all. The first chapter of Summer Reading begins with our Kickoff Week from Monday, June 1 through Thursday, June 4. Kickoff Week features programs for all ages (see page 5 for more information).

Starting June 1, participants can begin logging their Summer Reading activities by paper or through Beanstack. All ages are eligible to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge and win themed weekly prizes. There are three types of activities you can participate in to win: read, attend a library program or use library materials/resources. After completing six activities for that week, you earn an entry into the weekly prize draw (only one activity can be logged per day). You can collect entries to enter them into a single week's drawing, or enter them each week as you go: be the author of your adventure.

WEEKLY THEMES

WEEK 1: Candy

WEEK 2: Summer

WEEK 3: Bookworm

WEEK 4: Animal Lovers

WEEK 5: Board Games

WEEK 6: Build It

WEEK 7: Art

WEEK 8: Local Favorites

Book it to the library because each branch is hosting a Checkout Challenge in addition to the Summer Reading Challenge! Receive an entry for a prize drawing every time you check out items at any CCPL location. There will be one midsummer prize for a \$25 Kroger gift card and a finale prize for a \$50 Kroger gift card.

The library has great programs to enjoy throughout June and July. From fun crafts, performances, park visits and art shows, you can find a program for all ages and interests. To

see upcoming programs, check out our events section (pages 6-11) or go to our website (cc-pl.org/events).

You will not find any cliffhangers here – our exciting Summer Reading Finales occur on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. Art After Hours returns to the Fort Thomas Branch for the Adult Summer Reading Finale on Friday, July 24. On Saturday, July 25, children will enjoy a fun mini golf extravaganza at the Cold Spring Branch while teens have a movie and game night at the Newport Branch.

This jam-packed summer would not be as enjoyable without the wonderful patrons who attend. We cannot wait to see what your story looks like this summer!

Visit cc-pl.org/summer-reading to register.

Summer of Stories

June 1-July 26



Summer Reading Kickoff Week

A good story always begins with a great hook, and our Summer Reading Kickoff Week is sure to leave you wanting to see our summer story unfold! Our journey begins on Monday, June 1 at the Cold Spring Branch with Painting and Popsicles for families from 10 am to noon and Making Stamp Art for adults and teens from 2 to 5 pm. Registration is required for Making Stamp Art. The Fort Thomas Branch continues the festivities on Tuesday, June 2 with Masterpiece Makers for children from 2 to 4 pm and Beat the Heat for adults and teens from 6 to 8 pm. On Wednesday, June 3, the Newport Branch

cranks up the crafts with Family Crafternoon for children from 1 to 3 pm and Summer Craft Tables for teens and adults from 3 to 5 pm. The Alexandria Branch finishes the week with the huge all-ages Candyland event on Thursday, June 4 from 1 to 3 pm. Do not forget to stop by Tower Park on Tuesday and A.J. Jolly Park on Thursday to enjoy some family-friendly fun. Find more details on parks programs in the section to the right.

For more information, visit cc-pl.org/summer-reading.

CCPL at Local Parks

Get ready for a summer filled with live performances, animal friends and foam! In June, join the library at Tower Park every Tuesday and A.J. Jolly Park every Thursday for a variety of fun events. In July, catch the Book Bus on its tour throughout parks in Campbell County. All summer park events begin at 10 am on their respective dates and are intended for all ages to enjoy.

TOWER TUESDAYS

Tower Park's Amphitheater, Fort Thomas

JUNE 2: Honey Hill Farm Mobile Petting Zoo

JUNE 9: Foam-tastic Party

JUNE 16: Kentucky Reptile Zoo

JUNE 23: Brick Mobile

JOLLY THURSDAYS

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

JUNE 4: Penick's Mobile Petting Zoo With a Unicorn

JUNE 11: Madcap Puppets- Monkey See, Monkey Do!

JUNE 18: BIG BANG BOOM

JUNE 25: Foam-tastic Party

BOOK BUS TOUR

JULY 1: Bubble Pirates at Cold Spring Community Center

JULY 8: Summerween at Gil Lynn Park in Dayton

JULY 15: Paws at the Park at Alexandria Community Park

JULY 22: Dragon Fairy Garden Party at Penderly Sports Park in Melbourne

View more details at cc-pl.org/summer-reading-parks.

Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

Scan the QR code to get more information about our programs. Or visit cc-pl.org/events.



Adults

Book Discussions

NEWPORT BOOK CLUB*

7 pm Tuesday, June 2

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

The Midnight Feast by Lucy Foley.

MUST READ ROMANCE*

7-8:30 pm Thursday, June 4

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: **Western Romance—Ranchers**.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

2 pm Wednesday, June 10

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore.

CUP OF CRIME

7 pm Wednesday, June 10

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie.

TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

10 am Tuesday, June 16

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

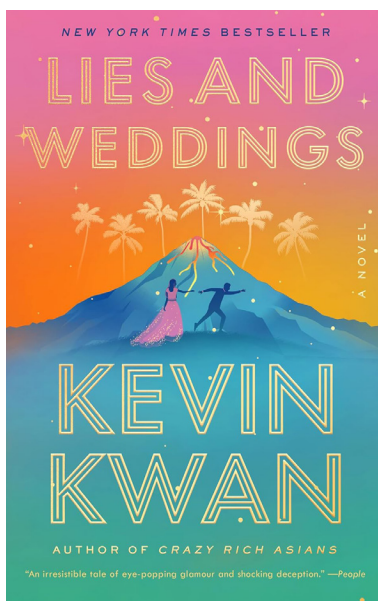
First Lie Wins by Ashley Elston.

CHALLENGING READS BOOK CLUB

7 pm Tuesday, June 16

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Beyond Magenta by Susan Kuklin.



BOOKS AND BRUNCH

11:30 am Saturday, June 20

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Lies and Weddings by Kevin Kwan.

Programs

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: MAKING STAMP ART*

2-5 pm Monday, June 1

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Create a mock postage stamp that can be tailored to any subject and explore postage stamps to discover their history and essential elements. This program was made possible through generous support from the Kentucky Arts Council. Ages 11+.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: BEAT THE HEAT

6-8 pm Tuesday, June 2

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Chill out at the library while you try refreshing drinks, make a fun craft and learn tips on how to stay cool this summer. Ages 8+.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK: SMITHSONIAN CURATOR MARY SAVIG*

2 pm Wednesday, June 3

VIRTUAL

Join us for a fascinating discussion with Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig on the history and significance of craft at state fairs.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: SUMMER CRAFT TABLES

3-5 pm Wednesday, June 3

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Travel back in time and revisit some of the craft programs that you may have missed this past year by going to different stations at this event. Ages 8+.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: CANDYLAND

1-3 pm Thursday, June 4

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Step into the world of Candyland with this sweet-themed kickoff event. Make sweet treats, create sugary-inspired crafts and more! Open to all ages.

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

noon-1:30 pm Fridays

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Join the PIER Recovery Community Center at the Campbell County Public Library to connect with free community resources, recovery support and peer guidance.

HOW TO PLAN YOUR SUMMER*

2-3:30 pm Saturday, June 6

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Discover local summer programs to make your summer an eventful one.

LIBRARY GAME NIGHT*

6-8 pm Monday, June 8

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Hang out and play board games at the library!

SUMMER WELCOME SIGN*

5-6:30 pm Tuesday, June 9

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Welcome friends into your home with a cute, summery welcome sign!

DO ANYTHING CLUB

6-8 pm Tuesday, June 9

6-8 pm Tuesday, June 23

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

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

CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

6-8 pm Wednesday, June 10

6-8 pm Wednesday, June 24

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Calling all crafters! Hang out with other craft fans and work on your fiber arts! Bring a current project or start a new one. Ages 11+.

MACRAME FEATHERS*

2 pm & 6:30 pm Thursday, June 11

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Learn the basics of macrame while making a decorative feather! Please only attend one of the program times.



BOOK SALE

JUNE 25
9 AM-NOON

IN THE FRIENDS
ROOM AT OUR
NEWPORT BRANCH

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.

NEURODIVERSE CRAFT CLUB: DECORATE A CANVAS BAG*

4:30 pm Thursday, June 11

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 a cool canvas bag to carry around with you this summer. Ages 11+.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK: MATT DINNIMAN*

7 pm Thursday, June 11

VIRTUAL

Matt Dinniman, *The New York Times* best selling author of the wildly popular *Dungeon Crawler Carl* series, joins us to chat about his latest book, *A Parade of Horribles*.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS*

6-10 pm Friday, June 12

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.

SENIOR PLANET: VIRTUAL MUSEUM TOURS*

1:30-3 pm Saturday, June 13

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

In this class, we will explore how to use virtual museum tours to view some of the world's most famous museums.

BINGO!*

6-8 pm Monday, June 15

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Everybody loves bingo, and now is your chance to play a good old-fashioned game of it.

TALKING TECH TROUBLES: TRAVEL APPS AND RESOURCES*

2 pm Tuesday, June 16

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Going on vacation? Learn to use these helpful apps and resources to make your trip a success!

GOING GREEN: ORGANIC ALTERNATIVES FOR THE HOME GARDEN*

6:30 pm Tuesday, June 16

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Discuss eco-friendly options and organic alternatives for the home gardener with the Campbell County Extension Office.

MEMORY CAFÉ*

2 pm Wednesday, June 17

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.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS WORKSHOP WITH KHEAA

3-5 pm Wednesday, June 17

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

A workshop with KHEAA for those looking to apply to college or are looking for financial aid. Ages 11+.

BEGINNING GARDENING WITH THE EXTENSION OFFICE*

6 pm Wednesday, June 17

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Learn the basics of gardening with the University of Kentucky Extension Office, and get seeds and seedlings to try gardening for yourself!

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK: TED PAGE*

2 pm Thursday, June 18

VIRTUAL

Join us for a virtual conversation with storyteller and popular blogger, Ted Page, as we chat about his book *Good Grandpa: Stories from the Heart of Grandfatherhood*.

CRAFT OPEN HOUSE

1:30-4:30 pm Sunday, June 21

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Use your imagination and the supplies we provide to create whatever your heart desires. Open to all ages.

KARAOKE NIGHT*

6-8 pm Monday, June 22

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

It is karaoke night at the library!

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK: SANA JAVERI KADRI AND ASHA LOUPY*

2 pm Tuesday, June 23

VIRTUAL

Chat with Sana Javeri Kadri and Asha Loupy about *The Diaspora Spice Co. Cookbook*, which includes 85 recipes adapted from India and Sri Lanka's best family spice farms.

INTRODUCTION TO HYDROPONICS*

5:30 pm Tuesday, June 23

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

The Kentucky State University Urban Horticulture Extension Office welcomes you to learn the basics of hydroponics.

COOKING IMPROV WITH LA SOUPE*

3:30-5 pm Wednesday, June 24

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Join La Soupe as they lead a workshop designed to teach you how to turn readily available ingredients into delicious, balanced meals while reducing waste and saving money.

NEURODIVERSE CRAFT CLUB *

4:30 pm Wednesday, June 24

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. Cool off from the heat and work on some summer-themed coloring pages at the library. Ages 11+.

AFTER-HOURS GAME NIGHT

6-8 pm Friday, June 26

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Bring friends or meet new ones while you play card and board games and enjoy light snacks.

ALEXANDRIA ART SHOW

9 am-5 pm Saturday, June 27

1 pm-5 pm Sunday, June 28

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Enter your artwork and attend our two-day art show! Drop off art pieces between Wednesday, June 24 and Friday, June 26 to display them at the art show for attendees to vote on. Winners receive a prize. Open to all ages.

Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

SENIOR PLANET: TECH BASICS FOR CAREGIVERS*

2 pm Saturday, June 27

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

In this class, we explore ways caregivers can integrate technology into their routines and tasks while allowing those they care for to do more on their own.

LEARN ABOUT THERAPY ANIMALS*

2 pm Sunday, June 28

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Meet a therapy animal and learn about what they do!

UNDERSTANDING YOUTH SLANG*

6 pm Monday, June 29

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Decrypt the slang that youths use today! From 'skibidi' to 'aura,' you can start to understand what they mean.

TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE POST

6:30 pm Tuesday, June 30

THE POST (1136 S. FORT THOMAS AVE.)

Enjoy a night of 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. We use a pen and paper format for the game. Supplies provided.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted

Book Discussions

MANGA TO ANIME CLUB*

4-5:30 pm Wednesday, June 10

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Pandora Hearts, Vol. 1 by Jun Mochizuki.

YOU'VE BEEN BOOKED*

3:30 pm Monday, June 15

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Keeper of the Lost Cities
by Shannon Messenger.

HOMESCHOOL BOOK TO MOVIE CLUB*

11:30 am Thursday, June 18

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner. Ages 8-14.

Programs

TEEN ROOM

11 am-6 pm Mondays-Thursdays

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Spend the summer with us in the Teen Room! Hang out, play games, enjoy snacks, draw and more.

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MOVIE TIME @ THE LIBRARY

6-8 pm Thursdays

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

This weekly series screens everything from family-friendly G-rated movies to popular PG-13 movies. Check our online calendar (cc-pl.org/events) to view the weekly lineup.

LEGO TOWER TUMBLER BY THE BRICK MOBILE*

10:30 am-12:30 pm Saturday, June 6

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Learn about engineering and construction concepts to build tall LEGO structures that can withstand the tower tumbler device. This program was made possible through generous support from the Kentucky Arts Council. Ages 5-14.

RUBBER BAND POWERED CARS*

2-4 pm Saturday, June 6

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Using rubber bands to power cars, determine the effect that mass and rubber band type can have on the distance a toy car can travel. Ages 5-19.

FAUX STAINED GLASS PAINTING*

6 pm Monday, June 8

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Using glass paint and picture frames, we will create beautiful translucent panels to resemble stained glass.

MEME MASTERS*

3-4:30 pm Wednesday, June 10

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Learn to make memes or show off your already pro-like skills. Ages 8-19.

YOGA FOR TEENS*

4:30 pm Wednesday, June 10

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Enjoy an afternoon of yoga with Phoenix Wilson!

CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

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CHESS CLUB

3-6 pm Monday, June 15

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Looking for a fun, engaging, brain-boosting activity? Both budding grandmasters and complete beginners are welcome to learn and play chess. Ages 5-14.



CINCINNATI MUSEUM PRESENTS: UNCOVERING EGYPT*

4 pm Tuesday, June 16

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Immerse yourself in archaeology and Egyptian history to learn about Egyptian culture. Ages 8-14.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS WORKSHOP WITH KHEAA

3-5 pm Wednesday, June 17

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

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DIY SPA DAY*

4:30 pm Thursday, June 18

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Use essential oils to make things like bath/shower melts and sugar scrubs for the perfect spa day. Ages 8-14.

PONY BEAD KEYCHAINS*

4:30-6 pm Thursday, June 18

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

You can do a lot with pony beads, including making cute keychains! Ages 8-19.

MINECRAFT CLUB*

11 am Saturday, June 20

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Spend your Saturday with us as we return to the world of Minecraft using the library's server! Ages 8-14.

DIY SHRINKY DINK PINS*

6 pm Monday, June 22

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Use paint markers on shrinking paper to create pins to show off your interests.

TWEEN POKÉMON PARTY*

4:30 pm Tuesday, June 23

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 **Fighting Type Pokémon**. Ages 8-14.

STYROFOAM PRINT MAKING

3-5 pm Wednesday, June 24

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Printmaking is a fun art form, and this program is an easy introduction to starting this cool hobby with Styrofoam.

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DIY PHOTO HANGER*

4:30-6 pm Thursday, June 25

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Make a decorative hanger to display your favorite memories. Ages 8-19.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR TEENS*

4:30-7 pm Friday, June 26

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

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

NEX PLAYGROUND GAMES*

6 pm Monday, June 29

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Get active and compete in games using the Nex Playground game system! Ages 8-19.

HOMESCHOOL HIVE: CIVICS IN ACTION

10 am Tuesday, June 30

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Become a junior historian with the Kentucky Historical Society! Learn how to analyze historical artifacts and write a bill proposal. Ages 5-19.

Families

Kids of all ages and their families

Programs

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: PAINTING AND POPSICLES

10 am-noon Monday, June 1

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Kids will create a colorful watercolor masterpiece and then cool off with a delicious popsicle while their artwork dries. Ages newborn-14.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: MASTERPIECE MAKERS

2-4 pm Tuesday, June 2

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Build your own art masterpiece or join others to create together.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: FAMILY CRAFTERNOON

1-3 pm Wednesday, June 3

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Join us for an afternoon of crafting. We will have a variety of stations from bead crafts to sculpture creation. Open to all ages.

SUMMER READING KICKOFF: CANDYLAND

1-3 pm Thursday, June 4

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Step into the world of Candyland with this sweet-themed kickoff event. Make sweet treats, create sugary-inspired crafts and more! Open to all ages.

LEGO TOWER TUMBLER BY THE BRICK MOBILE*

10:30 am-12:30 pm Saturday, June 6

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Learn about engineering and construction concepts to build tall LEGO structures that can withstand the tower tumbler device. This program was made possible through generous support from the Kentucky Arts Council. Ages 5-14.

RUBBER BAND POWERED CARS*

2-4 pm Saturday, June 6

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Using rubber bands to power cars, determine the effect that mass and rubber band type can have on the distance a toy car can travel. Ages 5-19.

EVENING STORY TIME

6 pm Monday, June 8

6 pm Monday, June 22

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

This is the perfect way to wind down for the night. The group will read a book, sing songs and play with bubbles.

ASTRONAUT TRAINING CAMP*

11 am Tuesday, June 9

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Put your space exploration skills to the test with fun space-themed games and challenges. Ages 5-14.

PUPPY TALES*

2-4 pm Saturday, June 13

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Come read a story or two to Jasmine, our specially trained therapy dog! Sessions will be 15 minutes. Library staff will contact you to schedule a specific time. Ages newborn-11.

FAMILY PUZZLE CHALLENGE

2-3:30 pm Sunday, June 14

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Join us for an afternoon puzzle competition to see which family can complete their puzzle the quickest. The fastest family will win a prize.

Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

CARDBOARD CLOWN PUPPETS

11 am Saturday, June 20

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Make moving puppets using cardboard and brass fasteners.

CRAFT OPEN HOUSE

1:30-4:30 pm Sunday, June 21

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Use your imagination and the supplies we provide to create whatever your heart desires. Open to all ages.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

4:30 pm Monday, June 22

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Bring your family and your favorite games for an evening of laughs and friendly competition!

FAIRYTALE TEA

1:30-3 pm Friday, June 26

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Join us for an afternoon of tea, fairytale magic and crafts.

ALEXANDRIA ART SHOW

9 am-5 pm Saturday, June 27

1 pm-5 pm Sunday, June 28

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Enter your artwork and attend our two-day art show! Drop off art pieces between Wednesday, June 24 and Friday, June 26 to display them at the art show for attendees to vote on. Winners receive a prize. Open to all ages.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY*

2-4 pm Sunday, June 28

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Bring the whole family and join us for Dungeons & Dragons 5e! There will be games that are kid-friendly, easy to learn and fun.

MONDAY MOVIE NIGHT: 'GOAT'

4-6 pm Monday, June 29

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Gather your friends and family to enjoy snacks, make crafts and watch *Goat* at the library.

TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE POST

6:30 pm Tuesday, June 30

THE POST (1136 S. FORT THOMAS AVE.)

Enjoy a night of 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. We use a pen and paper format for the game. Supplies provided.

Children

Grades K-5, unless noted

Book Discussions

KIDS COMIC CLUB

4 pm Monday, June 1

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

June's theme: **Friendship**.

FAMILY BOOK CLUB*

6 pm Tuesday, June 9

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Faraway Things by Dave Eggers.

CAM'S KIDS BOOK CLUB*

4:30 pm Tuesday, June 16

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Little Red Riding Hood and the Dragon by Ying Chang Compestine.

Programs

CONSTRUCTION JUNCTION

4 pm Thursday, June 4

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Enjoy building with the library's large collection of construction toys to reinforce STEAM concepts.

EGG-CELLENT CHICKENS

4 pm Monday, June 8

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Meet and interact with chickens from Gorman Heritage Farm while you learn how chickens help farms.

PIPE CLEANER BUBBLE WANDS*

4:30 pm Monday, June 8

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Craft your own unique bubble wands using pipe cleaners and colorful beads. Ages newborn-grade 5.

HOMESCHOOL: SOLAR BUGS

1 pm Thursday, June 11

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

The sun is a powerful source of energy. Decorate a bug and watch as solar panel magic makes it move.

GEOLOGY ROCKS*

4 pm Thursday, June 11

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Explore the science of rocks and minerals by breaking open geodes, sorting rock samples and making art inspired by geology.

'THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR' FOR BABIES*

10 am Saturday, June 13

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Read Eric Carle books and play games inspired by his wonderful work. A caterpillar fingerprint craft is included. Ages newborn-2.

CHESS CLUB

3-6 pm Monday, June 15

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Looking for a fun, engaging, brain-boosting activity? Both budding grandmasters and complete beginners are welcome to learn and play chess. Ages 5-14.

CINCINNATI MUSEUM PRESENTS: UNCOVERING EGYPT*

4 pm Tuesday, June 16

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Immerse yourself in archaeology and Egyptian history to learn about Egyptian culture. Ages 8-14.



INTRODUCTION TO PLANTS*

4 pm Thursday, June 18

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Learn the basics of plant science and start seeds to take home.

TAKE AND MAKE: WIND WAND*

9 am-9 pm Monday, June 15-Monday, June 22

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Get ready to get blown away! Learn about wind energy with a Wind Wand, and create electricity with the power of the wind.

I SPY BOTTLES

4-6 pm Tuesday, June 23

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Use a random assortment of tiny objects to create a sensory bottle inspired by the *I Spy* books.

NEEDLE FELTING*

4 pm Thursday, June 25

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Explore the art of needle felting with a beginner-friendly project.

DIY POCKET PETS

5:30-7 pm Thursday, June 25

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Using empty mint tins, we will create a cozy living space for a new mini bestie.

HOMESCHOOL HIVE: CIVICS IN ACTION

10 am Tuesday, June 30

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Become a junior historian with the Kentucky Historical Society! Learn how to analyze historical artifacts and write a bill proposal. Ages 5-19.

SOCK HORSES

5:30-7 pm Tuesday, June 30

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Giddy up! Using a variety of materials, create a sock horse, and take it for a spin through an obstacle course.

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Weekly Story Times

Ages 0-5, unless noted

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 have 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. The special

edition, Baby Time With Melodies to Grow On, will occur on Thursday, June 18.

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.

PRESCHOOL TIME

10:30 am Thursdays

CS COLD SPRING 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 STORY TIME

11:15 am Thursdays

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

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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Looking Ahead



ART AFTER HOURS

The Adult Summer Reading Finale shows off local artists with Art After Hours at the Fort Thomas Branch. On Friday, July 24 from 7 to 9 pm, browse a variety of art created by new and returning artists as you enjoy live music, a floral scenery and hors d'oeuvres. From friendly conversations to buying one-of-a-kind art, this event is always a great time.

ADA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

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