

CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Letter From Our Director

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In May, we join in celebrating 250 years of America by installing a picture path at AJ Jolly Park featuring books about the history of our nation. This month, the picture path features *The Horseback Librarians* by Jane Yolen. Yolen's picture book features a story about real-life pack-horse librarians who delivered books in Appalachia during the Great Depression. Kentucky has a long history of successful outreach to rural areas using pack-horse librarians and traveling libraries. In 1953, the Friends of Kentucky Libraries (friendskyllibraries.org) championed a campaign resulting in the donation of 84 bookmobiles to counties across Kentucky, with 11 more bookmobiles added the next year. Since that time, Kentucky has led the nation in the number of bookmobiles in service to residents across our great state.

Today, Kentucky has library service in 119 of its 120 counties. With one library system, Ballard-Carlisle Public Library, providing service for two counties-Ballard County and Carlisle County. Kentucky libraries continue the tradition of successful outreach through various ways of reaching out to our communities. From taking books and activities to parks to visiting childcare centers to delivering books to home-bound residents, Kentucky's libraries serve the needs of parents, grandparents, students, teachers, job seekers and many others by providing access to books and resources and fostering our connections to each other. Libraries also work with many community partners to provide patrons with access to their resources as well.

For example, at our Newport Branch, we host family coaches from Brighton Center each Tuesday to help our families find the resources and services they need to thrive. On Fridays, we host the PIER Recovery Community Center's Chapters of Change group, where folks can learn about recovery and mental health resources in Northern Kentucky, find local support groups and connect with certified peer recovery supporters. We partnered with Meals on Wheels-Southwest OH & Northern KY to jointly apply to be trainers for Senior Planet by OATS (AARP's Older Adults Technology Services). This partnership allows us to offer on-site technology programs supported by Senior Planet's vast library of prepared resources. It also gives our patrons access to Senior Planet's virtual library of classes that include more than technology, with health and social classes available too. In addition to teaching classes, librarians are constantly learning and expanding our skills so that we are prepared to teach those who look to us for assistance.

To that purpose, library staff attend webinars, local workshops and conferences to discover trends in technology, new approaches to librarianship and to discover ways to enhance library programs, services and resources. This spring, Campbell County Public Library staff attended the Kentucky Public Library Association's Spring Conference and the Public Library Association's Biennial Conference. Regional conferences are important because they allow us to connect with librarians across our state to share our experiences and plan improvements that help us all as we work with patrons in our own counties. Attending national conferences is important because we gain insight into what is happening in libraries across the country and learn directly from those who are driving innovation, shaping policy and defining how our profession will meet future challenges. Just as importantly, these conferences give Kentucky's librarians the opportunity to showcase the exceptional work and creative solutions happening in our communities, elevating our voices on a national stage and strengthening the reputation of libraries across the Commonwealth.

We may no longer be riding pack horses to deliver books, but Kentucky librarians are still doing the hard work to bring the best of everything to our patrons. It is our joy and purpose to encourage your curiosity, inspire your imagination and provide you with constant opportunities for learning and growth.

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.

MAY 20 AT CARRICO/FORT THOMAS
JUNE 17 AT ALEXANDRIA
JULY 15 AT COLD SPRING
AUG. 19 AT NEWPORT

Closures

ALL BRANCHES CLOSED:

Sunday, May 24: Sunday Before Memorial Day
Monday, May 25: Memorial Day
Friday, June 19: Juneteenth



We Invite You to the Best Play Date of the Year!



Finding the right resources for your children can be challenging. Whether it is activities for them to engage in, preschools for them to attend or assessments that ensure they are on the right track, all of this may be overwhelming to figure out on your own. Luckily, the library is here to help!

The Newport Branch welcomes you and your young ones to the Early Literacy Play Date. On Saturday, May 16 from 11 am to 2 pm, stop in so your child can have fun while you learn about local resources available to support their development.

For little ones, the activities provided will keep them entertained throughout the event! Our

library staff will hold story times for attendees to read, dance and socialize with others. Children will also have the opportunity to read to an adorable therapy dog during Puppy Tales! If they want a break from reading, they can enhance their literacy and numeracy skills by crafting with Play-Doh and playing games. The fun continues even after you leave: make sure to pick up a Take & Make flash card activity to enjoy with your child when you get home.

For guardians, representatives from the Early Childhood Learning Education Assessment Resource Network (EC Learn) will deliver the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) to your kids to assess their areas of strength and areas that require more attention. Moreover, community partners and preschools will attend to provide you with helpful information on different preschools available to send your child to and community resources you can access today!

"Early Literacy Play Date is one of my favorite events of the year," says Amy Carroll, programming and community engagement manager. "Literacy skills are the foundation that learning is built on, and they are a core part of what the library does to serve the community. This annual event is the perfect opportunity for families to learn more about early literacy,

engage with organizations that exist in the community to help their child learn and allow children to fall in love with the library."

This Early Literacy Play Date is a time for you to engage with our community and for your child to socialize with others and have fun. We cannot wait to see you there!

Registration is not required for the event, but the developmental screenings and the Puppy Tales require registration due to limited slots. Please find these registration links and more at cc-pl.org/early-literacy-play-date.



We Suggest

Staff Recommendations

FAVORITE CLASSIC FILMS



JAWS

"Jaws is such a great movie because it builds so much tension. The score makes it more thrilling."

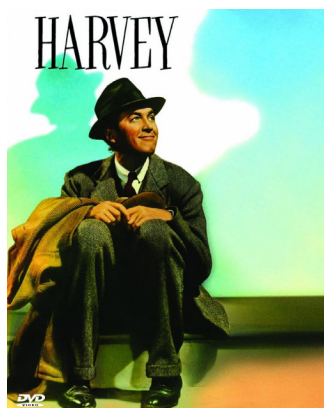
— **Dakota Guilkey**
assistant patron services supervisor



GUYS AND DOLLS

"I love musicals, and this one is one of my favorites from the Golden Age of musical theater. Frank Loesser's music and lyrics never fail to make me smile."

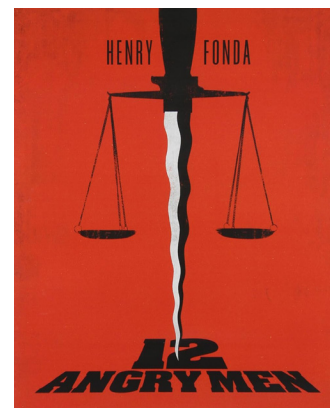
— **Natalie Shadrick**
adult/teen services programmer



HARVEY

"This film is the perfect blend of whimsy and earnestness. It tells the story of a man and his best friend, a giant talking rabbit that no one else can see. This movie feels like a hug."

— **Katherine Woolums**
adult/teen services librarian



12 ANGRY MEN

"It's about a jury debating a murder case, and at first, it seems like an easy decision, but one dissenter persuades the rest of the jurors to look closer. It is all set in one location, and the whole thing is about debate and how you shouldn't jump to conclusions."

— **Chay Rust**
patron services supervisor



CASABLANCA

"You can't go wrong with Casablanca. Incredible cast, beautiful cinematography and a heartbreaking love story. It's cinematic perfection."

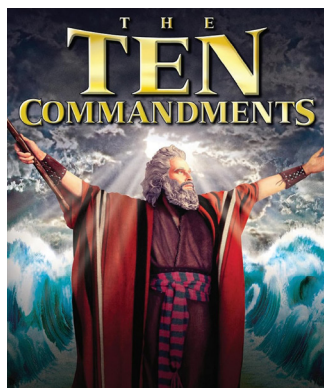
— **Julie Pergrem**
patron services assistant



REAR WINDOW

"I have fond memories of watching it with my Nana on TCM growing up, and I remember it being one of the first classic films to capture my attention."

— **Claire Smith**
children's services librarian



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

"This movie was an Easter tradition in my house growing up. The costuming is gorgeous, and the acting is fantastic. I highly recommend anyone set aside a night and cozy up to watch it!"

— **Julie Gallagher**
outreach 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.



Library News



Arts & Culture Series

The Arts & Culture Series continues through May at the Fort Thomas Branch. Friday, May 8 is family night with a magical performance by the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra's Summermusik group. Children can enjoy activities and snacks while everyone listens to the sounds of popular Disney movies and other family favorites such as

Shrek and *Harry Potter*. La Formula Productions returns to round out the series on Friday, May 22 by bringing Afro-Caribbean music to the library. Both performances start at 7 pm on their respective dates.

For more information, visit cc-pl.org/arts-culture-series.

Staff Achievements

We are proud to announce that we have several CCPL staff members who were recently recognized for their hard work and dedication to the library. Join us in celebrating their accomplishments and all they have done for the library!

The KPLA Fresh Faces award recognizes staff who have been in their library position for fewer than five years and are driving their library into the future with innovative ideas. Each year, two people from each Kentucky region are selected for this award, and this year, both awardees from this region came from CCPL! We want to extend a huge congratulations to Gina Leonard, collection services librarian, and Robert Brunner, systems coordinator, for winning the 2026 KPLA Fresh Faces Award for the North East region. Leonard is known for being proactive, enthusiastic and curious about her job and always improving her skills. Brunner supports all the IT systems for the library and always strives to integrate technology that improves the library's efficiency by being curious and educated about everyone's duties.

Morgan Lockard-Ellis, the Carrico/Fort Thomas Branch manager, was recently selected as an advisor for the American Library Association's Aging Together initiative. With only 12 other library staff in the country selected, Lockard-Ellis will work with The John A. Hartford Foundation and other project members to better understand the current state of older adult library programming and distribute the information to others appropriately. Her work with Meals on Wheels Southwest Ohio & Northern Kentucky has made a tremendous difference for our older patrons and has gotten her a spot on this great team.

All are integral to keeping the library's operations moving smoothly and without interruption, and we are thankful to have them as part of our system!



Virtual Author Talks

Do you want to hear a talk by your favorite author and ask them a question, or even discover a new, popular author? In partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium, Campbell

County Public Library's patrons have access to four Virtual Author Talks every month! From freshly debuted authors, such as Joseph Lee, to longtime beloved authors, like Leigh Bardugo, to internationally renowned authors, such as Malala Yousafzai, there is an author talk for you. Before the talk, you can even submit questions for the speaker. If you missed the talk or want to rewatch a previous one, you can view all talks since 2022.

For more information and to view upcoming talks, visit cc-pl.org/virtual-author-talks.

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, May 5

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

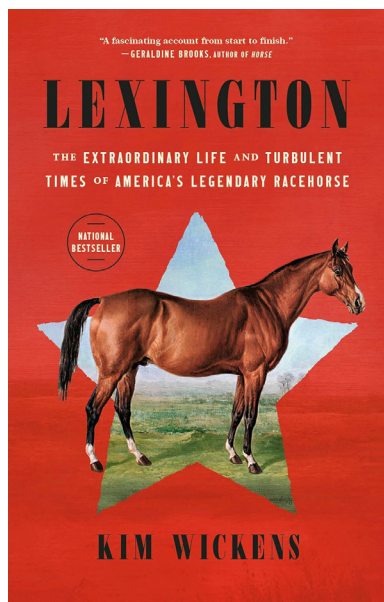
The Murder of Mr. Ma by John Shen Yen Nee and S. J. Rozan.

MUST READ ROMANCE*

7-8:30 pm Thursday, May 7

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 Fantasy Romance—**Time Travel**.



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

2 pm Wednesday, May 13

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Lexington by Kim Wickens.

CUP OF CRIME

7 pm Wednesday, May 13

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Open and Shut by David Rosenfelt.

BOOKS AND BRUNCH

11:30 am Saturday, May 16

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Water Moon by Samantha Sotto.

TUESDAY BOOK CLUB

10 am Tuesday, May 19

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict.

CHALLENGING READS BOOK CLUB

7 pm Tuesday, May 19

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora.

Programs

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.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS*

6-10 pm Friday, May 1

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.

LAWDEPOT AND ARTISTWORKS ON LIBBY: MORE THAN JUST BOOKS*

1 pm Sunday, May 3

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Learn how to access Libby's free resources such as law forms, instrument courses and grade school activities.

MAKE STRING FROM ALGAE*

6-8 pm Monday, May 4

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Create a string from the natural polymers found in algae and discover a new way to create eco-friendly materials.

PAINTED TILES*

5-6:30 pm Tuesday, May 5

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Discover the joy in tile art by designing and painting one for yourself.

DISCOVER HEALTHCARE CAREERS

6:30 pm Wednesday, May 6

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

A representative from Brighton Center presents on the debt-free education programs that you can enroll in to begin a healthcare career.

ARTS & CULTURE FAMILY NIGHT: SUMMERMUSIK*

7 pm Friday, May 8

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

The Summermusik string quartet performs all your favorite movie songs from Disney and more! Family Night is open to adults and families alike.

SENIOR PLANET: PODCASTS AT A GLANCE*

2 pm Sunday, May 10

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Podcasts have rapidly gained popularity; learn how to navigate the world of podcasts and find the right one for you.

BUTTON BOOKS*

6-8 pm Monday, May 11

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Create cute stories the size of a button.



TALKING TECH TROUBLES: READING APPS AND RESOURCES*

2 pm Tuesday, May 12

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Learn about apps such as the CCPL mobile app, Libby and Beanstack. We will also cover other great resources for book recommendations and tracking your reading goals.



BOOK SALE

MAY 7-9 & MAY 28
9 AM-5 PM & 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.

TOTE BAG*

5-6:30 pm Tuesday, May 12

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Personalize a tote bag that you can take with you everywhere.

DO ANYTHING CLUB

6-8 pm Tuesday, May 12

6-8 pm Tuesday, May 26

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.

CERAMIC TEACUP PLANTERS*

2-3:30 pm & 6-7:30 pm Thursday, May 14

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Painting and gardening are both delightfully messy. Put them together as you paint a planter shaped like a teacup! Please only attend one program time.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS BIG READ*

5:30-7 pm Friday, May 15

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Join Learning Through Art, Inc. and the NEA Big Read for a virtual reading and community

discussion. Ada Limon, the 24th Poet Laureate of the United States, will join the discussion! Ages 11+.

INDIE LENS POP-UP: 'THE GROCERY LIST SHOW'

7-8:30 pm Saturday, May 16

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Follow Top Chef contender Chrissy Camba around the country as she visits different international grocery stores and the communities they serve in this screening of the PBS *Independent Lens* documentary, *The Grocery List Show*.

SENIOR PLANET: TECH TIPS FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS*

1 pm Sunday, May 17

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

How can technology help you prepare for an emergency? Join us to learn about helpful apps and websites to keep you ready.

DAILY AFFIRMATION SCRATCH-OFF TICKETS*

6-8 pm Monday, May 18

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Reveal a daily affirmation in a fun way!

MEMORY CAFÉ*

2 pm Wednesday, May 20

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.

NEURODIVERSE CRAFT CLUB: BRACELET MAKING*

4:30-6 pm Wednesday, May 20

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, make cool bracelets for you, a friend or a loved one. Ages 11+.

AFTER-HOURS BINGO NIGHT

6-8 pm Friday, May 22

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

It is game on! This month, we are hosting a special bingo night. Bring friends or meet new ones and enjoy light snacks while you play.

ARTS & CULTURE: LA FORMULA*

7 pm Friday, May 22

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

La Formula Productions closes out the Arts & Culture series with Afro-Caribbean music.

TRIVIA NIGHT @ THE POST

6:30 pm Tuesday, May 26

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. Open to all ages.

ROUGH DRAFT COLLAB WRITER'S CLUB*

6:30 pm Tuesday, May 26

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Struggling with your work in progress? Wanting to connect with other area writers for advice? If so, join us in this club led by local published author CherieDawn Haas.

SENIOR PLANET: UNDERSTANDING FRAUD AND SCAMS*

11 am Saturday, May 30

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

We will review some of the most common scams, offer tips for avoiding them and go over what to do if you do get scammed.

CITY BBQ FOOD FOR THOUGHT: LIFE OF FILIPPO DI MATTEO STROZZI*

6:30-8 pm Tuesday, May 19
COLD SPRING BRANCH



Dr. William Landon presents on the life of Filippo di Matteo Strozzi, a Florentine exile turned wealthy banker during Renaissance Florence. Sandwiches are provided for all attendees thanks to our sponsors at Highland Heights City Barbeque.

Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

Teens & Tweens

Ages 11-19, unless noted

Book Discussions

MANGA TO ANIME CLUB*

4-5:30 pm Wednesday, May 13

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

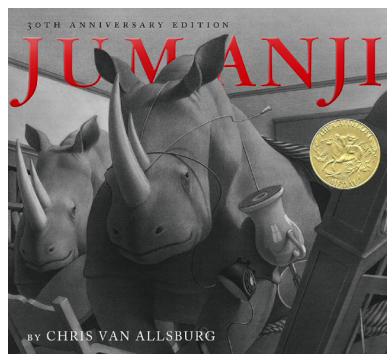
Welcome to Demon School! Iruma-kun, Vol 1 by Osamu Nishi.

YOU'VE BEEN BOOKED*

3:30 pm Monday, May 18

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera.



HOMESCHOOL BOOK TO MOVIE CLUB*

11:30 am Thursday, May 21

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg. Ages 8-14.

Programs

LEGO SIMPLE MACHINES WITH THE BRICK MOBILE

10:30 am-12:30 pm Saturday, May 2

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Duane Keaton leads a hands-on lesson on pulley systems using LEGOs. This program was made possible through generous support from the Kentucky Arts Council. Open to children (grades K-5) and tweens (ages 8-14).

GAME DAY

2-4 pm Saturday, May 2

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.

STORYTELLING WITH LEGO*

2-4 pm Saturday, May 2

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Duane Keaton teaches how to bring your stories to life using LEGOs. This program was made possible through generous support from the Kentucky Arts Council. Open to all ages 19 and under.

MERMAID MACRAME*

4:30 pm Tuesday, May 5

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Learn the basics of macrame with this beginner-friendly craft and create a mermaid tail macrame keychain.

HOMEWORK HUDDLE

3:30-5 pm Wednesday, May 6

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Need a little extra homework help? Stop by the library for 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 CLUB

4:30-6 pm Thursday, May 7

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.

CHESS CLUB

3-6 pm Monday, May 11

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. Open to children (grades K-5) and tweens (ages 8-14).

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD*

6 pm Monday, May 11

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

We ask our teens what they would like to see regarding programming, prizes and what else they would like to see from their library in the coming year. Teens and tweens can earn volunteer hours for their extracurricular activities. Ages 8-19.

BIOPLASTIC SUN CATCHERS

3-5 pm Wednesday, May 13

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Combine household ingredients to create biologically-friendly suncatchers! Ages 8-19.



MONEY TALK FOR TEENS*

4:30 pm Wednesday, May 13

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Learn about financial wellness with a Financial Coach from the Brighton Center!

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS BIG READ*

5:30-7 pm Friday, May 15

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Join Learning Through Art, Inc. and the NEA Big Read for a virtual reading and community discussion. Ada Limon, the 24th Poet Laureate of the United States, will join the discussion! Ages 11+.

MINECRAFT CLUB*

11 am Saturday, May 16

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

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

HOMESCHOOL HIVE: BEAKS AND TALONS

10 am Tuesday, May 19

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Learn what makes birds of prey supreme hunters

Programs with an asterisk (*) require registration.

Children

Grades K-5, unless noted

Book Discussions

KIDS COMIC CLUB

4 pm Monday, May 4

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

May's theme: **Science**.

I CAN READ!*

4 pm Wednesday, May 6

4 pm Wednesday, May 13

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Each week, we will meet to read and discuss a book from the I Can Read! series. I Can Read! books are specifically crafted for children learning to read. Register beforehand to pick up the book of the week for your kid to practice. The books are theirs to keep!

FAMILY BOOK CLUB*

6 pm Tuesday, May 12

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Double Dutch Queen by DeAnn Wiley.

CAM'S KIDS BOOK CLUB*

4:30 pm Tuesday, May 19

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly.

Programs

LEGO SIMPLE MACHINES WITH THE BRICK MOBILE

10:30 am-12:30 pm Saturday, May 2

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

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STORYTELLING WITH LEGO*

2-4 pm Saturday, May 2

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

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RECYCLED CAKE CRAFT

3:30-5 pm Tuesday, May 5

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Use craft supplies and recyclable materials to create whimsical cakes pretty enough to put on display. The cakes may not be edible, but your eyes will eat them up!

HOMEWORK HUDDLE

3:30-5 pm Wednesday, May 6

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Need a little extra homework help? Stop by the library for some guidance on those tough assignments.

DIY POPPING BOBA*

4 pm Thursday, May 7

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Learn to make delicious popping bubble tea!

RAINBOW WEAVING

5:30-7 pm Thursday, May 7

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Learn basic weaving skills to create a beautiful rainbow to hang in your window.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS BIG READ YOUTH PROGRAMMING*

10 am Friday, May 8

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Join Learning Through Art Inc. as they bring 'Big Read' programming for children. Attendees will receive free books and art materials to make their own diorama to celebrate our natural world! Ages newborn-grade 5.

CELEBRATING AMERICA 250: STORIES OF AMERICA

Noon Saturday, May 9

AJ JOLLY PARK

Enjoy a picture path at AJ Jolly Park to celebrate the United States's 250th anniversary! Return each month as we rotate the stories on the path.

PUPPY TALES*

1:30-3 pm Sunday, May 10

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.

CHESS CLUB

3-6 pm Monday, May 11

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. Open to children (grades K-5) and tweens (ages 8-14).

CD DREAM CATCHER*

4:30 pm Monday, May 11

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Decorate and create colorful designs that catch light and inspire sweet dreams.

HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT: PUZZLE PLAY*

11 am Tuesday, May 12

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Put your puzzle skills to the test with the library's collection of puzzles suitable for all. Open to all ages.

HOMESCHOOL: GLOWING SLIME

1 pm Thursday, May 14

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Create glow-in-the-dark slime and discuss what reactions occur when you make slime.

BACKYARD GAMES*

4 pm Thursday, May 14

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Enjoy the nice weather with our collection of oversized games and outdoor toys.

EARLY LITERACY PLAY DATE

11 am-2 pm Saturday, May 16

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Support your child's growth and development at this fair, where they can have fun and learn about available community resources. From developmental testing to reading practice to preschool information, this fair will give you what you need to help your little one excel! Ages newborn-grade 5.

RAIN CLOUD IN A JAR*

4:30 pm Monday, May 18

AL ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

We will create a mini weather experiment and learn how clouds make rain in this hands-on activity.

HOMESCHOOL HIVE: BEAKS AND TALONS

10 am Tuesday, May 19

FT FORT THOMAS BRANCH

Learn what makes birds of prey supreme hunters of the sky with a visit from three ambassadors from Raptors Inc. Ages newborn-19.

CLOUD SCIENCE

3:30-5 pm Tuesday, May 19

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Learn all about clouds through different stations while also enjoying a craft.

BUCKET BRIGADE PRESENTED BY BAND IN A BUS*

4 pm Thursday, May 21

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

Band in a Bus provides buckets and sticks; teaches students music games, rhythm and movement routines to popular songs; and demonstrates how to make instruments out of everyday items.

WATERCOLOR AND JUICE

4 pm Thursday, May 21

NW NEWPORT BRANCH

Learn cool painting techniques with watercolors while following a tutorial and sipping juice. Open to children (grades K-5) and tweens (ages 8-14).

LITTLE BITES*

11 am Saturday, May 30

CS COLD SPRING BRANCH

We will read *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault, cut the letters of our name out of a melon and make a coconut tree craft. Ages newborn-grade 5.

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.

I CAN READ!*

4 pm Wednesday, May 6

4 pm Wednesday, May 13

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Each week, we will meet to read and discuss a book from the I Can Read! series. I Can Read! books are specifically crafted for children learning to read. Register beforehand to pick up the book of the week for your kid to practice. The books are theirs to keep!

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

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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 Thursday, May 14.

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

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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



SUMMER READING: SUMMER OF STORIES

Get ready for a Summer of Stories at the library! Starting Monday, June 1, the library's Summer Reading season officially kicks off. Jam-packed with fun programs for all ages, Book Bus visits, the Summer Reading challenge and more, mark your calendar for a great summer with the library.

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