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#### Library Info

#### Main Branch

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1016 Summit Road (606) 928-3366; FAX: 928-5045 Mon-Thur: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fri and Sat: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# The Library can help

As the economy continues to struggle, nationwide and here at home, The Library keeps looking for ways to help local residents.

If you are looking for a job, then come to one of the two January programs focusing on resume writing and job searching. The first, at 1 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Main Branch, is part of the "Kentucky Employ Network" program. Another option is an online Resume Webinar, sponsored by Tutor.com, that will be broadcast at Main at 2 p.m. Jan. 26. Resume expert and author Barbara Sanfani will

be the presenter. No registration is required for either program. Feel free to attend both.

BCPL offers Tutor.com's services free to patrons through its website. The online tutoring service recently celebrated its 5 millionth session.

For those trying to economize at home, Coupon Clipping 101, taking place Feb. 18 at Main, might be just the ticket. Information Services Supervisor Jamie Bayne, who has been "extreme couponing" for five years, will share tips and tricks on saving. The program starts at noon.

The Library also continues to offer Family Assistance Packets to those who have lost their job. The packet contains information on library resources, as well as coupons for copies and faxes at any library branch.

## 4th annual Foreign Film Fest

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This year's Foreign Film Festival in January offers a varied selection of countries and genres.

The films are shown each Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Main. The linenup:

• Jan. 3: "Waking Ned Devine," a 1998 American comedy set in Ireland. Residents of a small village go to great lengths to cash in on a dead man's lottery winnings.

• Jan. 10: "Pan's Labyrinth," an Academy Award-winning Spanish film (2006) about a young girl's fantasy world, set during the repression that followed the Spanish Civil War.

• Jan. 17: "Downfall," a 2004 German drama depicting the final ten days of Adolph Hitler's life.

• Jan. 24: "Umbrellas of Cherbourg," a French musical made in 1964 that tells of the ill-fated

MDVIE EVER MADE." love between an auto GOMORRAH mechanic and an umbrella salesgirl.

• Jan. 31: "Gomorrah," critically-acclaimed Italian crime story made in 2008.

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# **Library News**

## Behind the Books: A peak at Technical Services

Kellie Nunley, supervisor of the Technical Services Department, oversees the influx of materials throughout the district, though most people never even see her department.

More than 50,000 items pass through Tech Services (as we affectionately call it) each year. About 36,000 are new; the rest need repair or have to be withdrawn from the collection. That's a lot of books, movies and music to be handled by just a few people.

It takes less than two weeks from the time an item is selected to the time is gets to the shelf. First, an item is ordered from a vendor. Once it arrives, it is unboxed and verified. Next, it is cataloged (uniquely described with all the different ways someone might look for it). Then it goes to

processing, where the spine label, or call number, is added, and the item covered. Finally, it is sent out to be shelved and checked out.

Kellie runs a very efficient department. They have the smallest backlog and one of the quickest turnaround times I've seen in my 20+ years in this profession.

In addition, Kellie works with the teen programs, and encourages her staff to be involved outside the department.

So, the next time you open a book or sit down to watch a movie from The Library, think about Kellie and her staff and all they did to get you that item! (By the way, they take requests too.)

@ your library, this is Debbie Cosper, director

### Movie checkout changes

Begining Jan. 1, there will be no renewals on movies (DVD or VHS).

The number of items that can be checked out on a card remains the same: 50. Other renewals are staying the same. We hope, that by eliminating the renewal option on movies, a greater number and variety of movies will be available for checkout when patrons stop in. If you have questions, please contact Betty

Malcolm, circulation supervisor: (606) 329-0518, ext. 1210, or bprince@thebookplace.org.

### Cool, new genealogy stuff

If you haven't been in the Minnie C. Winder room lately, you should stop by.

We've added quite a few books on Virginia ge-



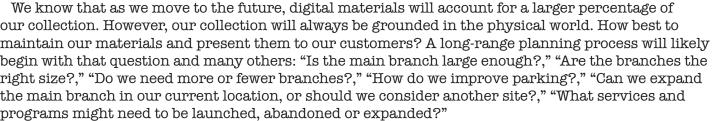
nealogy, as well as newspapers for all of the eastern Kentucky counties up through 1980. We've also been building the microfilm collection for court records in eastern Kentucky.

Stop in - staff will be happy to show you around! And if you've been thinking about starting some family research, now's a perfect time.

# New year is opportunity for new plans by Michael Campbell, president, BCPL Board of Trustees

For many, the New Year is a time of resolutions and plans for personal improvement. Likewise, the Library begins the planning process for the upcoming fiscal year.

We have modernized, reconfigured and optimized space at all three branches over the last decade to position us for the next. Now it is time to begin long-range planning.



Some answers may be obvious, some not. Some may be easy, some may ultimately be wrenching. However, all of these questions, and many more, need to be asked. As this process moves forward, we will need your input, your ideas and your help.



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# January

## **New book club formats**

The Library is trying out some new formats for some of its book clubs in the new year.

The two youth clubs - a Tween group (grades 4-6) and a Middle

School club (grades 6-8) - meet monthly at Main and Summit, respectively (see calendar for times). Starting in January, both groups will use a "series discussion" format, which means members will talk about a popular book series, instead of a single title. Kids don't have to read the book ahead of time in order to attend. In January and February, it's the same for both clubs: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," and then the "Warriors" series. The groups have different topics in

March: "Alex Rider" at Main; and "Eragon" at Summit.

New members are always welcome. For more information on the youth clubs, contact Misti at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1310.

The adult book club at Summit returns, but in a new way a"Spotlight on the Author" program - and at a new time: the fourth Monday at 5:15 p.m. The first three months of authors: Stephenie Meyer, James Patterson and Nora Roberts.

## January Happenings

#### M=Main; S=Summit; C=Catlettsburg

- Foreign Film Festival: Jan. 3, 10,
- Hands That Touch a Heart
- Piece-ing it Together Craft Club:
- Preschool Story Time: Jan. 5, 12,
- Tween Book Club: Diary of a Wimpy Kid series: Jan. 5, 6 p, M.
- Lego Competition for Kids:
- "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian:" Jan. 7, 5:30 p,
- Stories Before Bedtime: Jan. 7,
- Toddler Time: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29,
- Pokemon/Yu-Gi Oh Game Day:
- Resume and Job Searching Assistance: Jan. 11, 1 p, S.
- Teen Library Council: Jan. 12, 5 p, M. (new time!)
- Monthly book club: Jan. 12, 5 p,
- Teen Tuesdays: Money, Money, Money: Jan. 12, 6 p, M
- Middle School Book Club: Diary of a Wimpy Kid series: Jan. 13, 4 p, S. (new time!)
- Scrapbooking Share Time:
- Board of Trustees monthly meeting: Jan. 19, 8:15 a, S.
- After-school Movie: "Harry Potter & the Half-Blood Prince:"
- Library Luau: Jan. 23, 2 p, M.
- Novel-Tea Book Club: Jan. 25,
- Spotlight on the Author: Stephenie Meyer: Jan. 25, 5:15 p, S.
- Resume Webinar presented by **Tutor.com:** Jan. 26, 2 p, M.
- Girls' Night Out: "Julie and Julia:" Jan. 27, 5:30 p, M.
- Teacher Book Preview: Jan. 28,
- National Puzzle Day: Jan. 29, 10

## ggo my... Legos

Think you can come up with the best Lego creation?

Then see how you do in the Lego Competition for Kids on

Jan. 6 at 4 p.m. at Summit. We'll provide the Legos - you



expertise and creativity. For kids 5 to 12.

### Scrapbooking fun

Patrons can share their love of scrapbooking at a fun program Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Main.

**Participants** in "Scrapbooking Share Time" will bring their supplies, cricket cartridges, die cutters and other tools to



share. And creative ideas, too, of course!

## Use your hands to touch a heart

For the sixth straight year, The Library and local children will work together to bring some love to those who are sick, lonely or ust far away from home.



The Hands That Touch a Heart campaign kicks off Jan. 4. From then through Feb. 7, kids of any age can stop in at any branch and make a Valentine's Day card. Individuals and groups are also welcome to make cards and drop them off. We'll provide the template. All you have to do is personalize them. All the cards will be

delivered to residents of local nursing homes, or mailed to soldiers serving overseas.

In the past five years, more than 2,000 hearts have been touched!

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# **February**

# Taxing times - let us help

The annual ritual of filing tax returns is never something people look forward to. But the time is here, and it must be done.

The Library can help
with this unwelcome task
in a couple of ways. First,
stop by any branch and
pick up the forms you
need. Federal forms and
instructions are available
for free. State tax forms
are no longer sent to the Library, but staff can print them
off the internet, or you can
request they be mailed to your
home. We will print one copy of
any needed form gratis. If more

copies are needed, the cost is 10 cents each.

If you need help with the actual filing, then the folks with

the American Association of Retired Persons might be able to help. AARP volunteers will once again be at the Summit Branch, starting Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday.

The assistance is for those in the middle- or low-income categories, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. Anyone seeking help should bring all the necessary forms, as well as last year's return.

## It's a mystery

The hugely popular mystery dinner program returns Feb. 12. In "Mystery in the Library" literary characters come out of their books at night, and Sherlock Holmes is called to investigate the disappearance of Henry VIII. A catered dinner will be served.

Registration starts online Jan. 4 - do it early; the limit is 30 participants.

Bonne chance!

#### Food drive continues

The Library's ongoing food drive, in parternship with River Cities Harvest, continues at all three branches.
So far, the collection, which started in August, has netted about 200 pounds of food. Help us reach 1,000 (or more) by the time the drive ends this coming August.

All non-perishable food items are welcome.

## Learn a new language with Mango

Would you like to learn French? Or a bit of Italian? How about Mandarin Chinese? With Mango, the Library's new, free online language-learning system, you could learn them all.

Mango focuses on teaching actual conversation skills. Each lesson combines real-life situations and audio from native speakers with easy-to-follow interface and simple instructions. Because it's completely web-based,



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BCPL}}$  patrons can learn anywhere they have an internet connection

- at the library, in a coffee shop or even at home in bed.

There are currently 12 language courses, with more on the way.

BCPL patrons can access Mango through thebookplace.org.

#### February Happenings

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- Macho Monday Movie:
- **"Inglorious Basterds:"** Feb. 1, 5:30 p, M.
- Piece-ing It Together Craft Club: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 6 p, S. (Feb. 8 is romantic candle making.)
- **Preschool Story Time:** Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1 p, S. Also, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a, M.
- Tween Book Club: Warrior series: Feb. 2, 6 p, M.
- Tax Help from the AARP: Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 9 a to 1 p, S.
- Being Safe Online: Feb. 4, 6 p, M.
- Stories Before Bedtime: Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 6 p, M.
- Toddler Time: Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:30 a, M; 1 p, S.
- Tween Craft: Handkerchief Parachutes: Feb. 6, 2 p, M.
- Hands That Touch a Heart campaign ends: Feb. ?.
- Computer Basics: Feb. 8 & 10, 15 & 17, 22 & 24, 10:30 a, C. Also, Feb. 9 & 11, 16 & 18, 23 & 25, 6 p, S.
- Macho Monday Movie: "Public Enemies:" Feb. 8, 5:30 p, M.
- Teen Library Council: Feb. 9, 5 p, M.
- **Monthly book club:** Feb. 9, 5 p, C; Feb. 23, 6 p, M.
- Teen Tuesdays: Chocolate Extravaganza: Feb. 9, 6 p, M.
- Middle School Book Club:
  Warrior series: Feb. 10, 4 p. S
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- **Meatballs:** Feb. 11, 5:30 p, M. Also, Feb. 13, 2 p, S.
- •3rd annual Valentine Mystery Dinner: Feb. 12, 7 p, M.
- **Asthma Talk:** Feb. 15, 6 p, M.
- Board of Trustees monthly meeting:  $8:15~a,~\mathrm{S}.$
- After-school Movie: "Fame:" Feb. 17, 3:30 p, S.
- Goupon Clipping 101: Feb. 18, noon, M.
- Winter Library Games: Feb. 20, 2 p, M.
- Novel-Tea Book Club: Feb. 22, 1 p, M.
- Spotlight on the Author: James Patterson: Feb. 22, 5:15 p, S.
- Girls' Night Out: "The Time Traveler's Wife:" Feb. 24, 5:30 p, M.

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## March

#### **March Happenings**

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- Movie: "Whip It:" March 1, 5:30 p. M.
- Piece-ing it Together Craft Club: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6 p, S. (March 8 is shamrock-inspired jewelry.)
- Preschool Story Time: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1 p, S. Also, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 a, M.
- Tween Book Club: "Alex Rider" series: March 2, 6 p, M.
- Tax Help from the AARP: March
- Middle School Book Club:
- **Eragon series:** March 3, 4 p, S.
- Stories Before Bedtime: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 6 p, M.
- Toddler Time: March 5, 12, 19, 26, 11:30 a, M; 1 p, S.
- Dr. Seuss Birthday Party: March 6, 2 p, M.
- Book Club March 9, 5 p, C.
- Teen Library Council: March 9, 5 p. M.
- Teen Tuesdays: Old-School Gaming: March 9, 6 p, M.
- Basics of Word: March 8 & 10, 15 & 17, 10:30 a, C; and March 9 & 11, 16 & 18, 6 p, S.
- Movie: "Where the Wild Things Are:" March 11, 5:30 p, M; and March 13, 2 p, S (Second Saturday Screening).
- Pokemon/Yu-Gi-Oh Game Day: March 13, 2 p, M.
- Board of Trustees monthly meeting: 8:15 a, M.
- After-school Movie: "Cirque DuFreak: The Vampire's Assistant:" March 17, 3:30 p, S.
- •St. Patrick's Day Stories &
- Craft: March 17, 4 p, M.
- Paper Tube Race Cars: March 20, 2p, M.
- Spotlight on the Author: Nora Roberts: March 22,5:15 p, S.
- Movie: "The Twilight Saga: New Moon:" March 27, 2 p, M.
- Novel-Tea Book Club: March 29, 1 p. M.
- Book Club: March 30, 6 p, M.
- Girls' Night Out: "Couple's Re-

## Patrons enjoying book leasing

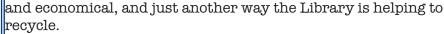
by Lisa Epling, Catlettsburg branch manager

The book leasing program begun in September has been a huge hit with patrons. By leasing the books, which we do from Baker and Taylor Books, patrons get the newest releases available to them on

the library shelves quicker than if we were purchasing them.

One woman recently told me that she had seen new releases at a book store, and then stopped by here to see if we had them that same day, and we did.

Leased books are high-demand titles, bestsellers and popular authors. When a title is no longer popular, then it's returned to make room for more. Leased books are convenient



So, stop in at the Catlettsburg branch and check out our great selection of leased books. I bet we have what you want.



## Compute this

Staff at the Catlettsburg and Summit branches will be teaching computer classes in February (computer basics) and March (basics of Word). Each class is two parts: 10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday at Catlettsburg; and 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Summit.

Registration can be done online or by calling Amanda Clark at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1140.

#### Moves @ Main

The restroom remodel at Main is done (new walls, floors and fixtures), along with new drinking fountains, and how it's on to the next project: upgrading lighting in the non-fiction and staff areas. In the next few months, we'll also be moving the public computers to the current media area, which will provide more computers and space for patrons.

# Expected on the shelves

**Fiction:** "The Wolf at the Door," Jack Higgins; "Big Girl," Danielle Steel; "Matthew's Story," Tim LaHaye; "Wild Ride," Jennifer Cruise.

**Audio books:** "Not My Daughter," Barbara Delinsky; "Worst Case," James Patterson; "Think Twice," Lisa Scottoline.

**Non-fiction:** "Bon Jovi: When We Were Beautiful;" "Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper and Fairer Health Care;" "The Disney Song Book Encyclopedia;" "I Am Ozzy."

**Youth:** "Warriors - Ravenclaw's Path: Shattered Peace," Erin Hunter; "Cat the Hat: Who is That?," Mo Willems; "The Van Alen Legacy," Melissa De La Cruz; "Demon King," Cinda Williams Chima.

**Games:** Darksiders, Lego Harry Potter, Vancouver 2010. **Movies:** Fame, Zombieland, Michael Jackson's This is it





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## Become a Friend

BCPL Friends is a great way to combine your love of reading with support of the Library. Friends spend their time organizing used book sales and volunteering with other book lovers.

Individual membership is just \$10 a year. You also get early bird book sales and book bucks - for those fines you'll never get :).

Call Traci Nolen at (606) 326-2026 for more info.

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