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Board of Trustees

Board meets at 8 a.m. (**new time!!**) on the third Tuesday.

- Mike Campbell
- Lynda Cannon
- Debbie Johnson
- Ashley Skidmore
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Meetings are open to the public.

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 Circulation: ext. 1200
 Youth Services: ext. 1300
 Information Services: ext. 1400
 Genealogy: ext. 1500
 Catlettsburg: ext. 2200
 Summit: ext. 3200
 Mon-Thur: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Fri and Sat: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.

Catlettsburg Branch

2704 Louisa St.
 (606) 739-8332; FAX: 739-5907
 Mon-Thur: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturday: 1 to 5 p.m.

Summit Branch

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 Mon-Thur: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Fri and Sat: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Make a Splash this summer

Everyone at The Library is busy gearing up for a summer of fun. But, be warned: you might get wet.

“Make a Splash” is the theme of this year’s Summer Reading program for kids. For teens, it’s “Make Waves,” and for adults, it’s “Water Your Mind.” The kickoff for the eight-week program for kids and teens is June 5, when folks from the Newport Aquarium will show off some special guests. The adult program is longer this year, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.



Kids and teens can attend weekly programs, do fun crafts and activities, and earn rewards for the amount of time they spend reading. Kids who participate will also be invited to an end-of-summer pool party!

Adult rewards are based on the number of books read. There is no weekly program for adults.

For more details on Summer Reading, **see page 5**.

And be on the lookout for more details on **thebookplace.org**, and at all three branches. Want to get on our email list? Send your email address to **agilmore@thebookplace.org**, and you can get all the news first.

“Communities Thrive” April 11-17

It’s almost mid-April, and in the library world that means it’s nearly time for a weeklong celebration.

“Communities Thrive @ Your Library” is the theme for National Library Week, coming April 11-17. BCPL has lots of events planned to mark the occasion. As is our tradition, we can’t wait to get started, so we kick off the fun one day early with the 4th annual Community Fair, from 1 to 3 p.m. April 10 at the Main Branch. The fair is an opportunity for community groups to show off what they do, and meet potential

members or volunteers.

There is still time for your group to participate: just call Amanda Clark at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1140.

The rest of the week’s programs include:

Patron Appreciation Day on April 12 (everyone who checks out something gets a pen), Library Workers Day on April 13, BCPL Friends Day on April 15 at Main, and Dance off Your

Fines Day (25 cents a minute, up to \$5) on April 17 at Summit.

There will be giveaways, an online contest and food and fun, all week long. Come celebrate with us!



Library News

Behind the Books: Ben Nunley & facilities staff

Facilities Supervisor Ben Nunley oversees two part-time custodians, and together they keep clean 10 restrooms, 7 offices, 8 departments, 3 locations and 29,000 square feet of carpet used by 43 staff members and 6,600 people each week.

Ben also oversees the district's mechanics. He makes sure the plumbing works and the rooms are warm. One big responsibility is to identify issues before they become problems, like when will a roof need to be replaced? Or, how many more times can the parking lot be patched?

There are also the seasonal things, like watering plants in the summer, picking up leaves in the fall, and shoveling snow in the winter. He also makes sure recycling is dropped off, doors don't squeak, and materials and supplies get

delivered between the three branches as needed.

Ben also holds several certifications in facilities maintenance, which keeps the library up to date on OSHA requirements, safe building conditions and the best safety practices.

He and his staff, which receive occasional help from various community service organizations, keep the library in good working order. They are always ready and willing to step up and take care of some of the dirtiest jobs imaginable. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people.

@ your library, this is Debbie Cospers, director



Good-bye VHS and cassettes

On March 15, we said adios to our VHS and audio cassette tapes. Why? These formats are checked out much less than newer ones; most folks no longer have the equipment at home; and they are increasingly difficult to order.

We will replace most of the items in DVD or CD format. This will give us more space on the shelves (room for more materials), and make the quality much better for patrons. The newer formats are also easier to repair. The old material is on sale (or soon will be) for 25 cents each.

Help us pick!

The Pictures in the Park (outdoor movie) season returns in May, for four months, on the final Friday. But before then, we need your help picking the flicks. Please vote between April 1 and 9 (in the branches or online) for your top four choices among the following: **Charlie & the Chocolate Factory; Charlotte's Web, Hair-spray; Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone; Mary Poppins; National Treasure; Scooby Doo; Shrek; The Love Bug; and Toy Story.**

Measuring progress helps keep our focus

by Michael Campbell, president, BCPL Board of Trustees

This year, your library is set to begin benchmarking performance. As a service provider, it is important that we remain focused on the needs of our users. When performing the day-to-day tasks of our jobs, it is easy to drift away from the central mission of our organizations. As with any organization, the library is no different.

The library receives anecdotal evidence that, by and large, we are doing the things our patrons want us to do. We are fortunate that many of our users care enough to tell us when we've done well, or not so well. That feedback is invaluable as we operate your library.

However, I believe that there is much value in establishing a set of criteria that can be used to guide the board and staff in keeping the library focused and on-task. Benchmarking is one very useful way to do just that. Measuring progress in either reaching or maintaining goals in areas of service, budgeting and planning will be a powerful tool in keeping us focused on our mission to serve you.

We will be using criteria developed by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives to guide us. I hope we can eventually move beyond the state's criteria of success to national excellence. We look forward to establishing a baseline this year and working toward a more coordinated plan to better serve you. Stay tuned!



April

A busy, busy April on tap

April Happenings

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C=Catlettsburg

- **Stories Before Bedtime:** April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6 p, M
- **Preschool Storytime:** April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 a, M; April 6, 13, 20, 27, 1 p, S
- **Toddler Time:** April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 11:30 a, M; 1 p, S
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 3, 2 p, M
- **Library closed for Easter:** April 4
- **Piece-ing It Together Craft Club:** April 6, 13, 20, 27, 6 p, S. Decorative flower pots on April 13.
- **Tween Book Club:** April 6, 6 p, M
- **AARP Tax Help:** April 7, 14, 9 a, S
- **Altered Books:** April 7, 5:30 p, M
- **Guitar Hero Tournament:** April 7, 4 to 7 p, all branches
- **Tween Craft Club: photo boards:** April 7, 4 p, M; April 24, 2 p, S
- **"Sherlock Holmes:"** April 8, 5:30 p, M.
- **Community Fair:** 1 p, M.
- **Second Saturday Screening: "The Princess & the Frog:"** April 10, 2 p, S
- **National Library Week:** April 11-17
- **Patron Appreciation Day:** April 12, all branches
- **Book Club:** April 13, 5 p, C; April 27, 6 p, M
- **Teen Library Council:** April 13, 5 p, M; **Teen Tuesdays: Pirates v Ninjas:** 6 p, M
- **Middle School Book Club:** 4 p, S
- **Resume Webinar:** April 14, 4 p, M
- **BCPL Friends Day:** April 15, noon to 2 p, M.
- **Healthcare Decisions Day:** April 16, 11 a, M, & 2 p, S
- **Dance Off Your Fines:** April 17, all day, S
- **Peter Rabbit Tea:** April 17, 2 p, M
- **"The Blind Side:"** April 18, 2 p, M
- **Board of Trustees:** April 20, 8 a, C
- **Child Abuse Prevention Education:** April 20, 10 a, S
- **"Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel:"** April 21, 4 p, S
- **Meet the Candidates:** April 22, 5:30 p, M
- **Novel-Tea:** April 26, 1 p, M
- **Spotlight on the Author: Christine Feehan:** April 26, 5:15 p, S
- **Girls' Night Out: "It's Complicated:"** April 28, 5:30 p, M

April is "showering" with fun and educational events at BCPL. In addition to the annual traditions of the Community Fair and National Library Week (see page 1), there are many other events:

• **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 3, 2 p.m., outside Main (no rain date). For toddlers through age 10. Gather in the Library Commons area adjacent to Main. Crabbe Elementary is our partner for this.



• **Guitar Hero Tournament:** April 7, 4 to 7 p.m. We'll have Wii systems at all three branches - come log your high score on a song we select (not telling) and become the library's champion rocker.

• **Altered Books Scrapbooking:** April 7, 5:30 p.m., Main. Learn how to turn an old book into a unique collection of memories. Class is limited to 15. Call to register: (606) 329-0518, ext. 1140.

• **Meet the Candidates:** April 22, 5:30 p.m., Main. Meet and mingle with candidates for local, state and federal offices before voting in May. Light refreshments will be served.

Youth book clubs

The revamped youth book club format is proving popular at both Main and Summit.

Each month, the groups talk about a series of books, play games and eat pizza. At Main, it's the first Tuesday at 6 p.m., and at Summit, the second Wednesday at 4 p.m. Upcoming series include: **39 Clues; Twilight; and Percy Jackson & the Olympians.**

Discovery packs

The library has a new item for kids available for checkout.

Discovery Packs - backpacks filled with books, games and activities - arrive this month.

Each pack has a different theme, like Dinosaurs, Knights & Castles, and Telling Time.

The packs will be in the youth services department at Main, but can be reserved at other branches, or online.

Check them out!

Don't forget: we have ipods!



It's been four years since BCPL became a pioneer in Kentucky by offering books on iPods for checkout. That first year, it was only for teens, but now anyone can check out an audio book this way.

We have about 150 titles available on iPods. You can find a list at any branch, or search on the catalog at www.thebookplace.org, under ebooks. When you find one you want, simply place a hold (in person or online). In most cases, the iPod eBook will be ready to pick up at the branch you request by the next afternoon. Ebooks can be checked out for three weeks, and one renewal is allowed.

Fines for iPod eBooks are \$1 per day.

May Security system in place

The Library has taken some proactive steps to try to deter what has become a growing problem - theft of materials.

DVDs have been the most common item stolen, followed by video games and music CDs. Some of these items have turned up in local pawn shops, and BCPL would like to thank Pawn Shop Express and Tri-State Jewelry & Pawn for being vigilant about letting us know when someone brings in stolen



library materials. In the past month or so, those two shops have returned to BCPL more than 150 movies, games and music CDs with an approximate value of \$2,800. We encourage other area pawn shops to do the same. And we hope the recent installment of a video surveillance system and other measures will help deter the thefts.

Remember, your Library belongs to everyone!

Get caught reading

Do you read in public? If you don't, you might want to start.

May is Get Caught Reading Month, so Library staff members will be randomly looking for folks in the community reading in public throughout the month. If we catch you, you'll get a special "I Got Caught Reading by BCPL" tshirt, just in time for summer. So, get out there and read!

Bee a speller

We have a theory: good readers make good spellers. In order to test that premise, we're having a Community Spelling Bee on May 27. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: elementary, middle school, high school and adult. Contact Amanda Clark at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1140, to register.



Friends' annual meeting May 25

The BCPL Friends group has announced plans for its annual membership meeting on May 25: the occasion will be used to highlight the library's five book clubs. The annual meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. at Main. All Friends and anyone interested in joining are encouraged to attend. After the brief business portion, the Friends will host a "Book Club Showcase & Reception." Members of the library's clubs (there are three for adults and two for youth) will talk about their groups, and then everyone who wishes can share about their favorite book. Light refreshments will be served.

The Friends recently voted to help cover the cost of books for book club members, and also to pay for the books that will be given as Summer Reading rewards this year. Thanks Friends!!!

May Happenings

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- **Meet the Author: Jody Gline:** May 1, noon, M
- **"The Men Who Stare at Goats:"** May 3, 5:30 p, M
- **Piece-ing it Together Craft Club:** May 3, 10, 17, 24, 6 p, S. Assisi Embroidery on May 10.
- **Preschool Storytime:** May 4, 11, 18, 1 p, S; May 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:30 a, M
- **Tween Book Club:** May 4, 6 p, M
- **Chocolate Extravaganza:** May 5, 4 p, S
- **Osteoporosis Screening:** May 6, 10 a, M
- **Make a Mother's Day Basket:** May 6, 5 p, M
- **Stories Before Bedtime:** May 6, 13, 20, 27, 6 p, M
- **Toddler Time:** May 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:30 a, M; 1 p, S (not on May 14 or 28 at S)
- **Mother-Daughter Pizza & Movie:** May 7, 6 p, M
- **Pokemon & Yu-Gi Oh Game Day:** May 8, 2 p, M
- **Second Saturday Screening:** "Old Dogs:" May 8, 2 p, S
- **Meet the Author: Naomi Chapman:** May 8, 2 p, M
- **Health screening:** May 10, 10 a, M
- **Teen Library Council:** May 11, 5 p, M. **Teen Tuesdays Finale,** 6 p, M
- **Book Club:** May 11, 5 p, C
- **Middle School Book Club:** May 12, 4 p, S
- **"The Lovely Bones:"** May 13, 5:30 p, M
- **Child Abuse Prevention Education:** May 15, 10 a, M
- **Monkey Around the Library:** May 15, 2 p, M
- **BCPL Trustees:** May 18, 8 a, M
- **"Bandslam:"** May 19, 4 p, S
- **"Planet 51:"** May 20, 5:30 p, M
- **Tween Spa Day:** May 22, 2 p, S
- **Novel-Tea:** May 24, 1 p, M
- **Spotlight on the Author: Nicholas Sparks:** May 24, 5:15 p, S
- **Friends Annual Meeting & Book Club Showcase:** May 25, 5:30 p, M
- **Girls' Night Out: "When in Rome,"** May 26, 5:30 p, M
- **Spelling Bee:** May 27, 5:30 p, M
- **Pictures in the Park:** May 28, dark, M
- **District closed for Memorial Day:** May 31

June

Ready ... set ... get wet!

by Misti Tidman, youth services supervisor

Get set to “Make a Splash” this summer! We’re still adding to the fun eight-week schedule, but already it features a couple “big events,” weekly activities at each branch and cool rewards for time spent reading. This year, those rewards include beach balls, t-shirts and books! There are separate programs for ages 4-7 and 8-12. Teens can “Make Waves,” at a **new weekly program at Summit**, or the one we’ve always had at Main.



We are also bringing back the weekly Summer Reading movie on Fridays at Main. And we haven’t forgotten the adults: “Water Your Mind” runs a bit longer than the youth programs (from Memorial Day through Labor Day) and there’s one big event, a Garden Party in early September.

We have two special programs (for all ages) already planned, and working on more. The June 5 kickoff features guests from the Newport Aquarium, and we’ll have a theatrical performance of “The Ugly Duckling” on June 16. Stay tuned for more “wet” news!!

June Happenings

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- **Toddler Time:** June 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:30 a, M & 1 p, S
- **Summer Reading Kickoff featuring the Newport Aquarium:** June 5, 11 a, S, & 2 p, M
- **Make a Splash: Summer Reading for ages 8-12:** June 7, 14, 21, 28, 1 p, S; June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2 p, M; June 10, 17, 24, 10:30 a, C
- **Make Waves: Summer Reading for teens:** June 7, 14, 21, 28, 3 p, S; June 10, 17, 24, 4 p, M
- **Piece-ing it Together Craft Club:** June 7, 14, 21, 28, 6 p, S. Mosaic flag plaques on June 14.
- **Make a Splash: Summer Reading for ages 4-7:** June 8, 15, 22, 29, 1 p, S, & 2 p, M; June 10, 17, 24, 10:30 a, C
- **Book Club:** June 8, 5 p, C; and June 29, 6 p, M
- **Make a Splash Movie: “The Princess & the Frog:”** June 11, noon, M
- **Second Saturday Screening: “Fantastic Mr. Fox:”** June 12, 2 p, S
- **BCPL Trustees:** June 15, 8 a, M
- **Bright Star Theater: The Ugly Duckling:** June 16, 1 p, M; 3:30 p, S
- **Make a Splash Movie: “The Water Horse:”** June 18, noon, M
- **Father-Son Pizza & Movie Night: “Field of Dreams:”** June 18, 6 p, M
- **“Pirates of the Caribbean” Triple Play:** June 19, all day, M
- **Make a Splash Movie: “Shark Tale,”** June 25, noon, M
- **Pictures in the Park, TBA:** June 25, dark, M
- **Novel-Tea:** June 28, 1 p, M
- **Spotlight on the Author: Patricia Cornwell:** June 28, 5:15 p, S
- **Girls’ Night Out: “Leap Year:”** June 30, 5:30 p, M

Monthly crafts

Make a cool craft the second Monday of each month at Summit’s Piece-ing it Together Craft Club: Decorative flower pots (April 13); Assisi cross-stitch (May 10); and Mosaic flags (June 14).

New lights & doors

The non-fiction area at Main will soon be a bit brighter, thanks to a lighting upgrade project currently underway. New lights are also going in at Catlettsburg.



Both Catlettsburg and Summit are also getting new automatic entrance doors in the near future.

Author spotlight

The Summit Branch is trying out a new Spotlight on the Author series, on the fourth Monday at 5:15 p.m. Instead of a specific book, come talk about an author and/or book series. You may find a new favorite!! Upcoming authors: **Christine Feehan (April); Nicholas Sparks (May); and Patricia Cornwell (June).**

Expected on the shelves

Fiction: **Without Mercy**, Lisa Jackson; **Hannah’s List**, Debbie Macomber; **Frankenstein: Lost Souls**, Dean Koontz.

Audio: **Savor the Moment**, Nora Roberts; **61 Hours**, Lee Child; **Sizzling Sixteen**, Janet Evanovich; **The Spy**, Clive Cussler.

Non-fiction: **Ebay for Seniors for Dummies; 200 Craft Projects Made Easy; Oprah: A Biography; I Am Ozzy; Echoes: The Complete History of Pink Floyd.**

Youth: **The Emperor’s Circle (39 Clues)**, Gordan Korman; **Leprechaun in Winter (Magic Tree House)**, Mary Pope Osborne; **Cat the Cat: Who is That?**, Mo Willems.

Movies: **The Lovely Bones; It’s Complicated; Leap Year.**

Games: **Lego Harry Potter; Iron Man 2; Toy Story 3.**



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If you have someone interred in Ashland Cemetery and can't remember where they are buried, then our updated database could help. Working with cemetery staff, the genealogy department has updated the library's online database for burials from around 1900 to present. We are working with the cemetery to place section maps online as well. So, come to the Minnie C. Winder Room at Main, or go to the genealogy page at www.thebookplace.org, and start searching. **We find dead people!**

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