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Board of Trustees

Board meets at 8 a.m. on the third Tuesday.

Mike Campbell
Lynda Cannon
Debbie Johnson
Ashley Skidmore
Suzanne Stavros

Meetings are open to the public.

Library Info

Main Branch

1740 Central Ave.
(606) 329-0090; FAX: 329-0578

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

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.

Story hours galore for kids

Studies show that reading aloud to children is the single most important building block for eventual success in reading. Kids of all ages benefit from being read to, including babies and toddlers. That's why the Youth Services Department offers so many great story time programs:



- **Baby Time!**: second Thursday, 10:30 a.m., Main. For age birth through 12 months, and their parents or caregivers. This 20-30 minute program exposes babies to language, books and playful activities.

- **Toddler Time**: Fridays at 11:30 a.m. at Main and 1 p.m. at Summit. For children just beginning to walk through age 3. Stories, songs and silly fun encourages toddlers' language skills.

- **Preschool Story Time**: 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Summit; 11 a.m. Wednesdays at Main. Children ages 3 to 5 (must be able to sit still for 30 to 45 minutes) learn with stories, songs and rhymes.

- **Sleepyhead Story Time**: 7 p.m. each Thursday at Main. Kids can wear their pajamas and bring their special "bedtime friend" to this family 30-minute program.

Kyova Branch coming soon

Kyova Branch is well underway. The agreement with the mall was signed in October, followed in November with "requests for bids," and the awarding of the contract to Mullins Construction.

Progress is being made. First is the deconstruction (a couple of walls coming down, old ceiling parts coming out). Next comes the construction: new ceiling grids, tiles and lights, walls for the meeting room, etc. Somewhere in there is the reconstruction - the old entrance becoming a decorative window letting light in and keeping noise out.



In the meantime, we're finalizing furniture and shelving layout. Then comes the hard part - selecting colors and styles. By the time you read this, the architect should have finished the renderings (drawings of the proposed look for the new branch), which will be displayed at the mall.

We are still shooting for a "Love My Library" Feb. 14 opening date. There could be unforeseen circumstances that push the date, but everyone involved is working hard with that date in mind.

Check www.thebookplace.org or the BCPL Facebook page for updates. Questions? Call Director Debbie Cosper at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1110.

Library News

Behind the Books: Board of Trustees

We conclude our "Behind the Book" series with the Board of Trustees.

The board's primary function is to lead the library to fulfill its mission. They do this in many ways: by attending and participating in all board meetings; advocating for the library; selecting, supporting, and reviewing a competent and qualified library director (that would be me!); planning for the future by determining the purposes and goals of the library; securing adequate funds and assisting in the preparation of the annual budget; knowing the needs of the library in relation to the community, and knowing the local and state laws while actively supporting library legislation.

The Library was established by and is regulat-

ed by state statute. The statutes set revenue generating procedures, how members are selected, board terms, reporting functions, requirements for an audit, and open meeting and open records requirements.

The BCPL board's five members must be residents of Boyd County. They are recruited and interviewed to insure broad coverage of the county and a wide range of abilities. Final selection is made by the county judge-executive. The current board is: Mike Campbell, president; Debbie Johnson, vice president; Suzanne Stavros, treasurer; Ashley Skidmore, secretary; and Lynda Cannon, member. Meetings are the third Tuesday at 8 a.m. The public is always welcome.

@ your library, this is **Debbie Cosper, director**

Media Center is done!

The new media center at Main is finished - and busy every day. There are currently 11 public use computers, but that will go up to 20 soon. The copier machines (color and black/white) and the fax machine are now located in the media center. There are also two new study rooms available for patrons to reserve. Just ask at the front desk!



Online offerings expand

Mango Languages, the online learning program offered through **www.thebookplace.org**, has added several languages, including Farsi, Dutch, Vietnamese, Croatian and Czech. The site will soon launch a Mango Mobile app for iPhone, so you can learn a language from anywhere - all you need is your BCPL card.

And, **DearReader.com**, the online book club, has added a new feature in BookTweets that sends out a tweet on that week's featured book.

Staff news & kudos

Please help us welcome two new staff to the BCPL family: **Renee Schmutz-Sowards** is a circulation specialist at Main and **Madison Scott** is a circulation clerk at Catlettsburg.

Renee is an Ashland native, whose first-ever job was as a BCPL page. She is an avid seamstress and general maker of things, and loves to participate in historical re-enactments, where she can often be found shooting her 14th century-style crossbow. She and her husband, James, are the proud parents of a toddler.



Madison is a 2009 graduate of Paul G. Blazer High School and was a member of the Teen Library Council for several years. She has three guitars, which she plays every day. She plans to study music education in college.

Other staff news:

- Circulation Specialist **Patti Rice** participated in the inaugural class of the Kentucky Library Leadership Institute in 2010. The program consists of a series of classes to strengthen leadership in the state's public libraries. Patti was also BCPL's 2010 employee of the year!
- Genealogy Specialist **Jim Powers** recently received his Professional I level certification. Welcome, and congratulations!!!



January

Help with GED, financial aid

January Happenings

M=Main; S=Summit;
C=Catlettsburg

- **Library District Closed for New Year's Day:** Jan. 1
- **Hands that Touch a Heart:** Jan. 3 through Feb. 7
- **Funday Monday Cards:** Jan. 3, 5:30 p, S
- **Preschool Story Time:** Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 1:30 p, S; Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 11 am, M
- **Appy Hour:** Jan. 4, 6 p, M
- **"Despicable Me:"** Jan. 6, 5:30 p, M, & Jan. 8, 2 p, S (Second Saturday Screening)
- **First Thursday Bookswap:** Jan. 6, 5:30 p, S
- **Sleepyhead Story Time:** Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, 7 p, M
- **Toddler Time:** Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 11:30 a, M; 1 p, S
- **Foreign Film Festival:** Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1:30 p, M
- **GED Practice:** Jan. 10 & 11, 9:30 a to 12:30 p, M
- **Funday Monday Book & Movie (Amelia):** Jan. 10, 5:30 p, S
- **Teen Library Council:** Jan. 11, 5 p, M; **Teen Tuesdays: Yoga & Smoothies,** 6 p, M
- **Book club:** Jan. 11, 5 p, C
- **After-school Movie & Craft: "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" & build a model airplane:** Jan. 12, 4 p, S
- **Baby Time!:** Jan. 13, 10:30 a, M
- **Stars of Stories Showcase:** Jan. 15, 2 p, M
- **Funday Monday Craft: junk mail paper:** Jan. 17, 5:30 p, S
- **Board of Trustees:** Jan. 18, 8 a, M
- **Tea Tasting:** Jan. 19, 11:30 a, C
- **Self-Defense for Women:** Jan. 20, 6 p, M
- **Yoga & Smoothies for Teens:** Jan. 22, 2 p, S
- **Novel-Tea Book Club:** Jan. 24, 1 p, M
- **Funday Monday Bingo:** Jan. 24, 5:30 p, S
- **Book Club:** Jan. 25, 6 p, M
- **Girls' Night Out: "Salt:"** Jan. 26, 5:30 p, M
- **Let's Get Graphic! Book Club:** Jan. 27, 6 p, M
- **Tween Craft: Snowglobes:** Jan. 29, 2 p, M
- **BCPL Friends meeting:** Jan. 31, 6 p, M

The Library is partnering with other community groups to help local residents reach their educational goals, whatever they may be.

In January, the Adult Education Program at Ashland Community & Technical College is bringing its GED practice testing to the Main Branch. Anyone wishing to take the GED test must first take these practice tests, which cover language arts, reading, social studies, science, math and writing. The sessions are Jan. 10 and 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info, call Joan Flanery at (606) 326-2437.



The Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corp. will present "FAFSA: We can help you, we promise!" on Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Summit (unless the new Kyova Branch is open). The program provides one-on-one help to students and their parents in filling out the complicated FAFSA form, required of all financial aid applicants. Parents must bring their most recent tax returns. There will be a follow-up program in the spring to complete the portion of the form needed for a college application.

Food for Fines returns

The Library's popular food-for-fines amnesty program is back in January. Throughout the month, just bring in two non-perishable food items (to any branch) and we'll forgive \$1 in fines. There is a \$5 max. All the food goes to River Cities Harvest, which distributes it to local agencies that feed the hungry in our community.



High-flying fun!

On Jan. 11, 1935, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific.

We're marking her feat with two events:



Jan. 10, 5:30 p.m.: The 2009 movie, "Amelia" is featured at Funday Monday at Summit.

Jan. 12, 4 p.m.: Kids can make a model plane and watch "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian" at Summit.

Film festival offers winter escape

When the winter blahs get you down, what would be better than to escape to a place far, far away? We can't buy you a plane ticket, but we can transport you there temporarily - on Sundays, at least - at the BCPL Foreign Film Festival.

On four Sundays, starting Jan. 9, we'll screen a different foreign movie, and provide refreshments. The movies start at 1:30 p.m. at Main.



All films are in their original language, with English subtitles. The schedule is: Jan 9: **"The White Ribbon,"** German drama; Jan. 16: **"The Secret in their Eyes,"** romance/mystery from Argentina; Jan. 23: **"Heartbreaker,"** French romantic comedy; and Jan. 30: **"The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo,"** Swedish crime mystery.

February

Play Library Bingo

Most of you reading this probably know how much the Library offers - from books to movies to computers to programs. Now, we've come up with a way to reward patrons for using all of BCPL's many services, materials and programs.

Throughout February, BCPL card holders can play Library Bingo, earn some prizes and have some fun. Here's how it works:



Stop in at any branch and pick up a bingo card. It's filled with "tasks" to complete, like download a book, attend a program, and check out a magazine. When you "bingo" we'll give you a prize, like a mousepad, or a READ silly band, or a pen. It's that simple, and you can play more than once.

Winter is a great time to read - and to visit the library. So, ask for your bingo card starting Feb. 1.



Body Recall

@ Kyova

The Boyd County Health Department will teach a 10-week Body Recall class, starting Feb. 22, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

The program will be held in the meeting room at the Kyova Mall. When the Library's new branch at the mall opens, it will move there. Body Recall is an easy fitness program for adults.

Let's get graphic!

BCPL is excited to announce a new book club - for lovers of graphic novels.

Let's Get Graphic! meets at 6 p.m. the last Thursday of each month, at Main. The group begins in January, and new members are welcome at any time. A new author is discussed each month.



It's time to touch a

February is associated with the heart for several reasons. For one, it's American Heart Month. It's also Valentine's Day. And, at Boyd County Public Library, it's the time when we get help from the community in our annual "Hands that Touch a Heart" campaign. The drive to make hundreds of homemade Valentines, to deliver to local soldiers serving overseas and residents of area nursing homes, began Jan. 3, and continues through Feb. 7. Children, teens and adults are invited to make a card when they visit any branch. Make one each time you stop by. Outside groups can also participate - we'll give you all the supplies. To find out more, call Amanda Clark at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1140.



February Happenings

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C=Catlettsburg;
K=Kyova (new!)

Play Library Bingo all month!

- **Preschool Story Time:** Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1:30 p, S; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 11 a, M
- **Appy Hour:** Feb. 1, 6 p, M
- **First Thursday Bookswap:** Feb. 3, 5:30 p, S
- **Sleepyhead Story Time:** Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 7 p, M
- **Toddler Time:** Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:30 a, M; 1 p, S
- **Hands that Touch a Heart campaign ends:** Feb. 7
- **Funday Monday Cards:** Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m., S
- **Teen Library Council:** Feb. 8, 5 p, M
- **Book club:** Feb. 8, 5 p, C
- **Teen Tuesdays: Pajamas & Pancakes:** Feb. 8, 6 p, M
- **"Shrek Forever:"** Feb. 9, 5:30 p, M; Feb. 12, 2 p, S
- **Funday Monday Book & Movie: "The Princess Bride:"** Feb. 14, 5:30 p, S
- **Board of Trustees:** Feb. 15, 8 a, M
- **After-school Movie: "Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole:"** Feb. 16, 4 p, S
- **My Mother's Stories:** Feb. 17, 6 p, M
- **Zoom into the Library: Make a Race Car:** Feb. 19, 2 p, M
- **FAFSA: We Can Help You, We Promise!:** Feb. 19, 10 a, S
- **Funday Monday Craft: clay pot bird baths:** Feb. 21, 5:30 p, S
- **Macho Movie Monday: "The A-Team:"** Feb. 21, 5:30 p, M
- **Body Recall:** Feb. 22, 24, 10 a, K
- **Book club:** Feb. 22, 6 p, M
- **Girls' Night Out: "You Again:"** Feb. 23, 5:30 p, M
- **Let's Get Graphic! book club:** Feb. 24, 6 p, M
- **Feathered Friend Frenzy:** Feb. 26, 2 p, M
- **Novel-Tea book club:** Feb. 28, 1 p, M
- **Funday Monday Bingo:** Feb. 28, 5:30 p, S
- **"Inception:"** Feb. 28, 5:30 p, M

March

Special events all month

March Happenings

M=Main; S=Summit;
C=Catlettsburg;
K=Kyova (new!)

Get Hooked on a Book!

- **Body Recall:** March 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, 10 a, K
- **Preschool Story Time:** March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1:30 p, S; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 11 a.m., M
- **Appy Hour:** March 1, 6 p, M
- **First Thursday Bookswap:** March 3, 5:30 p, S
- **Sleepyhead Story Time:** March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 7 p, S
- **Toddler Time:** March 4, 11, 18, 25, 11:30 a, M, 1 p, S
- **Dr. Seuss Day:** March 5, 2 p, all
- **Mardi Gras Monday: Make a Mask:** March 7, 5:30 p, M
- **Funday Monday Cards:** March 7, 5:30 p, S
- **Teen Library Council:** March 8, 5 p, M
- **Book club:** March 8, 5 p, C
- **Teen Tuesdays: Virtual Visit from Author Carrie Ryan:** March 8, 6 p, M
- **“Alpha & Omega:”** March 9, 5:30 p, M; March 12, 2 p, S
- **Baby Time!:** March 10, 10:30 a, M
- **Funday Monday Book & A Movie: “Leap Year,”** March 14, 5:30 p, S
- **Board of Trustees:** March 15, 8 a, M
- **After-school movie: “Nanny McPhee Returns,”** March 16, 4 p, S
- **Celtic Heritage Program featuring Upriver:** March 20, 2 p, M
- **Funday Monday Craft: polymer clay flower pins:** March 21, 5:30 p, S
- **Kite Day at Kyova:** March 26, 2 p, K
- **“Secretariat:”** March 27, 2 p, M
- **Novel-Tea Book club:** March 28, 1 p, M
- **Funday Monday Bingo:** March 28, 5:30 p, S
- **Book club:** March 29, 6 p, M
- **Girls’ Night Out: “Red:”** March 30, 5:30 p, M
- **Let’s Get Graphic! book club:** March 31, 6 p, M

There are so many things happening in March, it’s hard to know where to begin. OK, let’s start at the beginning of the month.

On March 7, also known as Mardi Gras Monday, we’ll be making masks for Fat Tuesday at the Main Branch, starting at 5:30 p.m. This program is open to all ages, but is limited to 20 participants. Register at thebookplace.org, or by calling Amanda Clark at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1140.

Local teens are in for a treat on March 9, when Carrie Ryan, author of popular zombie books, stops by for a virtual visit via Skype at the monthly Teen Tuesdays. It starts at 6 p.m. at Main.

And on March 20, BCPL is hosting a visit from Upriver, a group that plays traditional Celtic and Appalachian music. Their “Heritage Program” weaves music with stories of the people who carried the music from their Celtic homelands. The performance begins at 2 p.m. at Main.



Genealogy News

The newest addition to the Minnie C. Winder Room at Main is a collection of Lawrence County, Ohio, wills from 1817 to 1998. The library also recently purchased newspapers from all over Eastern Kentucky through 1985.

Stop in and let the staff show you around. As they say in the genealogy department ... “We find dead people.”

C’mon, get appy!

If you haven’t been to Appy Hour (first Tuesday, 6 p.m., Main Branch), then you’re missing out

on a cool demonstration of all the newest apps for your smartphone. Mike Nelson and Chris Colt from the Ashland AT&T store are there each month to talk about what’s new, and let folks play with their devices.



Expected on the shelves

Fiction: **The Judas Gate**, Jack Higgins; **The Book of Tomorrow**, Cecelia Ahern; **Sing You Home**, Jodi Picoult; **To Have and To Kill: A Wedding Cake Mystery**, Mary Jane Clark.

Audio: **Gideon’s Sword**, Douglas Preston; **Love You More**, Lisa Gardner; **Night Road**, Kristen Hannah.

Non-fiction: **Super Rich: A Guide to Having it All**; **The American Revolution: A Concise History**; **Behind the Palace Doors: Five Centuries of Sex, Adventure, Vice, Treachery & Folly from Royal Britain**.

Youth: **Lilly’s Big Day and Other Stories**, Kevin Henkes; **Out for Blood**, Alyxandra Harvey; **The Lego Handbook**.

Movies: **The Social Network**, **Secretariat**, **You Again**.

Games: **NASCAR 2011**; **Lego Star Wars III The Clone Wars**.



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Friends News

The Friend Your Library campaign this fall resulted in 25 new and renewing members to the BCPL Friends. Congratulations to Bobbie Clevenger, the winner of a two-night stay at a Kentucky State Park, and to Maren Wiseheart, the Friend who recruited the most new Friends. A membership meeting will be on **Monday, Jan. 31**, at 6 p.m. at Main. All new (and old) Friends are encouraged to attend.

Visit us online!
thebookplace.org

**LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY
BUY A BRICK**

Memorial bricks in front of the Main Branch can be purchased for \$50. All proceeds support library special projects. To order, send form with a check payable to Boyd County Public Library, 1740 Central Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101.

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City, State, Zip: _____

Brick inscription (3 lines, max. of 13 spaces on each):
