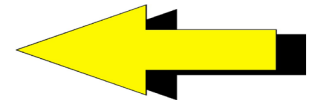


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## Board of Trustees

Board meets at 8:15 a.m. on the third Tuesday

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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.

## Be Creative

It's spring - can summer be far behind? Not in library world. Staff at BCPL have been busy for months gearing up for the 2009 edition of the Summer Reading program, which promises to be full of fun and excitement for all ages.

This year's program has an art theme, is two weeks longer than years past, and includes a new segment for adults.

Everything kicks off the first week of June, when

participants can start accumulating their Reading Rewards points. The official kickoff is Saturday, June 6 (11 a.m. at Main and 1 p.m. at Summit), featuring Magician Mark Comley.

Weekly programs start June 8 at all branches for all ages (see page 5 for days and times.) Other special events include Origami Wizard Jon Heart on July 18; Ted Nathanson, a

graphic novel artist and storyteller, on July 22; and a variety of local artists and performers throughout the summer. It all ends with a Street Fair on July 31.

Kids 4-12 will participate in "Be Creative" (with separate programming for tweens this year).

The teen program is called "Express Yourself" and adults are invited to "Master the Art of Reading." Everyone can earn cool rewards and prizes throughout the summer.

There are other reasons to take part, besides the fun programs and cool stuff. Studies show that kids who read at least a few books during the summer are less likely to lose the skills they learned during the school year. Best of all, it's absolutely free! So, bring the whole family. We are looking forward to seeing you.



## New check out and cataloging system!



An array of new, user-friendly changes are coming to The Library's check out and cataloging system in mid-May.

May 14 is the date BCPL goes live with Polaris, a new Integrated Library System that will let patrons personalize their library experience in a whole new way. Circulation Supervisor Betty Malcolm writes about all the new features in a story on page 2.

No interruptions to service are anticipated as the Library moves to the new ILS. And we certainly hope all goes smoothly once we are online.

There will be a kickoff celebration that morning at all three branches. Stop in, have some food and check out Polaris. We hope you like it as much as we think you will.

# Library News

## Director's Note: A fictional makeover

Things certainly are brighter here at the Main Library, and not just because it's spring! Over the winter, the inside of Main was painted and new shelving installed in the fiction section.

With the new fiction stacks, the library has gone to an alphabetical arrangement of the books - rather than by genre, the library term for category. We did this for several reasons:

- There's more shelf space freed up. Now that empty shelf in Westerns can be used for other books.
- It will help to get returned books back to the shelf faster. Returns will no longer have to be sorted by genre, then by author, then finally shelved.



- With authors writing across genres, it brings all of one author's works together in the same space.
- Each book will still have a genre sticker and a fiction designation so people will still be able to find their favorite type of book.
  - And, hopefully, this will encourage readers to pick up something they may not have noticed before.

The new shelving has also provided some additional display space. Over the next few months, you'll see featured authors and recommendations from staff and other readers. Best of all, there will be space for a couple of new reading areas, coming this fall.

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

### Going green(er)!

BCPL is taking more steps to be an environmentally-friendly library. Already, the library, by definition, recycles materials through the daily check-ins and outs. But starting in April, all branches will recycle aluminum cans, newspaper, copy paper and cardboard. Groups interested in picking up items should contact Amanda Clark at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1140. Beginning on Earth Day (April 22), patrons can buy new recyclable tote bags, for \$2.



### New staff

Meet Cassie Scaggs, a new information services specialist at the Main Branch. The 2007 BCHS grad is a full-time college student, majoring in physical therapy. In her freetime, she enjoys reading, sports and her basset hound, Blue.



There's another new (sort of) face at Main. Bryan Greene recently moved to a full-time position at Main, after more than a year in Catlettsburg. If you don't recognize him, it could be the hair cut.

## "Your bookplace," now more than ever

by **Betty Malcolm**, circulation supervisor

Polaris, the new Integrated Library System (which goes live May 14), will bring many new exciting features to both staff and patrons. The fresh, new look is what you'll notice right off. The system has Windows functionality, and performs in much the same way as an Internet browser when performing a search. For example, if you misspell a word, the system automatically gives you other interpretations to help you find just what you are looking for.

You can also sign up for RSS feeds, to let you know when new items arrive, for example. And you can maintain a list of items you've read. The

system also lets the Library send email notices.

In addition, Polaris features a kid-friendly catalog, with icons (pictures), so that even the youngest of readers can find what they want, even if they can't type in a title or author name.

Inter-Library Loan users will be able to search and place holds on items they want, even from their home computer. As with the current system, all users will be able to renew items and place holds from home.

There are many more features we think you will love, and we can't wait to show them to you. We think the changes will give both users and staff a more powerful, easy-to-use system.

# April

## April Highlights

(at Main, unless indicated)

- **1, 18, 15:** AARP tax help, 9 to 1, Summit
- **1:** Don't Be Fooled, 2
- **1:** Financial Wellness Q&A, 2, Summit
- **2:** Moody Hour, 2
- **3:** Spaced Out Double Feature: "Space Chimps," 10:30; "Lost in Space," 1
- **3, 10, 17:** Toddler Time, 1, Summit; Also, **10, 17, 24,** 11:30, Main
- **5:** Easter Egg Hunt, 2
- **6, 13, 20, 27:** Piece-ing It Together Craft Club, 6, Summit. (mosaic votive holders on April 6.)
- **7, 14, 21, 28:** Preschool Story Time, 1, Summit; Also, **10, 17, 24,** 10:30, Main
- **7:** "Bedtime Stories," 5
- **11:** 3rd annual Community Fair, 1
- **12:** Library District closed for Easter
- **14:** Teen Library Council, 4:30
- **14:** Book Club, 5, Catlettsburg
- **14:** Teen Tuesdays: poetry coffee house, 6
- **15:** Lunchtime Gardening Tips, noon
- **15:** Cancer support group, 6, Summit
- **16:** Tea & Mystery with Rebecca Benston, 6:30
- **18:** Art Auction, 1
- **19:** "Bolt," 2
- **21:** Board of Trustees meeting, 8:15, Catlettsburg
- **23:** Read and Tell book discussion, 5:30, Summit
- **23, 30:** Prime Time Family Reading Program, 5:30
- **24:** Pictures in the Park: "Escape to Witch Mountain," dark
- **25:** Tinkerbell Tea, 2
- **26:** "Slumdog Millionaire," 2
- **28:** Book club, 6
- **28:** Late Bloomers, 6, Summit
- **29:** Girls' Night Out: "Bride Wars," 5:30
- **30:** Poem in Your Pocket Day, all day, all branches

## Worlds connect @ your library

The second full week of April is a time to recognize the importance of libraries, and for libraries to thank patrons for their continued use and support.

More than ever, in these tough economic times, libraries help "worlds connect" by providing free access to a huge amount of information and services. On Monday, April 13 (Patron Appreciation Day), BCPL will give all patrons a free pen, and will also have our new Family Assistance Packets available to anyone recently laid off from their job, or affected by the difficult economy. The packets contain cards good for \$5 worth of free copies, as well as valuable information on the many ways the library can help those in search of a new job, money management advice or other assistance.

The week also includes a special program, Tea & Mystery, featuring mystery author Rebecca Benston, on April 16. Benston will discuss various mystery genres, and participants will play a game of Whodunit.

The week ends with an auction of the library's art collection April 18.

National Library Week

### 3rd Community Fair

Local groups are invited to display their stuff at the 3rd annual Community Fair, at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at Main. The fair is a chance for organizations to recruit members or volunteers, and raise awareness. BCPL Friends will hold a bake sale, and there will be a preview of the items in the April 18 art auction. Registration for the fair is requested by March 31. Please contact Amanda Clark at (606) 329-0518, ext. 1140.

### Hunt for eggs



Children can hunt for Easter eggs in the stacks of the Main Branch on Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m. There will be separate hunts for kids under 5 and those 6-10. Hunters need to bring their own basket. Eggs will contain candy -- and some tickets for cool prizes!

## Celebrate poetry in April



Have a favorite poem you'd like to share? Maybe even one you've penned yourself? A Poetry Coffee House on April 14 is the perfect opportunity to reveal your inner poet. The event, part of the library's Teen Tuesdays programming, starts at 6 p.m. at Main. Teens will serve coffee, cheesecake and other goodies while the poetry flows.

In observance of National Poetry Month, BCPL is joining the Academy of American Poets to celebrate Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 30. The concept is simple: select a poem to carry with you and pass it along to family, friends and coworkers throughout the day. If you need a poem for your pocket, all branches will have them available.

POEM  
IN YOUR  
POCKET

# May

## Books & Authors

By **Jamie Bayne**, information services supervisor

Books & Authors, a new database on thebookplace.org, is an amazing discovery tool for the bibliophile in everyone! Have a favorite author, but you've read all the titles? Try the Read-A-Like wizard to find similar authors and titles. Have a list of books to read that's a mile long? Keep track in your own personal Reading Room. Looking for a good book, but not sure where to start? WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN lets you browse by character, subject, location and time period, and get a visual representation of your matching books.

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To see it for yourself, visit thebookplace.org and search for Books & Authors (or direct link from Research Area>Tools>Find An Article). Make sure you have your library card handy!



### Help with college

The Information Services staff at Main will help future college students with all their questions on May 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Get help with your FAFSA application, scholarship sources and other ways to fund your college career. Staff will also show all the ways the library can help you get through your college years without going broke.



### Book club changes

The monthly book club at the Summit Branch is changing time, and format. Instead of a "club", there will be a "Read & Tell" book discussion on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. For info, call Allison at (606) 928-3366.

Also, the Southern Authors Book Club is no longer meeting at Main. Two other clubs do meet there, one at 6 p.m. on the last Tuesday, and the Novel-Tea group, at 1 p.m. on the fourth Monday.

### Heart-felt thanks

The Library received many wonderful thank you letters from soldiers who got Valentines as part of the 5th annual Hands that Touch a Heart campaign. Here are a couple of excerpts:

• "Any mail received here lifts the spirits and morale of service men and women. Thank you for your kindness, thoughts and prayers. You and other patriotic Americans are the reason that we do our jobs."

- Tyler Tomlinson, serving in Afghanistan

• "We hung as many as we could on our refrigerator for everyone to see...Tell the children hi and thank you. I have two little children of my own and it is always nice to know that people out there are showing our young ones how to respect and treat the soldier."

- John Martin, serving in Afghanistan

### May Highlights

(at Main, unless indicated)

- **1, 8, 15:** Preschool Story Time, 10:30. Also, **5, 12, 1, Summit**
- **1, 8, 15, 22:** Toddler Time, 11:30, Summit; **1, Main.** Also, **29** at Main
- **2:** "Quantum of Solace," **1**
- **4, 18:** Novel-Tea book club, **1**
- **4, 11, 18:** Piece-ing It Together Craft Club, **6, Summit** (hand-rolled candelas May 4)
- **5, 12, 19, 26:** Computer Basics: Internet and email, 10:30, Summit
- **5:** "Hotel for Dogs," **5**
- **7, 14, 21, 28:** Primetime Family Reading Program, 5:30
- **8:** Mother-Daughter Movie: "Freaky Friday," **6**
- **9:** Meet Boo Boo, the World's Smallest Dog, **2**
- **12:** Teen Library Council, 4:30
- **12:** Book club, **5, Catlettsburg**
- **12:** Teen Tuesdays: End-of-the-year Derby party, **6**
- **14:** Go Live!, new catalog system kickoff, all day, all branches
- **16:** Healthy Saturday: mental health awareness, **10, Summit**
- **18-22:** Wii Week, all branches
- **19:** Board of Trustees, 8:15
- **19:** Preparing for College, **5**
- **20:** Lunchtime Gardening Tips, noon
- **20:** Cancer Support Group, **6, Summit**
- **25:** Library District closed for Memorial Day
- **26:** Book club, **6**
- **26:** Late Bloomers, **6, Summit**
- **27:** Girls' Night Out: "Australia," 5:30
- **28:** Read and Tell book discussion group, 5:30, Summit
- **29:** Pictures in the Park: "Star Wars: A New Hope," dark

### Boo Boo is back

Boo Boo, the world's smallest dog, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, will make a return visit to the Main Branch on May 9 at 2 p.m.

# June

## Summer Reading details

### June Highlights

(at Main, unless indicated)

- **1, 8, 15, 22, 29:** Piece-ing It Together Craft Club, 6, Summit
- **2, 9, 16, 23, 30:** Computer Basics: Word, 10:30, Summit
- **5:** Be Creative Movie: "Summer-time with Max & Ruby," noon
- **5, 12, 19, 26:** Toddler Time: summer reading, 1, Summit
- **6:** Summer Reading Kickoff, 11, Main; 1, Summit
- **7:** "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," 1:30
- **8, 15, 22, 29:** Be Creative (8-12), 1, Summit. Also, **9, 16, 23, 30**, at 1 (ages 4-7)
- **9, 16, 23, 30:** Be Creative, 2, Main. Also, **12, 19, 26**, 10:30
- **9:** Book club, 5, Catlettsburg
- **10, 17, 24:** Express Yourself, 4
- **11, 18, 25:** Be Creative, 10:30, Catlettsburg
- **12:** Be Creative Movie: "The Tale of Desperaux," noon
- **16:** Board of Trustees, 8:15
- **16:** "The Spirit," 5:30
- **17:** Lunchtime Gardening Tips, noon
- **17:** Cancer Support Group, 6, Summit
- **19:** Be Creative Movie: "Monsters Inc.," noon
- **19:** Father-Son Movie: "A Goofy Movie," 6
- **23:** Late Bloomers, 6, Summit
- **24:** Girls' Night Out: TBA, 5:30
- **25:** Read and Tell book discussion group, 5:30, Summit
- **26:** Be Creative Movie: "The Little Princess," noon
- **26:** Pictures in the Park: "E.T.," dark
- **29:** Novel-Tea Book Club, 1
- **30:** Book club, 6

### Special movies

Special Friday night movies will take place after closing at Main for mothers and daughters ("Freaky Friday," May 8); and fathers and sons ("A Goofy Movie," June 19).

The fun starts this month and continues throughout July at all locations. Just pick the time and place that is most convenient for you

**Be Creative (for kids 3-12):** Weekly programs filled with stories, songs, crafts and more. **Summit:** 1 p.m. Mondays for ages 8-12 and 1 p.m. Tuesdays for ages 4-7; **Main:** 2 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Fridays (separate meeting area for tweens); **Catlettsburg:** 10:30 a.m. Thursdays (separate meeting area for tweens).

Finale: Street Fair (for all ages), 6 to 8 p.m. July 31 at Main.

### Express Yourself (for teens):

Weekly program about art, music, movies and books. Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at Main.

### Master the Art of Reading (for adults):

No weekly meetings. Just stop in and fill out a form for the books you read. Finale: Garden Party, 7 p.m., July 28 at Main.

**Be Creative Movies:** Weekly movies on Fridays at noon at Main. Sack lunch provided.

### Tutor.com here to help



As the school year enters its final months, don't forget about Live Homework

Help, a free service The Library provides to card holders through its web site. Free, on-demand help from qualified tutors is available from 2 to 9 p.m. daily.

### Gardening Classes

Boyd County Horticulture Agent Lori Bowling has a fun lineup of gardening classes on tap for Main (Wednesdays at noon) and Summit (Tuesdays at 6 p.m.) this spring.

**April 15 (M) and 28 (S):** Aging Clay Pots.

**May 20 (M) and 26 (S):** Container Gardening.

**June 17 (M) and 23 (S):** Native plants.



### Expected on the shelves

**Childrens:** *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Pop-Up Book*, Eric Carle; *Skippyjon Jones in Mummy Trouble*; *The Sword Thief (The 39 Clues)*, Peter Lerangis. **Young Adult:** *Forever Princess*, Meg Cabot; *Some of Tim's Stories*, S.E. Hinton; *Wintergirls*, Laurie Halse Anderson

**Fiction and audio:** *8th Confession*, James Patterson; *The Neighbor*, Lisa Gardner; *The Secret*, Beverly Lewis; *Home Safe*, Elizabeth Berg; *Loitering with Intent*, Stuart Woods.

**Non-fiction:** *Reader's Digest Do-It-Yourself Guide to Preventing Costly Home Repairs*; *Poisoned Heart: I Married Dee Dee Ramone*

**Movies:** *The Reader*, *Frost/Nixon*, *The Wrestler*, *Bride Wars*

**Games:** *Halo Wars*, *Tiger Woods 2010*, *Guitar Hero Metallica*

**Music:** *Back to Tenn.*, Billy Ray Cyrus; *Fantasy Ride*, Ciara



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## Friends News

Boyd County Public Library Friends have several projects this spring. Members are encouraged to help and new members are always welcome:

Helping each Thursday evening with the Prime Time Family Reading Program, for six weeks starting April 23; Staffing a Friends membership table at all branches during National Library Week; Planning a large book sale to be held during Summer Motion in early July.

Also, the annual membership meeting takes place at 6 p.m. May 19 at Main.

To learn more about joining Friends, contact Matt Onion, president, at 606.326.2113.

Applications are available at any branch.

Visit us online!

[thebookplace.org](http://thebookplace.org)



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

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