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## Monroe County Welcomes New Director

By Bessie Gray-Knox  
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The Monroe County Public Library and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives would like to welcome new director Ami McCollough. She officially started her new job as the director of the William B. Harlan Memorial Library in Monroe County on December 16, 2010.

McCollough holds a Bachelor's degree in English

## Librarian Serves as Parade Grand Marshall

By Greenup County Public Library



Just as libraries are integral to their communities, so are librarians. Sharon Haines, a librarian at the Flatwoods Branch of the Greenup County Public Library, served as Grand Marshall at the Flatwoods Christmas Parade on December 4, 2010. Haines has been with the library system since it began over 40 years ago. In addition to being Grand Marshall of the parade she also turned the Christmas lights on at the Flatwoods City Park.

"The patrons of this library have been very supportive of their library," said Haines. "This is a great job and I wouldn't trade it for any other."

## Lewis County Public Library Holds Ground Breaking Ceremony

By Paige Sexton  
Communications Officer, KDLA

with a focus in Literature and a minor in Biology from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. She is currently pursuing an MLS through the University of Kentucky. She resides in Columbia, KY and is actively involved in her church library.

"I am very excited to be a part of the William B. Harlan Memorial Library and the Monroe County community," said McCollough. "I look forward to the challenges of directorship."

Welcome Ami!

### 16 Kentucky Students Win \$1,000 from "Dive into Saving for College" Summer Reading Program



Sixteen Kentucky students have been selected as winners in the "Dive into Saving for College" 2010 Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) and the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust (KESPT). Each child was awarded a \$1,000 cash prize that can be invested in a KESPT account, a state sponsored 529 college savings plan.

"Dive into Saving for College" was a component of the 2010 Summer

The Lewis County Public Library held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new library December 10, 2010. Lena Fugate, president of the board of trustees, greeted the crowd of over 40 library supporters. State Librarian and Commissioner,



Wayne Onkst addressed the crowd which included Mayor Angie Patton, County Attorney Clayton Lykins, County Clerk Glenda Himes and State Director for USDA Tom Fern. Also in attendance were the members of the board of trustees as well as local and regional representatives of Buffalo Trace Rural Development.

"The new library will be much better suited for today's technology needs," said director Marilyn Conway. New computers will be a focus of the new building, with 20 computer stations in the adult section and five in the children's section. The new building will have almost 10,000 square feet of space and will feature separate children's and teen spaces.

### New Corbin Library's Location is Part of the Attraction

by Jeanna Cornett  
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Reading Program, held at public libraries throughout Kentucky. Each library where the winning students participated in the Summer Reading Program also won \$500 for future summer reading programs. Libraries held award ceremonies to present the winners and their parents with their prize.

"We were pleased to partner with libraries to bring the "Dive into Saving for College" program to Kentucky students and families," said David Lawhorn, the KESPT administrator. "The libraries did an excellent job encouraging families to take advantage of the opportunity to win money for college."

More than 8,000 entries were received from throughout Kentucky, more than any other participating state. The sweepstakes program helped spread awareness of the importance of reading and saving early for college.

The 2010 "Make a Splash: Read Summer Reading Program" was offered through Kentucky's local public libraries to encourage children to continue to read through the summer. The program has more than 100,000 children participating every year.

"This is the first year that we've offered a college savings sweepstakes through the annual Summer Reading Program," said Heather Dieffenbach, children's and youth services consultant for KDLA. "We appreciate the

library building across the street, then added, "and I know that many people in Corbin were served well by the second Corbin Library." That building is also nearby - located just two doors down.

"But," McBurney said, "this new building is a library that so many people worked hard to provide, and it's a building Corbin can be proud of." [Read more...](#)

Photo: Mayor Willard McBurney cuts the ribbon while board members and city council members (and Santa Claus!) look on

## Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and Kentucky Department of Education Collaborate to Promote Summer Reading

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## Can't Come to the Library? Let the Library Come to You!

By Julie Hart  
Director, McCracken County Public Library

successful partnership with KESPT. It was a good opportunity to encourage children to read while emphasizing saving for college with Kentucky's 529 plan."

Photo: Prize winner Gracey Moffitt is pictured with her family and staff of the Graves County Public Library. Gracey's grandmother brought her to the library every week for the Summer Reading Program.

## KDLA Congratulates New Certification Holders

KDLA would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

- Jannie V. Burkeen, Marshall County, **Library Experience**
- Caren Nichter, Jefferson County, **Professional I**
- Elizabeth Eifler, Campbell County, **Professional I**
- Michael Gregory, Campbell County, **Professional I**
- Beth Jacob, Campbell County, **Professional I**
- Hedi Scheidel, Campbell County, **Professional I**

## KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Ricky Massengale, Wayne County
- Karen Phillips, Wayne

Books can be a great escape, but only if you have access to them. The McCracken County Public Library staff knows many patrons cannot borrow materials because they cannot physically come to the library itself.

The elderly, critically ill, or injured may be "homebound", but they are free to take out whatever books or audio books they'd like thanks to a new McCracken County Public Library program.

The Homebound Library Service is only weeks old. By filling out an application, anyone physically unable to come to the library may have their materials delivered to them - FREE. The library will mail books and audios to private addresses. Library staff will hand deliver books and audios to those living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or staying in hospitals. The service encompasses anyone who may be unable to check out materials, whether their situation be permanent or temporary.

The Homebound Library Service application allows library staff to make appropriate selections for the patron. Each person may select books, audios, or both. They may also mark their genre preferences, like "Spy Stories" from Adult Fiction or "Cooking" from Adult Non-Fiction. Children's materials are also available.

## Patrons Learn to be Matched with Employers

By Gina Holt  
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Kenton County Public Library

The Covington location of the Kenton County Public Library offered a workshop on the [Employ Kentucky](#) website on Friday, December 3rd. As extended unemployment benefits possibly come to an end, job seekers wanted to learn what this site can do for them.

Job seekers can create and update a profile on the website with their experience and desired jobs. Staff in Frankfort then match candidates with open jobs and notify the job seeker. Anyone receiving unemployment from the state is automatically in the database but may not be aware of it or its services. Seven people attended the class to learn how to find their profile and expand on it. People should include as many details as possible in their profile so they can be matched with the perfect job.

The website lists thousands of jobs statewide. Users of the site can search and apply for jobs. Any job listed with One Stop, Office of Employment Training, is listed on this site.

- County
- Sanda Brown, Grayson County
  - Pam Morgan, Clinton County
  - Linda Porter, Powell County
  - Doris Cooper, Scott County
  - Carol Foxworthy, Fleming County

"The Employ Kentucky website is one of the best local job boards," said John Graham, adult services coordinator for the Covington Library. "It allows you to create and update a profile so employers can find you. You can also search for the employer."

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives helps libraries provide equitable access to quality library and information resources and services, as well as helps public agencies ensure that legislatively mandated documentation of government programs is created, efficiently maintained and made readily accessible. For more information, visit <http://www.kdla.ky.gov> or call 502-564-8300 ext. 315.

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Corbin Public Library's new facility on Roy Kidd Avenue more than doubles the former library's 6,000 square feet, while keeping the library in a location downtown near city schools, the post office and local businesses.

What the new location adds is more space for books, materials and computers, a teen room, an historical room, a larger community room and an additional smaller community room. More than three times the number of parking spaces also makes the library's new location easier to access than the former building. A coffee bar provides refreshments, and a reading patio gives users the opportunity to enjoy reading or using their computers outdoors.

An important feature the new building adds that patrons won't necessarily see is workspace and storage space - for the first time, the library's eight employees will not

be sharing one tiny, cramped office space where a sink counter doubles as a processing area.

"I still haven't gotten used to the idea of having my own office," director Brenda Huff laughed. "It's still growing on me."

Huff's new office space, however alien to her, is the culmination of over three years work by Huff and the library's board to purchase the new library site, a building that has housed a restaurant and kitchen and bath showroom in the past.

"She actually sketched out every room in the place," assistant director Deborah Enger says of Huff. "She knew every nook and cranny of this building before we even bought it. No one knows how hard she worked to get us to this point."

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Dieffenbach will provide information and training to libraries participating in the 2011 Summer Reading Program workshop on the Lexile Framework for Reading. The Lexile Framework is a resource for accurately matching readers with text. Lexile measures allow teachers, librarians and parents to find books that will challenge a child's reading ability, while still maintaining interest and learning. A Lexile measure can range from below 200L for beginning readers and beginning-reading text to above 1700L for advanced readers and text. A Lexile text measure is based on two strong predictors of how difficult a book is to comprehend: word frequency and sentence length.

As parents select books for their children to read for the Summer Reading Program, librarians can assist in helping them find appropriate books by looking up a book's Lexile measure. Lexile measure data is available on NoveList as well as the new website, "[Find a Book Kentucky](#)."

"KDE is very excited to collaborate with KDLA to promote the Summer Reading Program," said KDE library media and textbook consultant Kathy Mansfield. "The research on summer learning loss is irrefutable, and public libraries provide a tremendous service with the Summer Reading Program." KDE plans to include a link to KDLA's Summer Reading Program page from its website.

"This collaboration will have teachers and librarians working together to teach parents how to use the Lexile system; it's such a simple tool parents can use to select books on their child's reading level," said Dieffenbach.

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