

Afternoon,

Thank you again to all who attended our monthly meeting last week. I have compiled the meeting summary, and it is available at the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11bMpOZG3Xh1SWX49TzIFgl6TAhiCnt0?usp=drive_link

*You can also find the slides from last week's meeting and information about ChatGPT in the same folder.

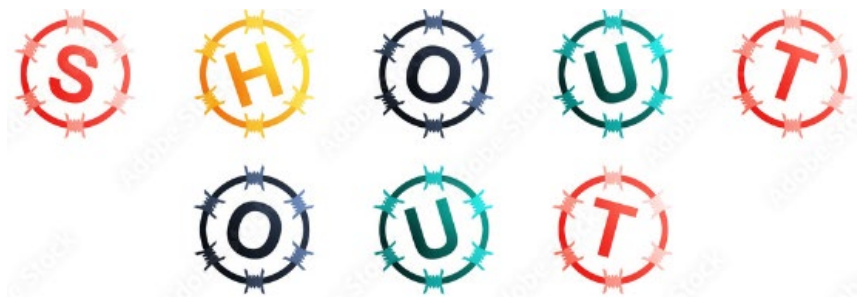
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Programming



Kenton County Public Library

WHEN I GROW UP: A CAREER EXPLORATION FAIR FOR CHILDREN

JOIN US FOR AN ACTION-PACKED
CAREER DAY TARGETED TOWARDS YOUNG
CHILDREN!



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
1:00-3:00PM



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McCracken County Public Library



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A Different Sound Live in Concert

August 3, 2023

Co-sponsored by Hotel Metropolitan

Bring a lawn chair & enjoy R & B, Soul & Blues in an outdoor setting. Following the concert, folks are invited to tour the Hotel Metropolitan. This restored 1908 historic hotel hosted famous African American sports figures and entertainers, including Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and B.B. King, prior to desegregation. The African American heritage museum is a "Save America's Treasures" project.

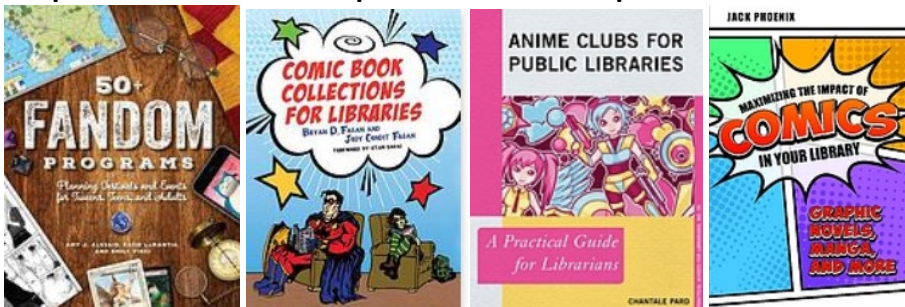
Comics and graphic novels

[Call Number Podcast: The Colorful World of Comics](#) (American Libraries podcast)

[Quiz: Who Said These Famous Comic Book Quotes?](#) (Book Riot, July 18)

[Eisner Awards Current Info](#) (ComicCon)

Graphic novel and related professional development resources available to borrow from KDLA



[50+ fandom programs: planning festivals and events for tweens, teens, and adults](#)

[Anime clubs for public libraries: a practical guide for librarians](#)

[Comic book collections for libraries](#)

[Maximizing the impact of comics in your library : graphic novels, manga, and more](#)

Legal services in libraries

#EngagedLibraries promote access to civil legal justice. What legal services does your library offer? (OCLC) The justice system can be daunting, especially if you lack support and financial resources. To help overcome barriers, [Kansas City Public Library launched the new KC Tap In Center](#) assistance program to support individuals who need help resolving warrants. Community members can meet with an attorney, learn their case status and court date information, apply for a public defender, and get other assistance navigating the legal process. The program, originally inspired by a similar program at St. Louis County Library in Missouri, includes a variety of local government and community organization partnerships.

Want more information about civil legal justice in libraries? [OCLC's WebJunction](#) offers the free, self-paced [Creating Pathways to Civil Legal Justice](#) to help library staff conduct civil legal reference interviews and connect people to helpful resources.

Additional resources from the Library Services to the Justice-Involved discussion group (ALA)

- Jeanie Austin of SFPL (the team behind the Expanding Information Access for Incarcerated People Initiative) shared that their training series and map of library services are now live! Keep a look-out here for more content coming soon: <https://sfpl.org/services/jail-and-reentry-services/expanding-information-access-incarcerated-people-initiative>
- Tamela Chambers of Chicago Public Library and Stephen Jackson of Oak Park Public Library shared some of the ways their libraries are "actively dismantling systems that uphold injustice." [Check out Oak Park Public Library's Equity & Anti-Racism resources here.](#)
- [Freedom Reads](#) Did you know that besides books they can help bring in authors!?

Tax Information for Parents

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/parents>

Parents have special tax situations and benefits. Get general information to share with your customers about how to file and pay taxes, including many free services, by visiting the [Individuals](#) page.

[Has your library recently completed a renovation or construction project?](#)

Library Journal is collecting information about library projects completed over the last year for our annual Year in Architecture feature. If your institution completed a library construction or renovation project between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, please tell us about it! The links below will direct you to download a pdf of the form before filling out your responses online.

Public libraries: www.LibraryJournal.com/PublicArch2023

NATIONAL GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

September 28th is National Good Neighbor Day! This national holiday is a great opportunity for neighborhoods to come together to celebrate.

As the center of many communities, we are inviting libraries into the celebration. The **FREE library resource kit** will supply you with many ideas for bringing this celebration into your neighborhood.

You will find:

- Book List with neighboring topics for all ages
- “This is Where You Belong” Book Club Discussion Guide and exclusive interview with author Melody Warnick
- Coloring Pages
- Library Activity Ideas
- Posters & Digital Graphics
- A page of Video Links with neighboring videos and resources to be used as a kick-off for events

Register your library at <https://www.hopefulneighborhood.org/good-neighbor-day> for access to your free resources. Being a good neighbor starts with a simple hello. Help us encourage everyone in our neighborhoods to be neighborly on National Good Neighbor Day. [Get your FREE Library Resource Kit!](#)

Workforce development resources

Entrelib conference

ALA friends, submissions are now open for the fall 2023 Entrelib mini-conference, free and online as always. The theme is "Refresh & Refocus: Libraries' New Trends in Supporting Entrepreneurship". We hope to have the usual mix of public, academic, and special librarians as speakers. Talks will be either 15 or 7 minutes long. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 2-5pm Eastern.

Details and submission form at entrelib.org/fall-2023 and the deadline for submissions is August 14.

If you have any questions, please contact the Entrelib Fall Conference Committee co-chairs **Kellee Forkenbrock** (kforkenbrock@northlibertyiowa.org) or **Céline Gareau-Brennan** (celine.gareau-brennan@ualberta.ca)

[Closing the Entrepreneurship Gap: Tools for Libraries](#)

[Strengthening Libraries as Entrepreneurial Hubs](#)

Literacy and science resources

[U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón Reveals Poem to Fly on NASA's Europa Clipper](#)

U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón is revealing a new poem that will fly into space aboard NASA's Europa Clipper mission on a yearslong journey to explore Jupiter's icy moon Europa. The poem, first shared publicly during a special reading at the Library of Congress, will be engraved on the spacecraft set to launch in October 2024.

Now members of the public are invited to add their names to fly with the poem — like a message in a bottle from Earth — traveling billions of miles as the mission investigates whether the ocean thought to lie beneath Europa's icy crust could support life. As part of the “Message in a Bottle” campaign, names received before midnight Dec. 31 will be stenciled onto a microchip, to accompany the original poem by Limón, titled [“In Praise of Mystery: A Poem for Europa.”](#)

To sign, read the poem and hear Limón read the poem in an animated video, go to: go.nasa.gov/MessageInABottle.

The site enables participants to create and download customizable artwork — your name on a message in a bottle against a full-color illustration of Europa and Jupiter — to commemorate the experience. Participants are encouraged to share the experience on social media using the hashtag #SendYourName.

Barbara Bush Foundation literacy resources

<https://www.barbarabush.org/literacy-resources/>

<https://www.barbarabush.org/xprize/>

<https://www.barbarabush.org/readsquad/>

Nominations open for the I Love My Librarian Award

ALA is inviting library users to submit nominations for the [I Love My Librarian Award](#) through **September 30, 2023**—ten amazing librarians will receive \$5,000 and the honor of a lifetime. We know public librarians change lives in their communities every day, so please spread the word about this life-changing opportunity! Promotional tools including graphics, social media copy, and a sample press release are all available on the [award website](#).

Health-related resources

[988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Adds Spanish Text and Chat Service Ahead of One-Year Anniversary](#)

[The 2023 BIPOC Mental Health Month Toolkit](#) (Mental Health America)

[American Heart Association Consumer Education Resources](#)

[Earn Your Consumer Health Information Specialization for Free*](#)

*NNLM provides free CHIS eligible coursework and covers the cost of the CHIS application fee for library staff and students located in their [national network](#).

[Move Your Way® Community Resources](#)

[QPR \(suicide-prevention training\)](#)

Training can be provided free of charge to library staff or customers. Here is a listing of Kentucky providers that offer QPR training: <https://providerdirectory.dbhddid.ky.gov/ProviderReport.aspx>

**KDLA is hosting a webinar called Suicide prevention training: S.A.V.E. on August 29 at 2:00pm ET / 1:00pm CT.

S.A.V.E. stands for Signs, Ask, Validate, and Encourage and Expedite, and this training is designed to help staff be prepared to assist a veteran who is in crisis or experiencing suicidal thoughts. While the S.A.V.E. training is designed to help prevent veteran suicides, this training can be applicable to other adult suicidal ideation situations. You can register for this webinar here: <https://kdla.ky.gov/Library-Support/Library-Staff-Development/Pages/KDLA-Online-Learning-for-Public-Libraries.aspx>

News

[Book Adaptations Score 45 Emmy Nominations](#) (Kirkus Reviews, July 13)

[Colson Whitehead channels the paranoia and fear of 1970s NYC in 'Crook Manifesto'](#) (NPR, July 24)

[DPLA launches The Banned Book Club to ensure access to banned books](#) (Digital Public Library of America, July 20)

[Drew Barrymore to host 74th National Book Awards with Oprah Winfrey as special guest](#) (USA Today, July 25)

[Local Librarians Making Mats for the Homeless](#) (WXXV-Mississippi, July 13)

[Respecting and Integrating Newcomers: How Libraries Support Welcoming Communities](#) (Programming Librarian, July 24)

Webinars

[Digital Navigators and the Device Divide: Community Voices from Seven U.S. Cities](#) (Digitunity)

August 2, 2:00pm, ET; Free

If you cannot attend the live webinar, it will be recorded and shared at a later date with those who registered.

[Understanding Intellectual Freedom and Censorship](#) (Niche Academy)

August 2, 2:00pm, ET; Free

[AI and Libraries: Enhancing Services and Engaging Communities](#) (OCLC's WebJunction)

August 9, 3:00-4:30, ET; Free

- [23 resources to get up to speed on AI in 2023](#), selected by the IFLA Artificial Intelligence SIG
- [A majority of Americans have heard of ChatGPT, but few have tried it themselves](#), Pew Research Center, May 2023
- [Public Libraries & AI Summit](#) recording and resources, Galecia Group, March 2023
- [How Can AI Be Used in Libraries?](#) The Digital Librarian, January 2023
- [Generative AI and large language models: background and contexts](#), Lorcan Dempsey, May 2023
- [Information Literacy for the ChatGPT Age](#), American Libraries, June 2023

[Using Chat GPT Responsibly to Generate Presentation Ideas and Do Research](#) (Training Network)

August 9, 12:00pm, ET; Free

Chat GPT has become wildly popular but you can get burned. Discover how to use Chat GPT (and Microsoft's Copilot) responsibly to save time without making all your content sound "GPT-bland."

In this session you'll learn:

1. How to cite Chat GPT and check for accuracy (yes, it's sometimes wrong)
2. Some prompt ideas for realistic training tasks
3. How to turn Chat GPT's content into YOUR content

We'll have fun using Chat GPT live and take your prompt ideas to see the results!

[A Social Worker Walks into a Library](#)

August 7, 2:00pm, ET; Fee associated with this webinar.

Free SRRT Programming on Feminist Struggles, Disabilities, and Boycott Legislation! (ALA's SRRT)

We're two weeks away from SRRT's fourth Afternoon of Social Justice! This free virtual event features scholars and librarians as they present on a variety of topics including feminist struggles in times of crises, disabilities, and boycotts. Time will be allowed at the end of each presentation for questions and discussions. Registration is free and you do not have to be a SRRT or ALA member, but each session must be individually registered for. The first two sessions will be recorded.

Here are this year's sessions. Hope to see you on **August 9th!**

Panel: What Can U.S. Librarians Learn from Feminist Struggles Against Imperialist Invasion in Ukraine, Military Wars in Sudan and Religious Fundamentalism in Iran?

12:00pm – 1:30pm (Central)

Feminists are actively involved in the current struggles against Russia's imperialist invasion of Ukraine, war between military factions in Sudan, and religious fundamentalist rule in Iran. What are the unique features of the struggles of women in these countries today? What can U.S. librarians learn from them as we face growing authoritarianism, racism, misogyny and homophobia in the U.S.? How can librarians and feminists in these countries help each other's struggles?

Register: ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/...

Disability is Not a Bad Word

1:45pm – 2:45pm (Central)

A critical step towards making libraries more equitable, diverse, and inclusive is increasing library staff awareness about disability. Accessibility is more than just wheelchair access and website functionality. It includes a library's culture surrounding the way disability is understood and discussed. And importantly, it means ensuring libraries are inclusive not only for patrons but also library workers with disabilities. To create a more inclusive culture, library staff and administration can start by improving their understanding of accessible language and disability concepts. This session uses a disability justice framework to explore the historical context of disability, which connects to the importance of disability as a part of EDI work in libraries. Attendees will learn the importance of terminology in disability inclusion and receive strategies to incorporate accessible language into their library cultures.

Register: ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/...

Film Screening & Discussion: *Boycott* (Session will not be recorded)

3:00pm – 4:30pm (Central)

The film will be *Boycott*, produced by Just Vision. *Boycott* follows the stories of a news publisher in Arkansas, an attorney in Arizona, and a speech therapist in Texas, who, when forced to choose between their jobs and their political beliefs, launch legal battles that expose an attack on freedom of speech across the US. The film traces the impact of state legislation passed in 35 states designed to penalize individuals and companies that choose to boycott Israel due to its human rights record. Several of these state laws have been declared unconstitutional, but the Arkansas law has been upheld in court. The state anti-boycott laws discussed in the film were drafted by the rightwing organization ALEC (the American Legislative Exchange Council). Since 2021 ALEC has also utilized this legislation as a template for bills banning state contracts with companies that engage in boycotts of fossil fuels and the firearms industry and bills banning state investment in companies that practice responsible environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG). The film showing will be followed by discussion.

Register for live event: ala-events.zoom.us/webinar/register/...



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August 29, 2023, 2:00pm (ET)

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If you have any questions about registering for this webinar or the Online Portal, please reach out to kdla.certification@ky.gov.

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