

Hello!

I hope that you all are doing well.

Please see below for information about an ALA scholarship application, programming ideas for the month of November, and details about a Fishing 101 class and two upcoming idea swaps.

The notes from September's monthly Adult and Outreach Services meeting are available at this link.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1JzwTi7DhZ-Ak3Uad8mj2Hpb1yvs0NsiX?usp=sharing>

A suggestion was made at one of our in-person meetings to create a trivia question bank where library staff from across the state could share questions and get ideas for their own trivia nights, etc. The following link goes to a shared trivia questions document, and it is open for you to add your own trivia questions to it.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Vxq_QrNmMDvFtir8JVLj8d0DR4vq1zrARxz9hcn43Dk/edit

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Upcoming Fishing 101 and Idea/material swaps

Email me at hilary.writt@ky.gov if you plan to attend one of these events and have not already notified me.

The **last Fishing 101 class for 2023** is scheduled at the McCreary County Public Library, and this location will also host a materials/idea swap on the same day.

McCreary County Public Library: October 9, 1:00pm-5:00pm (Central region) (can earn up to 4 hours towards certification renewal)

Idea and materials swap meetings

Come to discuss ideas and share materials with your fellow library staff members. It is okay to attend a meeting in a different region than yours, and you do not have to bring materials to attend one of these swaps.

Green County Public Library: October 2, 9:00am-1:00pm (Central region) (can earn up to 3.5 hours towards certification renewal)

McCreary County Public Library: October 9, 9:00am-12:00pm (Central region) (can earn up to 2.75 towards certification renewal)

***Please note that the idea/material swap at the Pendelton County Public Library has been cancelled for this year, but it has already been rescheduled for **February 26, 2024**, from 1:00pm-4:00pm.**

Programming

Programming To Infinity and Beyond

Ever find yourself in need of a ready-made programming solution? Maybe you're planning an event series that would be enhanced by a coordinated theme? Or, perhaps you have a new staff member who would benefit from a treasure trove of ideas and a bank of planning guides? Or possibly... you just need additional inspiration?

Whatever the case, remember that through your affiliation with KDLA (KY Dept for Libraries and Archives)—a Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) member library—you can use the CSLP program manuals **beyond summer**. In fact, CSLP encourages libraries to retain materials for future use. This includes incorporating past programming materials into winter reading programs, everyday storytimes, and library events. For more information, visit the [Rules of Use page on the CSLP website](#).



KEEN (Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network (KEEN))

<https://transportation.ky.gov/Education/Pages/KEEN.aspx>

The Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network (KEEN) is a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet program dedicated to teaching Kentucky's youth about STEM topics by delivering presentations, activities, and resources to students at no cost.

KYTC engineers and professionals volunteer to introduce students to engineering career fields through fun activities in the classroom, engaging at career fairs, and attending youth groups and camps.

Examples of KEEN Activities

- Make a boat from aluminum
- Build a bridge with toothpicks or a K'NEX building set
- Locate underground utilities
- Learn about careers in civil engineering
- Learn about the environment – erosion, watersheds, & pollution
- Learn about snow and ice road clearing with a Vehicle Day at school

National Career Development Month (November)

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-career-development-month-november/>

The following ideas were taken from the National Day Calendar website.

- Host a career event-See the following Google document for KY specific ideas and resources. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1n2-yIhgCVaQVZ17v2VQ-Fo8F--R_dfHA?usp=sharing
- Assist customers with their resumes.
- Offer webinars or online question and answer sessions with business leaders.
- Encourage customers to develop a vision board with their goals, people who inspire them, and their skills.
- Match library customers to job shadow opportunities, internships, and tours, like the KY Chamber of Commerce's Bus to Business program. <https://www.kychamber.com/bustobusiness>
- Participate in the annual [National Career Development Association](#) poetry and art contest.

National Family Literacy Month (November)

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-family-literacy-month-november/>

Share the following resources with your library customers, and consider partnering with your local [Adult Education staff](#), [Family Resource and Youth Services Centers](#), etc. to offer a family literacy event.

Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy <https://www.barbarabush.org/literacy-resources/>

- Book Guides <https://www.barbarabush.org/book-guides/>
- Digital Literacy Resources for Educators, Employers, and Volunteers <https://www.barbarabush.org/digital-literacy-resources-for-educators-employers-and-volunteers/>
- ReadLife Bookshelf <https://learningcenter.barbarabush.org/readlife>
- Reading Resources for Educators and Adult Learners <https://www.barbarabush.org/reading-resource-library/>
- Tips for Parents and Caregivers <https://www.barbarabush.org/parent-reading-guides/>

Military Family Month (November)

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/military-family-month-november/>

One of my VA contacts shared the following information about an online discussion coming up on November 2. Any Kentucky public library staff member who wants to attend is welcome.



Spinach, Squash, and Sweet Potato Month (November)

Display any relevant cookbooks and check into offering a food-related program in partnership with your local Extension office.

Poetry Out Loud (for teens and young adults)

Poetry Out Loud <https://www.poetryoutloud.org/> is a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life. Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the Kentucky Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation.

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News

[ALA 2024 Scholarship Application Now Open](#) (American Library Association, September 15)

[ALA introduces new LibGuide on how to explore and use Library of Congress Digital Collections in library programming](#) (American Library Association, September 18)

[Another's Treasure](#) (American Libraries, September)

[Call Number Podcast: Protecting the Right to Read](#) (American Libraries, September)

[Feeling lonely? Go to the library.](#) (Business Insider, September 24)

[Freedom Libraries to Open in Maine State Prison](#) (WDRB, September 14)

[New S&S Program, Books Belong, Takes Aim at Book Bans](#) (Publishers Weekly, September 20)

Webinars/Training



The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science: A Program for Gifted Teens (KDLA)

September 27, 2023, 10:00am ET / 9:00am CT; Free

The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science is a residential program at Western Kentucky University for gifted and talented juniors and seniors in high school. Rather than finish their last two years of high school at their home high school, students move to WKU to be full-time college students at no cost to them (that's at least 60 college credit hours for FREE). Join the webinar to learn how you can share this program with your families!

You can register for this webinar here: <https://kdla.ky.gov/Library-Support/Library-Staff-Development/Pages/KDLA-Online-Learning-for-Public-Libraries.aspx>

[Girls Who Code](#) (EveryLibrary)

September 28, 2023; 4pm, ET; Free

[Register](#)

Girls Who Code Clubs let you create safe and inclusive spaces where learners of all genders can unleash their creativity, build valuable coding skills, and unlock opportunities for their future. Emily Ong, Director of Community Partnerships and Outreach, will share how libraries can tap into the fantastic free resources that Girl Who Code has to offer. She will also share real examples of how Girls Who Code has partnered with libraries in innovative ways. Jennifer Redford, Youth Services Consultant at the Idaho Commission for Libraries will present as well. Jennifer has supported several computer-science projects in her state, including a workshop on how to integrate computer science into library storytimes, and a virtual book club on the book *Coding as a Playground* by connecting libraries with coding resources like Girls Who Code. EveryLibrary Institute <https://www.everylibrary.org/> and Girls Who Code: <https://girlswhocode.com/>



Patrons with Legal Questions: An Introduction to the KY Court of Justice's Self-Help Portal (KDLA)

October 3, 2023; 3:00pm ET / 2:00pm CT

Do your library customers come to you with legal questions? Would you like to point them to a reliable resource that can help with legal needs? The Kentucky Court of Justice and the Administrative Office of the Courts have created a Self-Help Portal, which is designed to assist Kentucky residents and self-represented litigants with their legal needs, and you can learn more about the portal during this webinar.

You can register for this webinar here: <https://kdla.ky.gov/Library-Support/Library-Staff-Development/Pages/KDLA-Online-Learning-for-Public-Libraries.aspx>

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

[From Words to Wellness: Exploring the Impact of Expressive Writing](#) (National Library of Medicine)

October 12, 2023

Expressive writing has been shown to have many benefits for those facing chronic and serious illness. The speaker will discuss how expressive writing can be helpful in healing and share her experience translating the science about expressive writing into a writing program for young people with breast cancer. Participants will learn about the history of expressive writing in healing, expressive writing's role in physical healing, and how expressive writing interventions lead to improved outcomes.

[NNLM Book Discussion, Nov 1, 2023 - Jan 31, 2024: Palaces for the People by Eric Klinenberg](#) (National Library of Medicine)

November 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024

Join us November 1, 2023 - January 31, 2024 to discuss *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* by Eric Klinenberg.

[Bridging the Digital Divide: Telehealth's Double-edged Sword](#) (National Library of Medicine)

December 5, 2023

In order to achieve more equitable telehealth, leaders in health care and communities must address a person's: (1) digital fluency, the ability to use digital tools efficiently and effectively, and (2) the capacity for health advocacy or a person's ability to advocate for their own health needs. Community leaders have the capacity to work towards solving these divides.

Previously recorded webinars:

Stories Beyond Borders author webinars organized by the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) & the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Taskforce.

The participating authors/creators are all featured on the *Stories Beyond Borders: A Chinese American and Diasporic Reading List* (bit.ly/calastoriesbeyond), and the recordings may be viewed in the links compiled below:

Middle Grade Storytellers

Panelists: Karina Yan Glaser, Lisa Yee, and Wendy Wan-Long Shang

Moderator: Amy Chow

bit.ly/sbbmiddle2

The Power of Art

Panelists: Gene Luen Yang, Julia Kuo, and Laura Gao

Moderator: Susen Shi

bit.ly/sbbart2

Championing Chinese American Stories for Youth

Panelists: C.B. Lee and Grace Lin

Moderator: Amy Chow

bit.ly/sbbchamp2

Sincerely,
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