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Many of you may already know about this, but I recently learned about the African American Heritage Trail that extends throughout the Commonwealth.

[Franklin's African Heritage Center joins new African American Heritage Trail | News | franklinfavorite.com](#)  
(Franklin Favorite, June 19)

[Kentucky Just Opened an African American Heritage Trail—With 50 Sites Celebrating Black History](#) (Travel & Leisure, June 16)

[Kentucky African American Heritage Trail](#) (VisitLex.com, June 17)

On a related note, be sure to check out the [Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky](#), which is based at Berea College, and the [Notable Kentucky African Americans Database](#).

### **Recent articles--**

[Educators Model Handwriting's Effects on Literacy, Learning, and Life](#) (Publishers Weekly, June 23)

[How public libraries are teaching AI and digital literacy skills](#) (OCLC's WebJunction, June 19)

Humans for Housing-Toolkit for communities that have homeless and unhoused populations

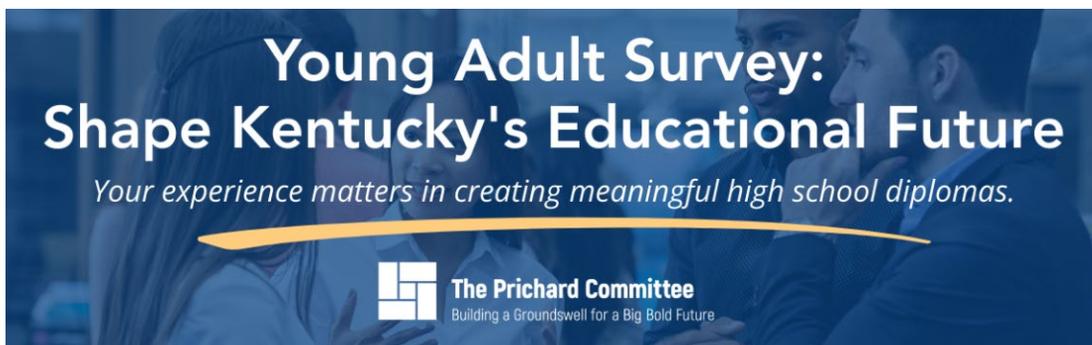
[TOOLKIT | Humans For Housing](#)

[Libraries as Community Hubs for Expanding Mental Health Supports](#) (Library Journal's Info Docket, June 20)

[New ALA report spotlights prison libraries' strategic role in reentry](#) (American Library Association, June 23)

[Telling the story of a journey to the past](#) (Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, June 20)

\*This is a story of how a library staff member in another state helped the author of this article do genealogy research. The author highlights the work that library staff like you do to **help people every day and make a difference in peoples' lives. Thank you!** The Daviess County Public Library gets a brief shout out in the article, too.



Please share with your patrons ages 20-35: [Young Adult Survey](#)

### **From the Public Library Association listserv-- United States Semiquincentennial Book Lists**

Inviting links to book lists commemorating the United States Semiquincentennial! My public library (Columbus, Ohio) is considering creating and posting such a list or lists, perhaps among other staff lists in our BiblioCommons OPAC. The Library of Congress' 2013 Books [That Shaped America](#) list is our proposed starting point. We're considering updating it and increasing the scope to include books that shape or embody our aspirations for the future of America.

If you are aware of any lists like this, our staff project team would love to benefit from the shared knowledge.

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Brian Stettner  
Librarian  
Columbus Metropolitan Library



## [Teen MakerSpace: DIY Your Own Stickers | Teen Librarian Toolbox](#)

*By Karen Jensen*

Teen librarian Karen Jensen walks through using Canva and a Cricut Joy Xtra to make your own stickers, great for programming or makerspaces.

### **From the Public Library Association listserv—An online cookbook**

Hi Robert,

That sounds like a really cool idea! We did a somewhat similar project (though not specifically focused on culture) at my previous library. Back in 2021 when I was still at Lake Agassiz Regional Library we put together a digital community cookbook as a tie-in event for the One Book | One Minnesota program's feature of *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. If I recall correctly, we had folks submit their recipes through an online form and then library staff organized and formatted them together into an ebook. The completed cookbook is hosted in the state's digital library collection on Biblioboard.

[Here's a link to the library page about the completed project.](#)

I wasn't very involved in the project directly other than helping promote the project at our library branch. If you have more specific questions about how the process worked I'd recommend reaching out to the library's awesome marketing director, [Hillary Stevens](#).

Good luck!

Erin

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Original Message:

Sent: Jun 09, 2025 09:19 AM

From: Robert Belvin

Subject: On-line Cookbook

We received a suggestion to host an on-line cookbook (no intention of printing it) to celebrate the diversity of culture and obviously food in our community. Anybody done something similar?

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The following is not an endorsement, but I am sharing the information so that you know about the item and how one person is choosing to use it. -Hilary

## How to Record Personalized Audio Books for Kids with Yoto



Rachel Brittain

May 15, 2025

I've always enjoyed children's books, but having nephews has opened up my eyes to a whole new world of children's literature. I've discovered great new picture books like [Bathe the Cat](#), [How to Count to One](#), and [Pokko and the Drum](#). Reading to them is one of my biggest joys, even if it tests the limits of my high school theatre accent work. One of the neatest tricks I learned recently, though, is that it's possible to record personalized music and audio books for kids—and it's not even hard! All you need is a recording device (the audio recorder on your phone will work just fine), a [Yoto player](#), and blank "Make Your Own" Yoto cards. <https://us.yotoplay.com/make-your-own>

Here's what you need to know to record personalized audiobooks for kids yourself:

- You can record on the Yoto app or upload an MP3 file that you've already pre-recorded.
- You can add up to 100 tracks per card with a maximum of 100 MB / 60 minutes for any one track and 500 MB / 5 hours total on a card. That's a lot of storytelling potential!
- You can add your own stickers to personalize each card.

Yoto cards are 54mm x 85.6mm (or 2in x 3.35in), and blank Yoto cards can easily be decorated with stickers or labels. Since I recorded several books to put on the card, I created a graphic in Canva (1080 x 1920px) with images of the books I'd read. On [Yoto Space](#), they recommend [blank Avery labels](#) with are almost the perfect size (50 x 80mm) for blank Yoto cards. You can even [download a template](#) and print images onto the labels from your home printer.

It's really that simple. [Yoto has lots of information and recommendations](#) that will likely cover any other questions that come up. There are [also a community space](#) full of even more resources and free content that others have uploaded for all to enjoy.

So go ahead and let your inner audiobook narrator free. The kids in your life will thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Hilary