

Hello,

I hope that you are well. Next Thursday, July 17, is our virtual Adult and Outreach Services meeting (see Zoom link and info below). This is a time to share programming ideas and ask questions of one another. You are welcome to submit discussion topics or questions to me anytime before noon on July 17, [hilary.writt@ky.gov](mailto:hilary.writt@ky.gov). In addition, please see below for programming ideas, America250KY and Graves County Public Library, and some upcoming training opportunities. Let me know if you have questions about any of these resources, and I will do my best to help you.

### **Adult and Outreach Services July meeting**

July 17, 2:00 PM ET

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83257464789?pwd=ecPqingGimppysCUMcbjsuhtnwhYaP.1>

Meeting ID: 832 5746 4789

Passcode: 311322

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kbcwCIK3ga>

[Meeting notes from in-person regional spring meetings](#)

\*Thank you to my colleagues Amy Olson for coordinating and facilitating all these meetings and to Micah Followay for helping facilitate them.

**Click on these links to go to the sections of interest to you.**

[Programming](#)

[Training](#)

### **Programming**

[Making Dementia-Friendly Libraries](#) (Programming Librarian, June 25)

- The Tales and Travel Memory Program has a [website](#) and resources that may be useful.
- [Kentucky Department of Aging and Independent Living](#) has an [Office of Dementia Services](#) and an [Aging and Disability Resource Center](#) that may be helpful to your patrons.
- [The Alzheimer’s Association](#); Meredith Plant, [maplant@alz.org](mailto:maplant@alz.org)
- [Setting Up a Memory Café at Your Library: A How-to Guide](#) (Programming Librarian, June 13)
- These KDLA webinars may also be helpful to you.
  - [Don’t Push the River: How to Go with the Flow when Presenting Outreach Programs to People Experiencing Dementia](#)
  - [Forget Me Not: Connecting with Dementia Patients and Their Caregivers](#)
  - [Memory Cafes: Serving Up Support and Connections at the Library](#)

[Book Tasting](#) (Programming Librarian, July 1)

\*I know several of you all have offered events like these at your library, so please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas on the listserv.



[Kentucky Center for the Book releases selections for 2025 Great Reads from Great Places initiative](#)

(Northern Kentucky Tribune, July 3)

\*\*KDLA has book discussion kits for *Starling House* in [large](#) and [regular](#) print that you may borrow.

[Citizen Science](#) and an article about Citizen Science in libraries [Journal Article: “Citizen Science in Libraries Worldwide: A Systematic Review”](#) (Library Journal’s Info Docket, July 7).

## The America250KY Roadshow Traveling to Graves County

The Kentucky Historical Society and America250KY are coming to Graves County on July 26!



As part of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, America250KY has organized a series of "America250KY Roadshows" that will tour various communities across the state. These roadshows will highlight local histories and feature collections and resources from the Kentucky Historical Society.

Join us at the Graves County Public Library to learn more about America250KY, explore the history of the Jackson Purchase from a local historian, view collection materials from the Kentucky Historical Society, and more!

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Workforce Development news and resources for young people

### [Next Wave Academy \(Next Wave: Teen Radio Academy Amplifying America's Youth\)](#)

ARTxFM's NEXT WAVE: TEEN RADIO ACADEMY is a radio learning adventure that provides Louisville area high school students with the skills they need to become professional broadcasters. At the Academy, student DJs get hands-on experience with the ART FM studio equipment and obtain the FCC training required for FM Broadcasting nationwide.

### [Kentucky one of five states to participate in Middle School Career Learning Network grant program](#)

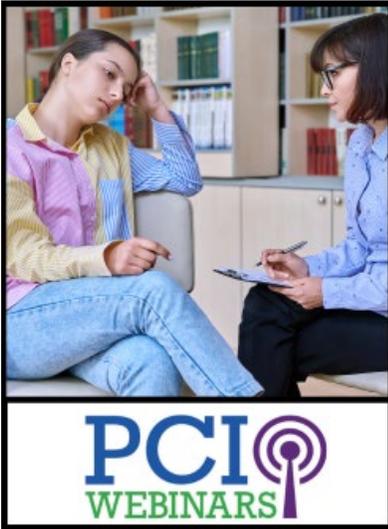
Kentucky is participating in a new national grant program – called the Middle School Career Impact and Learning Network – which will help establish the gold standard for what middle school career exploration should look like.

The program is run by American Student Assistance, a national nonprofit helping students learn about careers and prepare for their futures, with support from Education Strategy Group, a mission-driven organization committed to expanding economic mobility by increasing educational attainment. These organizations created an impact and learning network based on the recently published research report, "[Extending the Runway: A 50-State Analysis of Middle School Career Exploration.](#)"

## Training opportunities

\*There may be a cost associated with these events.

## SWON webinars



PCI Webinar:

Trauma-Informed Libraries: What are they, why do they matter, and how do we become one?

Wednesday, July 23rd

2:00 pm EST

Trauma-Informed Libraries has become a buzz word in the field and seemingly everywhere, but what exactly does it mean? In this webinar, we will take deep dive into providing easy to digest explanations of what it means to be trauma-informed, why does it matter, and simple, actionable steps that professionals working in libraries can take to implement at their libraries from small scale to large scale.

[Learn More and Register](#)

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### **SWON Webinar:**

Belonging, at Last:

A Book Club for Late-Identified Neurodivergent Adults

Tuesday, July 29th

2:00 - 3:30 pm EST



The Late-Identified Neurodivergent Book Club at Cincinnati & Hamilton County is a monthly program designed for neurodivergent adults—especially those who identify their neurodivergence later in life—to connect, share stories, and explore literature in a supportive, affirming space. Through thoughtfully selected titles and low-pressure discussions, participants build community, gain insight, and celebrate their identities together.

[Learn More and Register](#)

### **KHS Hosting the 2025 Ohio Valley History Conference**



**The 41st Ohio Valley History Conference (OVHC) will be held at the Kentucky Historical Society's campus in downtown Frankfort from October 9 - 11, 2025.**

OVHC is a regional conference that highlights the work of scholars residing in or studying Kentucky, Tennessee, and the greater Ohio Valley. It is open to historians and advanced graduate students from all periods and specializations, including public historians and independent scholars. This year's theme, **"Borders, Boundaries, and Belonging,"** invites participants to explore how both physical and imagined borders shape the social, cultural, political, and legal aspects of history.

Graduate students, independent scholars, and public historians are strongly encouraged to attend the conference. **Mark your calendars, registration for the conference is opening soon!**

Sincerely,

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