

Hello,

I hope you all are doing well. There is information below about KDLA's 2025 Programming Conference, our October Adult and Outreach Services meeting, and some free resources. Please let me know if you have any questions about what I have shared or anything else related to Adult Services or Bookmobile and Outreach Services. I will do my best to help you.

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Programming

- Meeting notes for the August Adult and Outreach Services meeting—Thank you all for your patience with me in compiling these.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hKxyc44_AN5NZfBk7NPIDcYhilmC7RjR?usp=sharing
- Our October Adult and Outreach Services meeting will be on October 16, at 2:00pm, ET / 1:00pm, CT. **There is a new link to join the virtual meeting, so please make sure to use the link below for the October meeting.**

Adult and Outreach Services meeting: October 2025

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89652647845?pwd=UY2uwQftErsplMajEsedMycvYU78L9.1>

Meeting ID: 896 5264 7845

Passcode: 873023

The KDLA 2025 Programming Conference is just a few weeks away.



2025 KDLA Programming Conference
Strengthening Communities through Lifelong Learning and Partnerships



When: November 5-7, 2025

Where: University of Louisville / Shelby Campus / Founders Union Building *
450 N Whittington Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40222

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https://kdla.ky.gov/Documents/KDLA_Programming_Conference.pdf

I received the following information about International Games Month from a colleague in Indiana.

- Here is a Google Doc with details about **International Games Month** for anyone to use to promote it. Use in full or as a template for getting the word out in your state. The simplest thing I can say about it is that a library only needs to have a single event/display/promotion of games and gaming in libraries during the month of November and we hope that they will share with us (GameRT) at the end of the month via a survey. For that they will be eligible for the giveaways, and we match based on the type of audience they serve (all indicated during registration). https://docs.google.com/document/d/11ORTImbv-L78jPvI3ou96b804MARAMhJ-2zp2Ydb788/edit?usp=drive_link

I received permission to share about some upcoming programs in LaRue County—thank you Claudette.

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- We started a grief support group several months back for widows and widowers. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00.
- A program with the extension office called Stirring up Smiles that's for 1-2 adults and 1-2 middle to high school students (cooking class)
- Author David Domine will be here to give a presentation about all the haunted places in Louisville we're doing
- A theater workshop
- A sign language class
- Some of the cast of the Haunted Walking Tour in Elizabethtown are going to be here dressed in costume to do a program about haunted Hardin County
- A scam program for seniors
- A gardening series with a master gardener we do each month
- We'll be setting up a fall background in the lobby for photographs
- Taking donations for our local youth resource center and nursing home
- Coffee for veterans
- Halloween bunco, patrons will dress in costume, and we'll have spooky snacks and play bunco for prizes a patron donated.

And for another library's fall-themed programming, check out Hardin County Public Library's ["Autumn Favorites" Adult Reading Challenge](#). Kudos to Rebekah Akers!

[Oldham County Public Library's Bridgerton Ball](#) (Oldham Era, September 22)

*[Regency Dance Class](#) (Programming Librarian, August 22)

Preparing Kids for College (Thank you to Amy Olson for sharing this with me.)

Getting your kid ready to leave for college involves more than just buying extra-long sheets and opening a bank account. You need them to be prepared to go to class on time, get a decent amount of sleep, successfully balance academics with social life, and problem-solve when the inevitable hiccup occurs. While you'll continue to support them the best way you can, they will be on their own without you there to provide scaffolding.

That's why we created a downloadable [College Readiness Toolkit](#), which aims to identify challenges college students face, especially in their first year away from home, and offers strategies for managing them

successfully. The toolkit — also available at youareokay.org — is designed for students to use before they go ([how to manage money](#) in college, for example) and to troubleshoot situations that arise ([roommate dramas](#), [a failed midterm](#) — or, even scarier, the possibility of [dropping out](#)). It also offers parents guidelines for a supporting role, such as how to help a student who is [nervous about leaving home](#) and how to support kids with [ADHD or a learning disorder](#) in college. All kids will have stumbles, but we can [prepare them emotionally](#) so when the time comes, they know how to solve problems and cope when they feel overwhelmed.

Free 2025 Suicide Prevention Month Toolkit

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Articles

[An Accessible Expo: Employment fair focuses on neurodivergent talent](#) (American Libraries, September 2)

[Geraldine Brooks to Receive 2025 Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction](#) (Library of Congress, August 27)

*KDLA's has book kits for these Geraldine Brooks titles:

- [Caleb's Crossing](#)
- [Horse](#)
- [People of the Book](#)
- [March](#)

[License to Learn: Driving simulators help library patrons hit the road](#) (American Libraries, September 2)

[Meeting the Library Needs of English Language Learners and Changing Reading Culture](#) (School Library Journal)

[An Oklahoma Public Library Makes its Case \(and a Cup\)](#) (Public Libraries Online, August 19)

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ABOS Annual Conference

Help us celebrate our 20th Anniversary and all that ABOS has to offer moving into the future. Keynote speakers include Sam Helmick, American Library Association President and Susan Parkins, ABOS Historian. Attend presentations on a variety of outreach services topics by professionals in the field, connect with vendors who specialize in products geared for outreach, and celebrate this year's ABOS Award Winners.

If you haven't registered to join us October 7 - 10 in St. Louis, Missouri for the 2025 ABOS Annual Conference what are you waiting for? Get registered today! [Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services - Conference](#)

In-person registration has ended, but virtual registration open through September 30.

Sincerely,

Hilary