

Morning,

I hope that you all are well. Please note that **Wednesday, October 15**, is the last day to register for the 2025 KDLA Programming Conference. There are several resources and upcoming trainings listed in this email, so please let me know if you have any questions about what I have shared here or anything else related to Adult and Outreach Services.

2025 KDLA Programming Conference-Registration closes October 15



2025 KDLA Programming Conference

Strengthening Communities through Lifelong Learning and Partnerships



October Adult and Outreach Services meeting-via Zoom

October 16, 2:00pm, ET / 1:00pm CT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89652647845?pwd=UY2uwQftErspLMajEsedMycvYU78L9.1>

Meeting ID: 896 5264 7845

Passcode: 873023

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Programming

[America at 250: Black Perspectives of the Founding Era | Black Caucus American Library Association](#) (toolkit) *See [below](#) for information about a free webinar called “America at 250: Black Perspectives of the Founding Era”- October 21, at 2pm, ET

Pokemon Clubs at Your Library

<https://www.ala.org/pokemon>

[AASL and ALSC Partner with Pokémon to Launch School and Public Library Pokémon Clubs](#) (American Library Association, October 7)

Serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities

*Resources shared on the ABOS (Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services) listserv

My library system, Allen County Public in northeast Indiana, does much programming for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). At some facilities, we do a book club, where participants take turns reading out loud. Some clubs do crafts or other activities in addition to reading. At other facilities, we do a modified storytime, or what some places just call "library time." It's a mix of music and literacy. Here is a description I wrote for Programming Librarian:

<https://programminglibrarian.org/programs/library-time-modified-storytime-adults-intellectual-disabilities>

If you're interested in more information, you might watch the recording of [this webinar](#) I did for an Ohio cooperative.

I started a Facebook group for sharing ideas. Feel free to join!

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1GEHW1DZtE/>

Finally, you can feel free to email me directly or give me a call. I'm happy to share some ideas and answer some questions!

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First Generation College Celebration Day

First Generation College Celebration Day, observed on November 8, is a day to acknowledge the experiences and outcomes of first-generation college students.

The Penguin Random House Speakers Bureau offers a diverse range of authors who can speak to the experiences and challenges faced by first-generation college students today. Our authors bring unique perspectives and insights that can enrich programming and discussions around this important topic both on November 8th and beyond.

[See speakers for First-Generation College Celebration Day programming and beyond.](#)

Holocaust

- The Louisville Ballet and [The UK-JHF Holocaust Education](#) Initiative have partnered to create the [A Time Remembered Study Guide](#) to help middle and high school educators integrate Holocaust curriculum in their classrooms through an interdisciplinary approach. This online guide uses excerpts from Louisville Ballet's performance of Stephen Mills' *Light / The Holocaust & Humanity Project*, along with accompanying lesson plans and arts integration activities to examine the tragedy of the Holocaust. Illuminated through the powerful story of Holocaust survivor Naomi

Warren (1920-2016), the ballet takes the audience on a journey that shares Naomi's story while making relevant connections to the present, told through the lens of dance.

- The Bullitt County Public Library is proud to host [Americans and the Holocaust](#) from September 28–November 9, 2025, a USHMM traveling exhibition exploring how Americans responded to Nazism, war, and genocide.
- The Holocaust and Humanity Center in Cincinnati is honored to host [Auschwitz, Not long Ago. Not far away](#). Through this daunting selection of more than 500 original artifacts from the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Poland, as well as more than 20 institutions and museums all over the world. portrays the complex reality of the notorious camp while sharing firsthand stories from those who survived, and those who perished. Opens October 18th, 2025.

Filipino American History Month

[Filipino American National Historical Society \(FANHS\)](#)

[Filipino American Center](#) at San Francisco Public Library

Los Angeles Public Library [LAPL Filipino American History Month page](#)

[The Rita M. Cacas Filipino American Community Archives collection](#)

Other monthly celebrations

[Farm to School Month](#)

[National Cookbook Month – October](#)

[Readers To Eaters](#)

Articles

[Crunchyroll Enters the Digital Comics Space With CRUNCHYROLL MANGA](#) (Book Riot, October 8)

[Kentucky Chamber Foundation and GLI Launch New Kentuckian Hiring Academy](#) (Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Bottom Line, September 8)

[Man learning to read at 66 encourages others: 'All you have to do is want to learn'](#) (WYMT, October 5)

[Manufacturing Month presents opportunities for career exploration](#) (Grayson County News, October 1)

[With Funding from The John A. Hartford Foundation, ALA Announces Aging Together: An Evaluation of Library Programming for Older Adults](#) (American Library Association, September 29, 2025)

Webinars and Training

[America at 250: Black Perspectives of the Founding Era \(10/21\)](#) (Lyrisis)

October 21, 2pm, ET; Free

[New Public Library Fundamentals course](#) (WebJunction)

[ALA's Sara Jaffarian Award Presents: Hands-On History: Bringing History Alive with Historical Artifacts](#) (American Library Association)

November 4, 1:00pm, ET; Free

[Being There for Asylum Seekers and People Experiencing Homelessness and Poverty: How Can Libraries Help?](#) (Carterette-Georgia Library Association)

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 2pm Eastern; Free

Presented by Carrie Banks, Rakisha Kearns-White, and Julie Ann Winkelstein



SWON Webinar:

Building Bridges: Public Library Services for New Americans

Wednesday, November 12th

2:00 pm EST

We know that libraries are safe spaces that welcome all people. Places that can be particularly helpful for refugees and new Americans to come for resources and support. Public libraries, in particular, are at a unique advantage to reach underserved adult ESL learners. It's already happening. Libraries are hosting ESL conversation groups, citizenship classes, and connecting communities. But how do we best increase our effectiveness and reach? In this session, we will discuss how partnering with local non-profit organizations and schools will help your library provide responsive and meaningful outreach and programming to immigrants and refugees. We will also discuss how offering ESOL programming at libraries supports a sense of welcoming and can be a great introduction to the library for newcomers. Join us to learn more about the different ways libraries can adapt to fulfill the growing needs of English language learners in our Ohio public library systems.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Human Trafficking and Libraries

Nov. 13, 2025

12pm Eastern

[Register Here](#)

This webinar will provide an in-depth look at the different types of human trafficking, including sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and familial trafficking. Participants will learn to identify key risk factors that may indicate when an individual is vulnerable to, or currently experiencing, trafficking.

Because libraries are often considered safe havens, it is important for librarians to understand how both youth and adults are being trafficked and how they may be able to assist. The presentation will also cover the tactics traffickers use to groom survivors, the networks that sustain trafficking, and the most recent data on the issue.

Attendees will leave with practical knowledge on how to recognize red flags, how and when to report concerns, and ways they can actively contribute to the fight against human trafficking in their community.



Celebrating America250KY in Your Library: Digital Resources in the State Archives and the Kentucky Historical Society (KDLA)

November 13; 10:00am, ET / 9:00am, CT; [Register](#)

In 2026 the United States will celebrate its 250th birthday! Public libraries can take part in the celebrations by showcasing history at the local, state, and national levels. One of the best ways to do this is by highlighting original historical documents, but what if you don't have any in your collections? That's where we come in. Both the Kentucky State Digital Archives and KHS Digital Collections contain thousands of documents from across the state that span the entirety of Kentucky's history. Whether you're planning programming or answering reference questions, these digital catalogs have the resources you need.

Join Elainé Gollihue, Electronic Records Archivist at KDLA and Alyssa Ollier, Digital Archivist at KHS, as they explore the digital resources available at their respective agencies, including the Kentucky Constitution, Governor's Executive Journals, and other state and local records.



CSLP is excited to announce your 2026 Summer Reading Program theme: Unearth a Story™. For 2026, Unearth a Story™ underscores the joy of discovery that reading brings and that every person and every community have stories waiting to be found and shared – through books, programs, and local knowledge. <https://www.cslpreads.org/>

Why Unearth a Story™?

Member libraries across the country chose this theme back in 2022 and the slogan in 2023. This theme invites layered interpretation, offering a robust, flexible foundation for summer programming:

- High appeal to a broad audience, especially children, families, and educators.
- STEAM and humanities connections—from science-based fossil digs to creative storytelling and historical exploration.
- Cross-promotional opportunities with local museums, parks, and historical societies.
- Built-in excitement for visual merchandising, reading incentives, community events, and partnerships.

Rural Library Network eSummit on Dec 3rd, registration is open!

Hi All,

I hope your Summer Reading program went well. I want to share with you the registration information for the 2025 Rural Library Network eSummit below. Please also consider submitting a proposal to present during the Breakout Sessions.

We are excited to announce the registration for Rural Library Network eSummit, scheduled for December 3rd, is now open! **Register [here](#), at no cost!** This eSummit will feature national speakers, local community program bright spots, and incentives!

Note: We are still accepting [proposals](#) for the Breakout Sessions.

Register [here](#), today! Share this opportunity with your rural librarian peers and networks.

[Telehealth 101: What libraries need to know](#) (Network of the National Library of Medicine)

Date: 01/05/2026 8:00 AM EST

Summary: This class introduces telehealth, why it's important, and how it enables people to have greater access to quality healthcare. Explore how libraries around the country provide patrons in their communities with access to telehealth services.

Sincerely,

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