

## Adult & Outreach Services February meeting

Our next **Adult and Outreach Services virtual meeting is Thursday, February 19, at 2:00pm, ET / 1:00pm, CT.** The Zoom link to join follows.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 896 5264 7845

Passcode: 873023

Shout out to all of you who have done Love Your Library displays, blind dates with books promotions, and to all who are sharing about your seed libraries. I've seen your amazing work via social media posts this week. Kudos to all!

Let me know if you have questions about anything I have shared here or if you want to discuss ideas related to adult or outreach services. You can reach me at [hilary.writt@ky.gov](mailto:hilary.writt@ky.gov) or 502-564-1719. 😊

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## Programming

**Need performer recommendations for programs? KLPR (KY Library Performer Recommendations)** <https://kylibraryprc.wixsite.com/kylibraryperformers>

[Collaborative Summer Library Program resources](#) and your access code to CSLP's programming manual/artwork: **KY26&OF14**

[Around The World In 49 Days](#) (Programming Librarian, February 2)

["A Little Tea, If You Please" Jane Austen's 250th Birthday Celebration Tea](#) (Programming Librarian, January 13)

## America 250

### Library of Congress Celebrates America's 250 Years

Throughout 2026, the Library of Congress invites all Americans to further appreciate the nation's history by exploring the Library's collections and expertise through exhibitions and dynamic programming. The Library will commemorate America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary under the theme **It's Your Story**, offering an opportunity for everyone to discover part of America's story within the world's largest research collections.

[Click here for more information.](#)

### America250KY resources

- America250-Kentucky Historical Society page: <https://history.ky.gov/participate/america250ky>
- America250 Program Handbook: <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/7978d4ce33.html>

Two KDLA webinars related to America250:

[Celebrating 250: Libraries and Their Impact](#)

[Celebrating America250KY: Digital Resources in the State Archives and Kentucky Historical Society](#)

## 988

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers skilled, compassionate help for mental health and substance use problems for anyone at any time.

Text 988 | Call 988 | Chat 988lifeline.org

**WHAT IS 988**

- A simple, convenient three-digit number
- A nationwide resource available 24/7
- A network of more than 300 local crisis centers that can handle thousands of contacts each day

988 is a key part of a broader vision for integrated care in the United States that is built through federal, state, local, and community partnerships. The vision is that everyone has someone to connect, someone to respond, a safe place for help.

**WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN CONTACTING 988**

- You'll be given some options to select the service that meets your needs
- Your counselor will ask some questions to best make sure you're safe
- You'll get one-on-one judgment-free support

**REAL 988 FEEDBACK**

"Last night I was not well. My support system was not available and the service brought me around and helped me get through what I thought was the end. This was the first time I had the courage to call and the immediate care that, calm, and patient. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

"As a parent of someone vulnerable and when I felt like I had no one else, I called 988 and was answered in under 10 minutes. I was able to talk to someone immediately and beyond me to reach someone to reach to have someone care and listen when you feel like there is no one around."

SAMHSA

### 988 Fact Sheet

The refreshed [988 Fact Sheet](#)—one of our most downloaded resources—is now available in the [988 Partner Toolkit](#).

**Kentucky 988:** <https://988.ky.gov/>

## New book discussion kits available from KDLA

### Large Print

[The Busybody Book Club](#) / Freya Sampson

[The Seven Year Slip](#) / Ashley Poston

[Trespassers at the Golden Gate](#) / Gary Krist

## Regular Print

[\*Becoming Madam Secretary\*](#) / Stephanie Dray

[\*Just Mercy\*](#) / Bryan Stevenson

[\*October in the Earth\*](#) / Olivia Hawker

[\*This Wretched Valley\*](#) / Jenny Kiefer

[\*Three Keys\*](#) / Laura Pritchett

[\*Where'd You Go, Bernadette?\*](#) / Maria Semple

[\*The Wishing Game\*](#) / Meg Shaffer

## Read to Your Child/Grandchild Program with Incarcerated Fathers

As parental incarceration rises in the U.S., some correctional facilities and outside organizations offer family literacy programs for parents in prison, though research on these programs is scarce. To address this gap in the literature, researchers from the Goodling Institute studied one family literacy program (Read to Your Child/Grandchild or RYCG) offered in Pennsylvania at a state correctional institute. Researchers interviewed 11 fathers in a rural Pennsylvania prison to understand how they were involved in their children's literacy, learning, and education before and during incarceration and through the RYCG program. Published articles on this research examine various facets and functionalities of the program, including a pathway for involvement in children's literacy, the affordances offered by the video recordings made in the program, and (forthcoming) the capacity for incarcerated fathers to act as moral instructors for their children's ethical development.

Stickel, T., Prins, E., Kaiper-Marquez, A. (February, 2021). ['The video is an upgrade from them all': how incarcerated fathers view the affordances of video in a family literacy programme](#). Learning, Media and Technology.

Stickel, T., Kaiper-Marquez, A., Prins, E. (2020). [Creative fatherhood behind bars: The Read to Your Child program](#). *Revista Temas Em Educação*, 29(2).

Prins, E., Stickel, T., Kaiper-Marquez, A. (2019). [Incarcerated Fathers' Experiences in the Read to Your Child/Grandchild Program: Supporting Children's Literacy, Learning, and Education](#). *Journal of Prison Education and Reentry*, 6(2).

Prins, E., Stickel, T., Kaiper-Marquez, A. (2019). [Incarcerated fathers' experiences in the Read to Your Child/Grandchild program: Supporting children's literacy, learning, and education](#). Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy Research Brief #10.

## Law Library Services to Persons Who Are Incarcerated

**The American Association of Law Libraries Social Responsibilities SIS's Standing Committee on Law Library Services to Persons Who Are Incarcerated just finished and published the most up-to-date version of our directory of Law Libraries across the US that provide resources to people who are incarcerated via mail.**

Here is the link: <https://sites.google.com/view/sr-sis/law-library-services-for-persons-who-are-incarcerated-standing-committee>

Please note that this is specifically for law libraries, but this is a really helpful resource for folks conducting legal research from the inside. There is a form at the bottom of the page if you are a law library providing such services and would like to be added to this resource.

Rebecca Greenlee, Co-Chair

AALL SR-SIS Standing Committee on Law Libraries Serving Persons who are Incarcerated

### **[New Field Guide Available for Libraries to Prepare to Serve Their Communities During Crises](#)**

A new national resource is now available to help libraries prepare for major community emergencies—including pandemics, natural disasters, and societal crises—before they hit. *Centering Community: Library Staff Responding to Crisis – A Field Guide*, developed through the Ready NOW project, provides practical strategies and examples to help libraries support their communities before, during, and after disruptions of varying scale.

## Articles

[ALA welcomes Prison Libraries Act](#) (American Library Association, January 27)

[Barren County students receive money for work in workforce participation program](#) (WNKY, January 6)

[Grandfamilies: The Growing Trend of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren](#) (The Jackson Sun, December 25)

\*\*The [Kentucky Kinship Resource Center](#) has lots of resources, including webinars and support groups, that you can share with your patrons.

\*\*[Serving Grandfamilies in Libraries: A Handbook and Programming Guide](#) (2014) can request this title and other [professional titles](#) via your regular ILL procedures.

[Kentucky by Heart: Reading and more wonderful reading — never enough books](#) (Northern Kentucky Tribune, January 20)

[Library of Congress Video Series ‘American Stories: A Reading Road Trip’ on PBS Books Explores Literary Heritage of United States](#) (Library of Congress, January 15)

## Webinars

### How Passive Programs Lead to Active Connections (KDLA)

February 9 at 2 pm ET / 1 pm CT

Register to attend through the [Blackboard Portal](#)

Presenters: Joy Trotter and Destiney Amriott

Look at how simple passive programs throughout the library can (and do!) lead to active connections between patrons and library staff in both programming and circulation departments.

### Measurements of Health Literacy

(Network of the National Libraries of Medicine)

February 11, 2026; 11:00am, ET; Free

Summary: This webinar explores the dual nature of health literacy measurement: assessing the readability of written materials and evaluating an individual's ability to comprehend and apply health information.



### America250KY: Program Ideas from Kentucky's Public Library Staff (KDLA)

[Register for this webinar](#)

February 24; 2:00pm, ET / 1:00pm, CT

The sesquicentennial celebration year is here. Learn from staff at the Boone County Public Library and the Scott County Public Library about their programming plans and the partners they have worked with so that you can gather ideas for planning your own America250 programs.

**Presenters:**

Hillary Delaney, Research Specialist, Archive and History Center, Boone County Public Library

Melissa Gibson, Adult Services Manager, Scott County Public Library

## Previously recorded webinars

[REFORMA](#) IRC presented a virtual event to help libraries across the country better serve recently arrived Latino immigrants. For that purpose, librarians from public libraries and in cities with large concentrations of recent immigrants shared strategies and resources they provide to this population. In addition, representatives from an immigrant- serving non-governmental organization provided relevant information on the topic.

Link to recording: [youtu.be/FlmyxPKmN8c?si=04EQRKuZoqCbUkRA](https://youtu.be/FlmyxPKmN8c?si=04EQRKuZoqCbUkRA)

[kynectors: What Are They and How Can Library Staff Connect](#) (KDLA)

Learn about the kynector program and the services that kynectors provide. Library staff are eligible to become kynectors, too, so check out this webinar to learn more about the opportunity. •Presenter: Megan Snow, Public Assistance Program Specialist, Division of Family Support - Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

## Grants



## AARP Community Challenge Grant

Since its debut in 2017, the AARP Community Challenge has invested \$24.3 million in 2,100 livability projects, with a focus on meeting the needs of adults age 50 or older, in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Washington, D.C.

The [2026 AARP Community Challenge](#) has begun! Applications for our annual quick-action grant program will be due **March 4, 2026**. The grantees will be announced in **June** — and the funded projects will be completed by year's end.

In 2026, AARP is doubling its annual investment and will be awarding more than \$8 million in community-improving grants.

Get your grants together now! This is one of the shortest grant applications out there. Apply now!

## Applications Open for Games and Gaming Round Table 2026 “Game On!” Grant

<https://www.ala.org/news/2026/01/applications-open-games-and-gaming-round-table-2026-game-grant>

The Games and Gaming Round Table of the American Library Association is proud to sponsor its annual grant program to enable libraries to develop gaming programs or collections for their patrons. This year’s grant will fund \$2,000 in awards, as either a single \$2,000 award or two \$1,000 awards.

This year’s award includes a \$1000 donation match from Cards Against Humanity, who also launched their [CAH Loves Libraries website](#) in 2024. Their support will sustain \$1,000 in grant funds for awards from 2025-2029. In 2024, Eliot Weinstein, co-creator of Cards Against Humanity, said "We were able to see for ourselves the great work GameRT and the other divisions of the ALA do! Unfortunately, the idea of libraries as a place of intellectual growth, the safety and livelihood of librarians, and the freedom to read itself, are all currently under attack in many parts of our country. There’s no better time to send a message to librarians (and the organizations that support them) that we’ve got your back."

**The deadline for applications is March 15, 2026**, and the grant winner will be announced at GameRT’s “ALA Play” event at the 2026 ALA Annual conference in Chicago this June. Additional information and an application can be found online at <https://games.ala.org/game-on-grant/>.

## ALA and The Pulitzer Prizes open applications for new ‘Pulitzer on the Road’ traveling exhibition tour for libraries

**Application deadline: March 27, 2026**

<https://www.ala.org/news/2026/01/ala-and-pulitzer-prizes-open-applications-new-pulitzer-road-traveling-exhibition-tour>

<https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/pulitzer>

In collaboration with [The Pulitzer Prizes](#), the American Library Association (ALA) presents ***Pulitzer on the Road: Prize-Winning Works that Inform, Empower & Inspire***, a

traveling exhibit that highlights the cultural legacy of The Pulitzer Prizes; connects new audiences with prize-winners and their work; and promotes the role of journalism, books, drama, and music in a democratic society.

This special exhibition will travel for two years beginning in fall 2026, visiting 20 U.S. public libraries.

During their host periods, the selected libraries will be required to implement public programs related to the exhibit's themes.

Selected libraries will receive:

- The 1,400-square-foot exhibition on loan for roughly six weeks;
- A \$3,000 allowance to support public programs;
- Customizable publicity materials and media training;
- Ongoing support from The Pulitzer Prizes and the ALA, and more.

Sincerely, Hilary