

Adult and Outreach Services update-

May 28, 2026

I hope you all are doing well as the summer reading rush is here. Please remember to take care of yourselves during this extra busy season.

Thank you for your patience with me in getting the [notes from our virtual Adult and Outreach Services meeting](#) organized. Let me know if you have any questions about them.

Due to summer reading, our **next virtual Adult and Outreach Services meeting will be on August 20, at 2pm, ET / 1pm, CT**. I will share the link to join and a reminder about the meeting on the listservs in early August.

Thanks to a suggestion from one of you, I have included a list of recent KDLA webinars that you may have missed. Thank you again for this excellent suggestion, and please reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions about what I have shared. I hope you have a good rest of your week.

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Programming

[Apply for the 2026-27 cohort of the Yiddish Book Center's Public Libraries Program: Host reading groups on religion, assimilation, identity and immigration](#)

Application deadline: August 14, 2026

The Center opens applications for the second year of its Public Libraries Program theme: [Between Two Worlds: Exploring Jewish Culture and Religion through Yiddish Literature](#).

Learn more and [apply](#) to be part of the Between Two Worlds cohort by August 14, 2026. Forty public libraries will be selected. Libraries that have participated in past themes of the Public Libraries Program are eligible to apply. ****Our own Scott County Public Library in Georgetown is a previous participant.**



[Resource Hub | Programming Librarian](#)

Introducing the Programming Librarian Resource Hub, a collection of ready-to-use templates, worksheets, checklists, and timelines to make your program-planning easier! The materials in the Resource Hub have been contributed by ALA staff, library workers, consultants, and others experienced in planning library programs.

Here are some America250 resources from the American Association of State and Local History—

(Thank you to Amy Olson for passing along these resources, which were shared with her by another librarian.)

The American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) created [The Field Guide for the Semiquincentennial: Making History at 250](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)). It focuses on 5 themes:

--Unfinished Revolutions

--Power of Place

--We the People

--The American Experiment

--Doing History

The AASLH has a ton more free resources, too - <https://aaslh.org/programs/250th/#tab-6fa01190263ff1c2bf6>. One that is particularly useful is [a program guide](#) with all sorts of ideas for a variety

of programs in a variety of environments. For instance, they have ideas for essay or oratorial contests, developing an oral history program, hosting walking tours of your community, etc.

And drawing on those AASLH themes, the Society of American Archivists is asking all archives large and small across the country to contribute one item to the [SAA 250 for the 250th](#). This effort will create a huge, freely available database of documents, photos, audio and video files, and more from across the country.

****On the heels of the America 250 celebration, be thinking about Kentucky's 250th birthday celebration in 2042—16 years from now!**

Artificial Intelligence resources

Sarah French, KDLA's State Data Coordinator, shared these resources with me. Thank you, Sarah!

- [A Parent's Guide to AI](#) from Internet Matters
- [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Generative AI](#) from Common Sense Media
- [AI Literacy Lessons for Grades 6-12](#) from Common Sense Media
- [Off Task: EdTech Threats to Student Privacy and Equity in the Age of AI](#) from the Center for Democracy & Technology
- [APA Health Advisory: AI and Adolescent Well-Being](#) from the American Psychological Association
- [Teachable Machine](#) - a remarkably accessible, hands-on way to explore the possibilities and limitations of machine learning models

[Family and Caregiver Toolkit](#) from the National Family Support Technical Assistance Center.

[Research-based Information and Media Literacy Resource Hub Launched](#)

Articles

[2026 Pulitzer Prizes](#) (May 5, 2026)

[AI Book Clubs and Digital Literacy for Older Adults](#) (Programming Librarian, May 11).

[Beyond the branch: Lessons from taking library outreach to underserved communities](#) (OCLC's WebJunction, May 22)

[Decorate Your Graduation Cap](#) (Programming Librarian, May 20)

[Grant Opportunities for School and Public Libraries](#) (School Library Journal, May 4, 2026)

[In the 'biggest book giveaway in history' WWII soldiers received pocket-sized reads](#) (NPR, May 25)

[Introducing Skilled Trades: A Mini Career Fair](#) (Programming Librarian, May 5)

[Senior Socials](#) (April 27, Programming Librarian)

[Teach Your Talent](#) (Programming Librarian, April 8, 2026)

[Toolboxes encouraging dads to spend time with their families this summer](#) (WLEX, May 27)

Webinars

Upcoming webinars

Region 7 Presents: Citizen Science at the Library for Homeschool Students (NNLM)

June 2; 12pm, ET / 11am, CT; Free

[Register](#)

Interested in introducing Citizen Science into your library's programming and circulating collection, but don't know where to start? Looking for ways to support homeschooling youth?

Have You Zine This?: Georgia State University Library's Zine Initiative (Carterette)

Wednesday, June 3, 2026; 2pm, ET / 1pm, CT; Free

[Register](#)

Description: Join an archivist and two librarians from Georgia State University for an engaging conversation on the power of zines as tools for exploring subculture, expressing student identity, and fostering community. This session will trace the evolution of GSU Library's zine initiative—from its origins to its current impact—and share our vision for its future. Participants will gain insight into our zine workshops, which center student voice, identity, and belonging, as well as our integration of zines and comics into course-based instruction. We will highlight key successes, reflect on challenges, and offer practical guidance for those interested in developing similar initiatives within their own institutions or communities.

A URL for the event will be emailed to you immediately after registration. **If asked for a password to attend the webinar use 0000.**

Can't make it to the live show? That's okay. The session will be [recorded and available](#) on the Carterette Series Webinars website for later viewing.

[Supporting Community Mental Health in Libraries \(NNLM\)](#)

June 4; 1pm, ET / 12pm, CT; Free

[Register](#)

Featuring St. David's Foundation and RAND, this webinar provides insight from the partners of the *Libraries for Health* initiative that launched in Central Texas in 2022. The *Libraries for Health* pilot was created to respond to rural communities' need for adequate mental health resources and mental health care provider shortages. As libraries continue to play a critical role as a community hub for health, delivery of mental health for conditions such as depression and anxiety is reimagined.

In Case You Missed It—Recent KDLA webinars of interest

- [All About KDLA](#)
- [America250KY: Program Ideas from Kentucky's Public Library Staff](#)
- [CE Shorts - Romance Readers' Advisory](#)
- [From Data to Decisions: Monitoring & Evaluation Basics for Library Leaders](#)

- [Getting You Ready to Unearth a Kentucky Archaeological Story](#)
- [How Passive Programs Lead to Active Connections](#)
- [kynectors: What Are They and How Can Library Staff Connect](#)
- [Merchandising Your Library: Creating Spaces that Sell the Story](#)
- [The Value of Kentucky's Public Libraries: Using ROI to Explain Your Library's Impact](#)

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