

Adult & Outreach Services newsletter

July 27, 2026

Hello,

Congratulations for surviving summer learning at your respective libraries. Even if your library still has a few days or weeks left, you can see the finish line approaching. 😊 Please accept this hearty thanks to every one of you receiving this email for the services you provide to your community members each day.

We will start our virtual adult and outreach services meetings again in August, and the meeting time and login details are below for you.

Adult & Outreach Services virtual meeting (August 20, 2pm, ET / 1pm, CT)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 896 5264 7845

Passcode: 873023

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Programming

Shout out to the Green County Public Library

In early June, the Green County Public Library [posted a story on Facebook](#) about genealogy research that they had done. It is an amazing story. Bravo to the staff at the Green County Public Library for their efforts!!

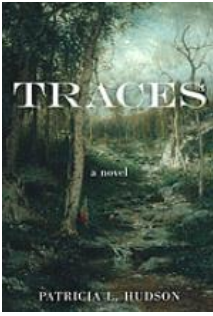
Ann Patchett to Receive 2026 Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction

(Library of Congress, June 23)

KDLA has the following book discussion kits featuring Ms. Patchett's titles. [Reserve a kit or learn more about KDLA's book discussion kits.](#)



- [*Commonwealth*](#)
- [*The Dutch House*](#)
- [*The Patron Saint of Liars*](#)
- [*Tom Lake*](#)



Traces

One of KDLA's newest book discussion kits is [Traces](#) by Patricia Hudson. The Lexington Public Library [recently interviewed Ms. Hudson for their podcast](#), Tales from the Kentucky Room.

If you or your patrons want more Daniel Boone-related titles, KDLA also has these book discussion kits.

- [Boone](#)
- [A Familiar Wilderness](#)
- [The Taking of Jemima Boone](#)

Ready Together: Emergency Kit Workshops

(Programming Librarian, June 15, 2026)

**The Clark County Public Library in Winchester has offered [a similar class](#) the past couple of years. [Class on emergency bag needs taught at library](#) (The Winchester Sun, July 18, 2025)

[Programming Librarian: Resource Hub](#)

A collection of ready-to-use templates, worksheets, checklists, and timelines to make your program-planning easier

Articles and News

[2026 Library of Congress National Book Festival Features More than 80 Authors](#) (Library of Congress, July 7)

[Aging Together: Landscape Report](#) (Programming Librarian)

Report created in partnership with ALA, the John A. Hanford Foundation, Knology, and PLA.

[Coffey speaks at Paducah library program](#) (University of Tennessee-Martin News, July 13)

[Driving Inclusion: How Bookmobiles Helped Shape Libraries \(and Vice Versa\)](#) (Library Journal, July 13)

[Escape to Independence](#) (Programming Librarian, June 26)

[Family Peer Workforce Toolkit](#) (National Federation of Families)

[How researchers read an ancient scroll with the help of a Kentucky team](#) (Louisville Courier-Journal, July 10)

[Littlest Life Skills](#) (Programming Librarian, July 20)

[The power of games and play in media and information literacy](#) (OCLC's WebJunction, June 29)

[UK Libraries, researchers highlight resources exploring slavery, emancipation history in Kentucky](#) (University of Kentucky, June 18)

Webinars

In Case You Missed It—Recent KDLA webinars of interest

[AI in Kentucky Public Libraries](#)

[All About Audiobooks](#)

[How Passive Programs Lead to Active Connections](#)

[Merchandising Your Library: Creating Spaces that Sell the Story](#)

[The Value of Kentucky's Public Libraries: Using ROI to Explain Your Library's Impact](#)

[Virtual Job Fair Job-Seeker Presentation](#)

Sincerely,

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