

Friday, November 6

Afternoon Sessions

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2:00 - 2:50 p.m. CST

Romp & Rhyme: A Baby Formula for Success (C)

Jennifer Baird, Ohio County Public Library

Location: Room 208G

Learn how to create engaging, developmentally supportive storytimes for babies ages 0–24 months using the five early literacy practices: singing, reading, talking, writing, and playing. Drawing on 35+ years of experience, this session provides a practical, replicable model for building literacy-focused programs that empower families.



Jennifer Baird is Children's Librarian at Ohio County Public Library, with 40 years working with children in rural and urban communities. Her education background shapes library programs that foster a love of learning and reading readiness. An enthusiastic storyteller, she enjoys sharing classic tales with young audiences and mentoring a new generation of children's services librarians.

Holding the Line: Letting your ideas grow without leaving your teens behind at Ye Oldeham Countee Ren Faire (T)

James Filchak, Oldham County Public Library

Location: Room 208H

Learn how a medieval-themed teen event grew into Ye Oldeham Countee Renaissance Faire, a successful all-ages community program that maintained its original teen-focused spirit while engaging the broader community.



Since earning a BS in History from Transylvania University and a MLIS from Rutgers University, James has been the Teen Services Librarian at the Oldham County Public Library since 2017.

For the Crater Good: Bringing Outreach Inside (B/A)

Jeanna Cornett, Bell County Public Library

Location: Room 208I

This session highlights the Bell County Library's partnership with local nonprofit For the Greater Good, which supports Tri-State residents through housing, food, and educational services. It will explore collaborative projects including community meals, life-skills training, and support for local organizations.



Jeanna Elaine Cornett is the only librarian she knows who has never read a Harry Potter book OR a James Patterson book. You'll find her in the non-fiction stacks in either of the beautiful Bell County Public Library District buildings.

The Impact of AI on Workforce Programming (A)

Denise Fritsch, Kenton County Public Library

Location: Room 208J

AI is transforming the job search, from résumé writing to applicant screening. This session explores how Kenton County Public Library helps job seekers understand AI's impact, use it effectively, navigate applicant tracking systems, and avoid common pitfalls.



Dr. Denise Fritsch was recently named Executive Director of the Kenton County Public Library, after serving as Career and Job Services Manager. Her career spans leadership roles including Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Workforce Development Trainer, and Director of Library and Information Services. She holds an MLIS from the University of Kentucky and a doctorate in educational leadership from NKU.

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The Permission Slip: Cultivating Programs That "Hold Space" to Encourage Exploration, Creativity and Personal Development for All Ages (B/C/T)

Katie Amburgey, Bullitt County Public Library

Location: Room 208G

Explore “holding space” in library programming—the practice of creating supportive, judgment-free environments where patrons feel comfortable being beginners. Learn how to lower barriers, reduce fear of failure, and design programs that encourage adults, teens, and children to try new things.



Katie Amburgey has been a Teen Event Planner with the Bullitt County Public Library system for the past 3 years, creating programs for teens, elementary ages, as well as adults. She is currently working towards her Masters in Library and Information Science at the University of Kentucky.

Building & Maintaining Healthy Relationships (T)

Katii Tanaro, Hope Harbor, Inc.

Location: Room 208H

This program helps teens build healthy romantic and platonic relationships by exploring consent, boundaries, communication, and recognizing unhealthy or abusive behaviors. Through discussion and activities, participants develop skills for navigating relationships with confidence and respect.



Katii Tanaro is Community Educator for Hope Harbor: Sexual Trauma Recovery Center, partnering with schools on prevention education. She empowers youth to build healthy relationships and prevent violence and co-hosts the *Still Not Asking for It* podcast on prevention, healing, and advocacy.

Collaboration is FUN-damental (T/C)

Ashley Hammond, Madison County Public Library; Anita Rose, Berea Parks & Recreation

Location: Room 208I

This session explores how libraries can build effective community partnerships, align goals with community needs, and expand their reach through collaborative programming. Examples include book clubs, toddler programs, FRYSC collaborations, and trivia, with an emphasis on the fun of working together. Co-presented with Anita Rose of Berea Parks and Recreation.



Ashley Hammond is the Outreach Coordinator for Madison County Public Library. Before working at the library, Ashley was an elementary teacher for 9 years, and a Gear Up family engagement specialist for 3 years. Ashley has always had a passion for meeting the needs of her community and creating programming that is both fun and meaningful.



Anita Rose has been the Recreation Supervisor for the City of Berea's Parks and Recreation department for the past 9 years. Her main work consists of planning and implementing meaningful programming for the community. Helping program attendees find their joy is the most rewarding portion of her job.

Planning a How-To Fair! (A)

Jazmarae Collinsworth & Makayla Ruoff, Boone County Public Library

Location: Room 208J

Learn how to create an all-ages How-To Fair featuring hands-on learning, hobbies, and community connections. Discover strategies for recruiting local partners, managing logistics and marketing, and creating a flexible, budget-friendly event.



Jazmarae Collinsworth is the Community Events Liaison for Boone County Public Library. She books all the outside presenters for adult programs, plans concerts, and organizes the art gallery. She is currently pursuing her MBA at Northern Kentucky University and plans to graduate in May 2027.



Makayla Ruoff is the Community Events Liaison for Youth Services at Boone County Public Library. She books outside presenters for the youth services departments, plans the Summer Reading Kickoff, and oversees the sensory room. She is currently pursuing an MLIS at Kent State University and plans to graduate in the fall of 2027.