

Thursday, November 5

Workshop Sessions

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CST

Youth Services Public Librarianship: Foundations and Best Practices

Suzanne Banta, Henry County Public Library; Heather Lee, Janet Gifford, Louisville Free Public Library; Amy Olson, KDLA

Location: Ballroom

An introduction to the knowledge, skills, and best practices that support exceptional library service to children, teens, and families. Participants will explore youth development, inclusive spaces, early literacy, storytimes, programming, collections, caregiver interactions, and community outreach.



Suzanne Banta, "The Book Lady," is Youth Services Librarian at Henry County Public Library, leading a team focused on positive community change and lifelong learning. With 20+ years of experience in many roles, this title remains her favorite. Raised by women who loved reading, she grew up in libraries and proudly continues that legacy—even framing her 1985 Summer Reading Certificate in her office.



Heather Lee is Youth Services Librarian at LFPL's St. Matthews-Eline branch, specializing in reading, dancing, and singing with toddlers and preschoolers. With 20+ years in public libraries and 15 as a children's librarian, her goal is fostering lifelong readers and library users.



Janet Gifford is Youth Services Librarian at LFPL's Bon Air branch. Her passion is play—designing interactive storytime experiences that bring book themes to life through hands-on stations. She's featured in the children's book *Our Favorite Librarian* (United Way's Unite for Literacy campaign). With 10+ years in children's services, she's never met a storytime activity she couldn't make bigger.



Amy Olson is KDLA's Youth Services Consultant, leading statewide initiatives to strengthen library services for children, teens, and families across Kentucky's 120 counties. With 25+ years in public libraries, literacy, and family well-being, she has developed multicultural, multilingual, and multigenerational programs, trained professionals, and built collaborative youth-focused initiatives.

Family Literacy 101: Learning and Collaborating

Margie Moore, Paul Sawyer Public Library; Mary Newton, Jessamine County Adult Education; Whitney Gaines, KY Office of Adult Education

Location: Room 208I

Join us to explore what family literacy means, how to connect and promote your library's programming through family literacy initiatives, and how to partner with your local Adult Education staff to better support families in your community.



Margie Moore is a dedicated educator with a passion for fostering curiosity and lifelong learning. She spent 13 years teaching first grade and two and a half years in preschool education, nurturing young minds. For the past eleven years, she has brought her expertise to the library, helping patrons of all ages discover the joy of reading. She currently serves as Youth Services Manager at Paul Sawyer Public Library in Frankfort.



Mary Newton is Director of Jessamine County Adult Education, overseeing programs that expand educational and workforce opportunities for adults and families across the county. With 25+ years in adult education, she is passionate about family literacy, community partnerships, and creating meaningful pathways for learners to achieve their goals.



Whitney Gaines serves as Senior Coordinator for Program Administration and Performance Compliance with the Kentucky Office of Adult Education, where she leads statewide Family Literacy initiatives. She supports local Adult Education providers in developing and strengthening Family Literacy programming and partnerships that help meet the needs of families across Kentucky.

Notes from the Driver's Seat: Bookmobile Workshop

Margaret Perkins, Primary Prevention Branch Manager - Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services; Beth Milburn, KDLA; David Flint, Fleet - Vehicle Maintenance

Location: Room 208G

Margaret Perkins will give an overview of information relating to how to make a report, the policy and criteria about what would meet the threshold for a child welfare or vulnerable adult intervention in Kentucky, and what happens after a report is made.

Beth Milburn will share resources from the State Library that could be used for Bookmobile and Outreach Services.

Establishing a preventative maintenance schedule for your bookmobile and outreach vehicles is the best way to protect your library's investment. Mr. Fint will cover how to keep the library vehicles in peak performance mode.



Margaret Perkins, MSW, is a Certified Social Worker with 23+ years in child welfare and family strengthening. She serves as Primary Prevention Branch Manager for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, leading statewide efforts to expand prevention programs, build partnerships, and support families before crises occur. She oversees Kentucky's CBCAP programs (Community Collaboration for Children/CCC).



Beth Milburn is the Deputy Commissioner of KDLA. She has enjoyed serving Kentucky's public libraries for 18 years. She has a particular fondness for bookmobile and outreach services.



David Fint manages the Administrative and Operations Branch for the Commonwealth's statewide fleet program, overseeing Inventory, Fleet Help Desk, and Bill Pay. He leads fleet administration, vehicle procurement/lifecycle management, vendor and maintenance programs, purchasing, and financial operations—while ensuring efficient service delivery, regulatory compliance, and effective fleet resource management.