

# LOVING LOCAL

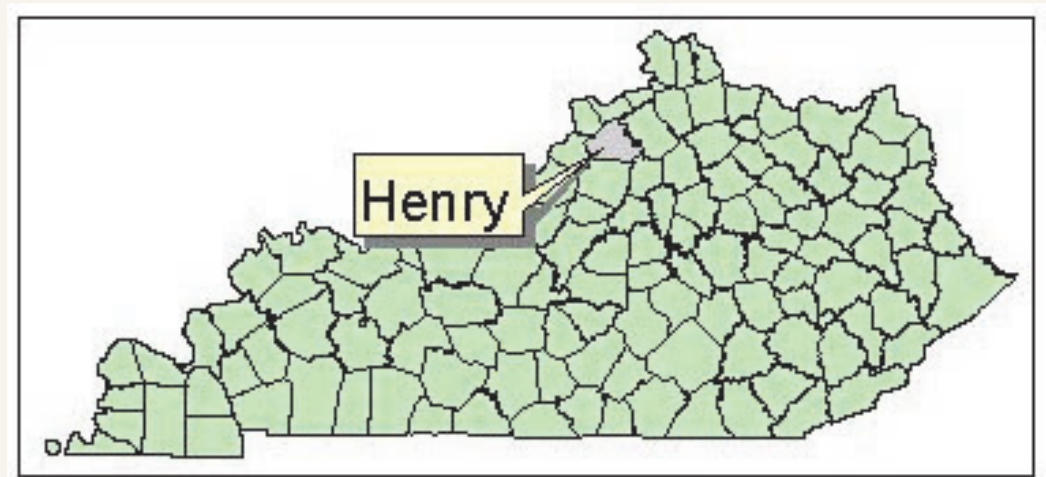


**Community pride in programming and partnerships**

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# ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

- We are a small rural farming community with a population of around 15,771 (Census Bureau estimate, 2022)
- Median household income is \$58,294



# ABOUT US

- **Our staff consists of 5 full-time, 12 part-time, and 2 seasonal employees, ages 16 to 50, from all different SES's, with education levels from high school students to Master's degrees**
- **We moved into a new building in 2020**
- **We believe it is essential to create a welcoming environment**
- **Through the alchemy of our employees, our building, our patrons, and our programs, we've imbued the library with a sense not just of safety, but of home**
- **In conversations with patrons, it is clear they see and appreciate our passion and willingness to go above and beyond**



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# OVERVIEW

- **Community Partnerships**
- **Programming**
- **In-reach and Outreach**

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- **Henry County Chamber of Commerce**
- **Henry County Historical Society**
- **Henry County Extension Office**
- **North Central District Health Department**
- **HCPS & EIS's FIT & FRYSCs**
- **Kiwanis Club of Henry County**
- **Second Wind Dreams**
- **Local Businesses**
- **Theater Downstream**
- **Rotary Club**
- **Animal Shelter**
- **Henry County Parks & Rec**
- **The Hope Center / Tri-County Community Action Center**
- **The Spot at Kentuckiana Works**
- **And More!**

# LOVE LOCAL MARKET



The Market is a partnership between the Henry County Public Library and the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. Booths include local farmers, artisans, non-profits, live music, food trucks, and local businesses.



Partner : Henry County Chamber of Commerce

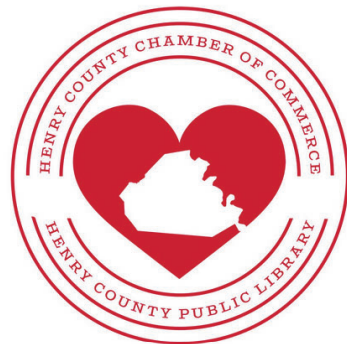
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- **This season begins out fourth year of the market**
- **Our largest market was 42 vendors and an estimated 300 attendees**
- **Our community actively looks forward to this event**
- **October's unique market coincides/expands into our Fall Festival and Haunted House**

**Partner : Henry County Chamber of Commerce**





*Love Local*  
= MARKET =







# STORYWALK

- The project began with a conversation during the Chamber of Commerce 2022 Leadership program
- Inviting others into the conversation was instrumental in completing the project



**Partner : Henry County Extension Office**





# STORYWALK



# BIG WINTER BLOWOUT



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- This year was the seventh year of our annual event
- Kiwanis provided a FREE breakfast
- All FRYSCs set up activities and helped facilitate the event
- Friends of the Library provided books for all attendees

**Partner : Everyone!**



# SEED LIBRARY



- We decided to order our seeds for our seed library from Parker's Farm Supply for our seed library. This was helpful to a local business, and our patrons loved that fact that we purchased them locally!

**Partner : Parker Farm Supply**



# PROGRAM EXAMPLES

- **Butter making and local bread & jam taste testing**
- **Love Local tumblers**
- **Glass etching**
- **Charcuterie boxes (including local honey)**
- **Pride in Place painting project**
- **Learning Depot project**
- **Won't You Be My Neighbor Day**
- **Henry County Hero badge for SLP**
- **Local coffee tasting**
- **Pine cones bird feeder**



# PROGRAMS



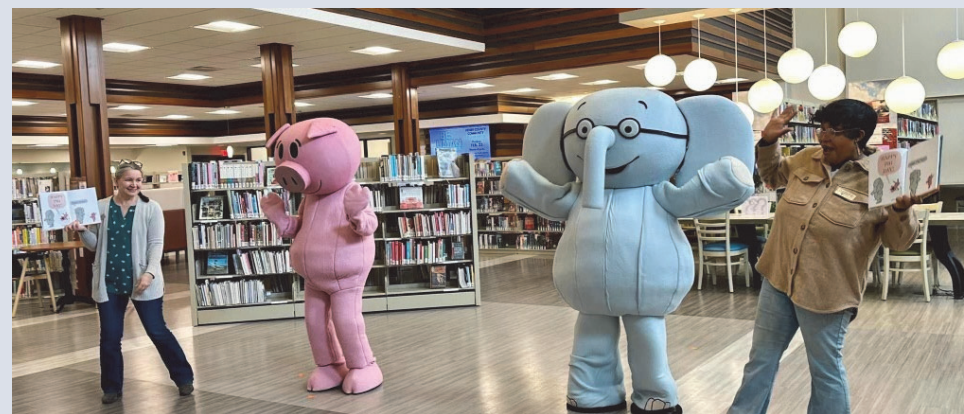
# IN-REACH AND OUTREACH

- **Group tours and a crafts for adults**
  - **Retired Teachers**
  - **Church Groups**
  - **Homemakers**
- **Field Trips & Family Nights**
  - **Senior Class Tours**
  - **Winter Family Nights**
  - **Kindergarten Registration**
  - **Latino Family Night**
  - **Sensory Friendly Movie Day**
- **Candidate showcase**
- **Community Outreach Events**
  - **8 Community Days & Parades**
  - **Harvest Showcase**
  - **Light Up Eminence**
  - **Monthly Outreach to Senior Citizens**
- **School Outreach**
  - **Girl's Empowerment Group**
  - **CEO**
  - **Family Nights**
- **Community Events at the Library**
  - **Community Baby Shower**
  - **Chamber Networking Events**





# IN-REACH & OUT-REACH



**QUESTIONS ?**



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