

KDLA Family Literacy Consultant

Please join KDLA in welcoming our new Family Literacy Consultant, Micah Followay. Over his decade-long career, Micah has worked in public and academic libraries. Since earning an MLIS in 2015 from the University of Kentucky, he's worked at various Louisville Free Public Library system branches, starting as a page and being promoted to Branch Supervisor.

Micah enjoys working on puzzles, reading biographies and modern horror genres, collecting vinyl records from various metal subgenres, and seeking new learning opportunities. Contact Micah at micah.followay@ky.gov or 502-564-8166.

Annual Report Webinars

KDLA State Data Coordinator Bobbie Augspurger is working hard to make it easier to understand the Annual Report. This spring, Bobbie is joined by KDLA's Regional Library Consultants to present a series of webinars that break down the annual report section by section. Each webinar will cover 3 or 4 sections of the Annual Report and will answer questions on categorizing and reporting the statistics your library collects.

The webinars on Sections A-D and E-G are archived and available through the [online learning portal](#). The remaining webinars will be presented live on the following dates:

- Section H-J: Wednesday, April 2, 2 PM ET/1 PM CT
- Section K-N: Wednesday, May 7, 2 PM ET/1 PM CT
- Section O-S: Wednesday, May 28, 2 PM ET/1 PM CT

Each of these will also be recorded and uploaded to the online learning portal for those unable to attend the live presentation.

TeachingBooks Available to Every Kentuckian

KDLA now offers free statewide access to [TeachingBooks](#), a website that helps library workers find educational resources for over 97,000 children's and teen books. Among the 372,000 resources available, library staff will find games and puzzles, programming resources, Summer Reading Program support, a custom reading list builder, and ideas for promoting the books in your collection. TeachingBooks also has sections to support homeschooling families, offer homework help for young readers, and provide collection analysis tools.

TeachingBooks resources are available in 20 languages and integrate seamlessly with the Libby app. For librarians whose job focuses on early childhood, TeachingBooks recently launched the Early Literacy Toolkit. This toolkit contains curated lists of PreK-2 titles, meet-the-author or illustrator videos, and provides fun ideas to ensure your programs support skills that make up the Scarborough Reading Rope.

Library employees interested in learning more about TeachingBooks can visit the KDLA Library Development Branch's YouTube channel to watch the webinar [All About TeachingBooks](#). Library directors should Request your library-specific access on the [TeachingBooks Library Set Up](#) page