

## Welcome New KDLA Regional Library Consultants

KDLA is pleased to introduce the two newest librarians on our Library Development team. Please join us in welcoming our new South East and South Central Regional Library Consultants.

### South Central Regional Library Consultant, Caleb Conover

Caleb spent the last eleven years in public libraries in various roles and projects - as a computer help desk assistant, teaching technology classes, management, programming, community engagement, strategic planning, and more. His favorite aspect of library service involves establishing community connections and building partnerships and collaboration between the library and other agencies.

Outside work, he enjoys spending time with friends and family and both board and video games. Caleb can be reached at [caleb.conover@ky.gov](mailto:caleb.conover@ky.gov) or 502-401-7770.

### South East Regional Library Consultant, Wendy O'Connor

Wendy has extensive experience working in urban and rural public libraries in Kentucky and Tennessee. During her 23-year career, she has served as a children's librarian, a reference librarian, and, most recently, a bookmobile and outreach librarian.

In her free time, Wendy enjoys knitting, crocheting, spinning, hot tea, reading, and traveling with her husband and daughter. Wendy can be reached at [wendy.oconnor@ky.gov](mailto:wendy.oconnor@ky.gov) or 606-521-0075.

## Help KDLA Plan for 2025

KDLA has released its [2025 Annual Library Survey](#) to assist in planning services and professional development opportunities for the upcoming year. All library employees, regardless of their role or full-time/part-time status, are encouraged to take 10 minutes to answer the questions about KDLA services.

Think your input doesn't make a difference? With help from feedback from the 2024 Annual Library Survey, KDLA

- Added a fifth Regional Library Consultant
- Applied for and secured a Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library Grant to provide leadership training for new and future library managers and directors
- Created webinars for on-demand topics like AI use in libraries
- Brought back programs such as Library Link-Up

The 2025 Annual Library Survey will be open until Friday, January 24, 2025. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Bobbie Augspurger at [bobbie.augspurger@ky.gov](mailto:bobbie.augspurger@ky.gov).