Friends of Kentucky Libraries Annual Meeting

*October 29 | Lexington*

The Friends of Kentucky Libraries will be holding its annual meeting on October 29 at Embassy Suites by Hilton at Lexington Green, adjacent to the Joseph-Beth Bookstore (which will host the Kentucky Book Festival on that day). Travel grants will be offered to local friends chapters traveling from a distance. In addition, the Friends of Kentucky Libraries will be offering $500 grants this fall to local chapters for activities that enhance their ability to support their libraries. To join the Friends of Kentucky Libraries or contact FOKL for more details, go to: [friendskylibraries.org](http://friendskylibraries.org) or email Wayne Onkst ([wayneonkst@fuse.net](mailto:wayneonkst@fuse.net)).

Banned Books Week

*September 18-24*

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

More information about Banned Books Week can be found at the Banned Books Week site of the American Library Association: [https://bannedbooksweek.org/](https://bannedbooksweek.org/)

KDLA Webinar for Trustees

*September 29 | 10 am Eastern/9 am Central*

KDLA will be hosting a 30-minute live webinar reviewing the basics of the Public Library Trustee Certification Program. You can see more about it on the [CE Events Calendar](#).

Annual Report Deadline Extended

Due to technical difficulties involving the annual report website, the deadline for filing the library’s annual report has been extended to **September 30, 2022**. KDLA will announce on the Directors listserv when the site is back up and running.

Terry Manuel Retirement

After almost 32 years of dedicated service, it is bittersweet to announce Terry Manuel’s retirement from KDLA. He will be taking a position as the Director of Strategy and Board Relations with the Kentucky CASA Network. His last day at KDLA was August 31. We hate to see him go but know he will do great things with CASA.

Deputy Commissioner Beth Milburn remains at KDLA to assist in her current role, pending advertisement for and hiring of a new Commissioner, State Librarian and State Archivist. She is well suited to guide the agency in Terry’s departure and has a broad depth of background.

We wish the best of luck to Terry; he will be greatly missed!