

Good morning. April showers bring May flowers, and I hope that you are able to enjoy the flowers and trees that are blooming right now.

In this digest there is a programming spotlight on McLean County Public Library, programming information for Memorial Day and Kentucky's birthday, and news about funds awarded to Kentucky from the U.S. Department of Labor.

Please note that our next monthly meeting will be on **May 20, at 10am ET, 9am CT. Here is the link:**

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-Programming Spotlight-

McLean County Public Library created National Tea Day kits for [National Tea Day](#), which was on April 21. The kits were in black and white checked bags, and they held: a tea cup and saucer, a tea bag, a piece of Dove chocolate, an individual pack of mini blueberry muffins, and a fancy napkin. The kits also included information about tea, why the English celebrate "high tea," and what is typically served at tea. These kits were available on a first come, first served basis. The event was promoted on the library's Facebook page and the library's website. Thank you, Aimee, and the McLean County Public Library for sharing about tea and tea-time with your library patrons and with us!

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Programming Ideas

May

[Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir](#) will air on PBS's American Masters series on May 3.

Promote and display any library materials by or about Amy Tan. Here are a few of Ms. Tan's titles if you need ideas: [The Bonesetter's Daughter](#), [The Hundred Secret Senses](#), [The Joy Luck Club](#), and [Saving Fish from Drowning](#)

Oops, I let this one sneak up on me. Tomorrow, May 4, is Star Wars Day! The [Star Wars.com](#) site has food and craft ideas that you may want to share with your patrons.

[Health Awareness Initiatives for May](#)

Check out the blog post at the link above to learn about resources available for: Hepatitis Awareness Month, Physical Fitness, and Women's Health Month.

-Display and/or promote any library materials on these topics.

-Many of you offer yoga classes virtually, so this is a good time to promote any of the physical fitness classes that your library offers.

- The Centers for Disease Control has the [Well-Integrated Screening and Evaluation for WOMen Across the National Program](#) (WISEWOMAN), which may be of interest to your patrons.
- The [National Women's Health Week site](#) has fact sheets and tips that you can make available to your patrons.
- Since Memorial Day also occurs in May, take this opportunity to share the link to the [Women Veterans Health Services](#) site.

Memorial Day

I've listed some ideas to thank and remember active service members and veterans below, and I've included some web resources for you too. Please note that an inclusion of the following resources does not equal an endorsement.

- Encourage your patrons to write notes to active service members or veterans.
 - Contact an organization like [Military Missions](#) or the [USO](#) to see what the procedures are for writing notes to active service members.
 - If it is not feasible to coordinate sending cards to active service members, contact your local assisted living facilities, Meals on Wheels, senior centers, or other local organizations who work with seniors to deliver cards to the veterans connected with them.
- Create a wall of thanks with bulletin board paper, and encourage your patrons to write notes of thanks to veterans and active service members. Post a photo of the giant thank you note on your library's social media accounts.
- Are there any veterans who work (either in paid or volunteer positions) at the library? If they are comfortable sharing their picture or their story with the public, create a thank you board or sign that says thank you to the specific veterans who are connected with the library.

[American Veterans: From Combat to Kentucky, Student Veteran Oral History Project](#) (University of Kentucky) and the [Library of Congress' Veterans History Project](#)

[Kentucky Military History Museum](#) and the [Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial](#) in Frankfort

[National Veterans Crisis Line](#) and [Suicide Prevention Hotline](#)

[PBS Memorial Day Concert and resources](#) and the [Wall of Remembrance](#)

[VA Hospitals-Lexington](#) and [VA Hospitals-Louisville](#) and [VA Caregiver Support](#)

[Veterans' Service Records](#)

[Women Veterans Health Services](#)

June

Happy Birthday, Kentucky!

Kentucky became a state on June 1, 1792, and here are some more ways to celebrate Kentucky's birthday.

- Kentucky has been a state for 229 years. Share 229 facts about the state with your patrons. If you need ideas for what to share, check out [these suggestions](#).
- Share information about your county on your social media accounts, and have your followers tell what they think is special about their county. Check out the [Kentucky County Formation Chart](#) for information about when your county was formed. Once you find out when your county was formed, use the number of years that your county has been around to determine the number of facts about it to share with your community. Franklin County was formed in 1795, so that would be 226 facts to give to your patrons. That's a lot!
- Highlight your Kentucky cookbook collection, and have folks post pictures of their Kentucky food creations (corn bread, stack cakes, pepper jelly) on your social media accounts.

September

[Hispanic American Heritage Month](#) is coming in September. To give you plenty of time to plan, here are some ideas to help you and your community celebrate. I'll post additional ideas as September gets closer.

- The American Library Association has a [poster](#) for Hispanic Heritage Month that you can purchase.
- The [Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs](#) has some resources which may be useful as you plan any displays or programs related to Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Check with your local college or university and ask if you can partner with them on a program that they may be hosting for Hispanic Heritage Month. If this isn't an option, see about partnering with a neighboring county to offer programs.
- Promote and display works by Latino/a authors, including Isabel Allende, Sandra Cisneros, and Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Penguin Random House has [a list of authors](#) and [another list of recommendations](#) if you need ideas. Hachette Book Group provides their own [list](#) for more ideas.
- Host a salsa dance class.
- Show a feature film that celebrates Latino/a heritage.
- If your library offers bilingual storytimes or ESL classes, be sure to promote these during this time. Check out this webinar from 2016 too, [Beyond Bilingual Storytime and ESL: Digging Deeper into Your Spanish Speaking Community](#) (Please note that there is a cost associated with this webinar.)
- Check out [Google's Latino Cultures in the US](#)
- The first Mexican virtual convention of speculative fiction, Mexicon, launches Premio Imaginación y Futuro with an awards list. The [Mexicon site](#) and [blog](#) have more information.

Workforce-related programming

Carpentry, Masonry, and Construction

- Share the "In Demand Career" video that KET has on the [Construction industry](#)
- Host an outdoor program with a stonemason, carpenter, or drafter. The program could be hands-on with your patrons getting to create their own project or learning how to make repairs. If you don't have a skilled craftsman in your area, see if the local hardware store or [extension office](#) can provide you with information about someone who can present. Breathitt County Public Library has offered a stonemason program in the past.
- Display and promote any titles related to construction, carpentry, masonry, and DIY titles.
- See if a local contractor or builder can do a virtual session or an interview on the types of careers and positions that one can have in this industry.
- KCTCS has the following program that you may want to share with your patrons: [Construction Technology](#)
- Let your patrons know about different periodicals that are available in this industry: *Buildings* (available in EBSCO through KYVL), *Carpenter Magazine*, *Masonry Construction/Concrete Construction*, *Masonry Magazine*, and *Popular Woodworking* (available in EBSCO through KYVL).

Here is additional information related to certification and employment in the construction industry.

[NCCER \(The National Center for Construction Education and Research\)](#)

OOH: [Construction and Extraction Occupations](#) and [Masonry](#)

O*Net: [Construction](#) and [Masonry](#)

News

[2 Economic Developments to Provide 800 Jobs](#) (Tom Latek, Kentucky Today, May 3)

[See The Lane Report's coverage here](#)

[2021 Edgar® Award Winners announced](#) (The Edgars.com, April 29)

[Communities receive nearly \\$1 million in grants](#) (Leah Caudill, WTVQ, April 28)

From the article-“Webster and Union Counties applied jointly for \$472,000 to purchase property for the Western Kentucky Regional Training Center. In collaboration with Madisonville Community College, the facility will train students as utility linemen and diesel mechanics and help them obtain a Commercial Driver’s License.”

[Governor’s School for Entrepreneurs picks 120 for summer program](#) (WTVQ, April 19)

See the list of those who were accepted [here](#)

[Groups discuss ‘Resources to Rise Again’ as East Kentucky Leadership Conference wraps up](#) (WYMT, April 23)

[Kentucky to reinstate work search requirement for unemployment May 9](#) (Courier Journal, April 22)

[WAVE 3 News coverage](#)

[WDRB coverage](#)

[Martha Stewart Is Releasing Her 99th Cookbook and It’s All About Desserts](#) (Delish, April 22)

[Nomadland wins the Oscar for Best Picture](#) (NBC News, April 26)

[Nomadland: Surviving in the Twenty-First Century](#) by Jessica Bruder. Here are Bruder’s other books in case your patrons have an interest: [Burning Book: A Visual History of Burning Man](#) and [Snowden’s Box: Trust in the Age of Surveillance](#)

[PLA, public libraries, and Microsoft extend upskilling efforts for in-demand jobs](#) (ALA, April 26)

[Solar project will help locate reclaimed mine lands](#) (Kentucky Today, April 23)

[Toyota investing \\$1.7 million in Kentucky to help diversify engineering workforce](#) (The Lane Report, April 21)

[US Department of Labor Awards \\$103M to Five States to Expand Project to Develop Strategies to Keep Ill, Injured Workers in the Workforce](#) (U.S. Department of Labor, April 28)

*Kentucky is one of the five states.

Webinars

[Designing for a Flexible Future](#)

May 5, 12, 19; 2:00-4:00pm, Eastern; registration fees begin at \$199.00

[Library Journal Day of Dialog 2021](#) (Library Journal)

May 6, 2021; 9:00am-6:00pm, ET; Free

Katie Couric, Colson Whitehead, Anthony Doerr, and Jonathan Franzen have been announced as authors who will participate.

[2021 ABOS Virtual Conference “Jazz Up Your Outreach”](#)

Monday, October 11 through Friday, October 15. Registration will open on Wednesday, June 16 and will close on Thursday, September 30.

\$84 - per person; \$69 - per person for departments of three (3) or more attendees; \$49 - MLIS graduate school students

Grants

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[ALA Announces COVID Library Relief Fund, ReMember Fund](#)

he \$1.25 million [ALA COVID Library Relief Fund](#) will offer grants of \$30,000–\$50,000 to public, school, academic, and tribal libraries across the United States and U.S. Territories that have been affected by pandemic-influenced budget contractions. The [ReMember Fund](#) will ensure that ALA members financially impacted by COVID-19 can maintain their membership.

[Write Her Future](#) (open application deadline)

Write Her Future Institute is a program that provides grants to programs in the form of a digital solution that teaches English to women learners. [Voxy EnGen](#) is a unique digital solution that will help your learners master the English Language using a state-of-the-art platform available 24/7 across all devices. Voxy EnGen's methodology is based on the latest research in second language acquisition and allows learners to accomplish their goals more efficiently. Applicants must be willing to begin using Voxy EnGen licenses within 30 days of activation. [Click here to apply now.](#)