

KDLA Services for Public Library Staff

The [Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives](#) (KDLA) is a state government agency whose mission is to support and promote access to library services and ensure that documentation of government activities is created, preserved, and made available for public use. Below is information about our key services for public library staff.

Regional Consultants

KDLA divides the state into four regions, each comprised of 30 libraries. Each one is served by a [Regional Consultant](#) who can provide information, guidance, and support. See our [Regional Directory](#) to find your Regional Consultant and which region your county is in.

Statewide Consultants

KDLA has Statewide Consultants with specific areas of expertise who provide consultation and training to public library staff in the following area: youth services, continuing education, technology, state data and statistics, and workforce and adult services. Visit our [staff directory](#) for contact information.

Certification

Some library staff are required to be certified per KRS 171.230-300. Speak with your supervisor about your certification needs or visit the [certification page](#). Our Continuing Education Consultants are available to assist you.

Continuing Education Opportunities

KDLA offers a variety of training opportunities (many online and free) for library staff to increase their knowledge and obtain contact hours towards recertification. A list of training sessions is available on our [Continuing Education Events Calendar](#). We also have a collection of [Archived Webinars](#) that can be viewed at your convenience.

LISTSERV® Mailing Lists

KDLA maintains four [email discussion lists](#) of interest to library staff: youth services, technology, bookmobile and outreach, and adult programming. The Kentucky Public Library Association also maintains discussion lists for directors and trustees. These lists are great for keeping up with KDLA news and getting advice and expertise from your colleagues. Subscribe following the instructions on our website.

Publications

- The [Annual Statistical Report of Kentucky Public Libraries](#) summarizes information taken from the Annual Report of Public Libraries submitted by each public library.
- The [KDLA Monthly Report](#) is a newsletter distributed to directors and trustees in Kentucky's public libraries. The most recent three issues are available online.
- The [Kentucky Public Library Calendar](#) is updated annually and provides important dates and deadlines for public libraries.
- The [Kentucky Public Library News Digest](#) is a compilation of links to articles and editorials relating to public libraries in Kentucky and beyond. The Digest can be viewed online and is also emailed out once a week.

“Ask a Librarian” Reference Service

Use [“Ask a Librarian”](#) for assistance with research and reference questions. You can call 502-564-8306 or email using the online form.

Lending Collections

KDLA provides a variety of [lending collections](#) for use by public library staff including book discussion kits (large print, regular print, children's and teen, adult) and thematic programming kits for all ages. Kits check out for six to eight weeks and can be delivered to your library via the KYVL Courier Service.

Summer Reading Support

Kentucky is a member of the [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#), which provides an annual theme, manual, artwork, access to incentives and more to support your library's summer reading program. Contact our Youth Services Consultant or visit our [summer reading page](#) for more information.

E-rate Support

[E-rate](#), or Education Rate, is a federal program designed to ensure schools and libraries have access to affordable high-speed broadband. E-rate funds provide discounted Internet access and subsidize the cost of eligible network equipment. Our Technology Consultant can assist your library in filing for E-rate discounts.

Library Science Resources

KDLA maintains a [library science resource list](#) to help you keep up-to-date on professional trends. You can also search the [KDLA Catalog](#) for topics of interest to you.

Kentucky Resource Sharing Program

KDLA supports all types of libraries in their missions of providing information to their customers. This is accomplished by supporting basic [resource sharing programs](#) and working closely with the Kentucky Virtual Library. Component services include the OCLC WorldShare Resource Sharing, Kentucky OCLC Database and the Kentucky Union List of Serials.