

GO FISH(ING!)

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HERE'S WHERE IT ALL BEGAN...THE KENTUCKY DEPT. OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SO GRACIOUSLY DONATED 16 ROD AND REEL COMBOS, ALONG WITH HOOKS, BOBBERS, AND SPLIT SHOT WEIGHTS!



OUR “POLE LOANER” DISPLAY AT THE MCCRACKEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

- The standing rack has 8-10 rods ready for check out at all times.
- We keep an eye on the hooks, making sure they are tucked safely into the cork handle.
- The patron must sign an agreement form upon checkout.
- After going over everything, the patron receives a mini tackle pack to keep.
- The patron is allowed to keep the rod and reel for 3 weeks.



ALL BARCODES ARE PLACED ABOVE THE HANDLE.

Placing the barcodes here has worked out, keeping the barcodes protected.



ADDITIONAL ROD STORAGE

The additional rod and reels we have purchased are placed on the hanging rod holder in the Tech Services work area, hanging behind a door, out of the way.

Do you have, or will you have???

- ▶ Public ponds, lakes, or water sources for fishing
- ▶ Set ages for checking out combos
- ▶ Someone to assist with, answer questions, do maintenance and repairs, as well as order tackle and make tackle packs
- ▶ Storage for extra rods and reels, tackle and tackle packs

This is what we have, and our plan.

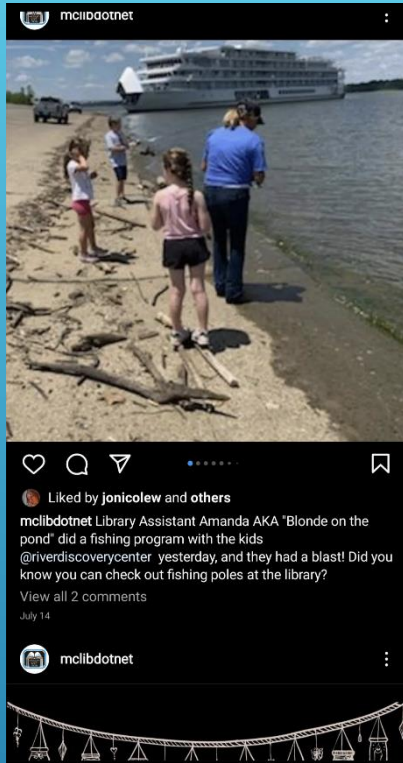
- ▶ Bob Noble Park Pond, Kentucky and Barkley Lakes, Ohio River
- ▶ Adults 18 and over with a card, children with a card may check out with parent's written consent (1 per card)
- ▶ A couple other staff members and myself
- ▶ A wall rack in tech. services work area, tackle and tackle packs are stored in filing cabinets

THINGS TO CONSIDER WITH THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM...

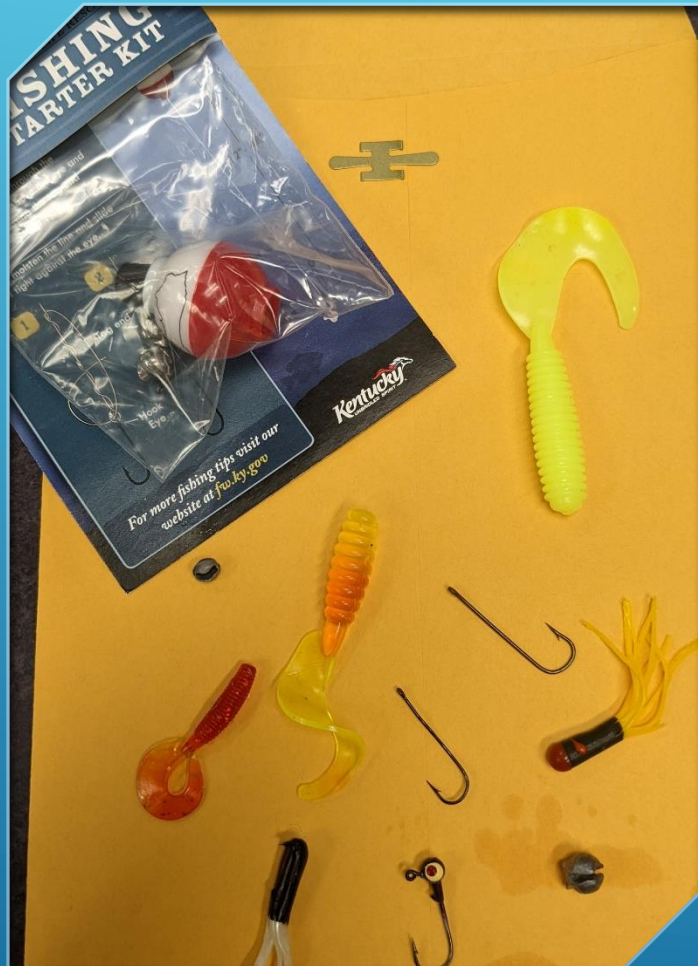
GET EDUCATED!

If your library partakes in this program, it is important that they get familiar with the equipment and educate themselves on basic fishing skills. Also stress the importance of acquiring a fishing license if over 16. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife has a wealth of information on all things fishing and conservation in general.

<https://fw.ky.gov/Education/Pages/Aquatic-Education.aspx>

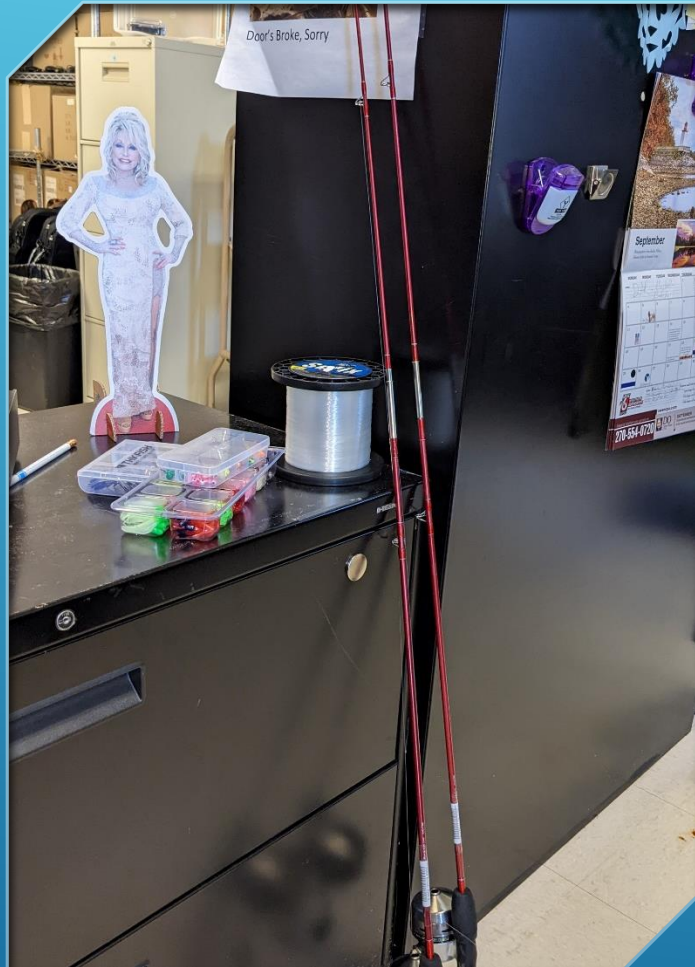


OFFERING THE "POLE LOANER" PROGRAM,
OPENS NEW DOORS FOR OTHER
ORGANIZATIONS TO GET INVOLVED AND
INVITES NEW OPPORTUNITIES.



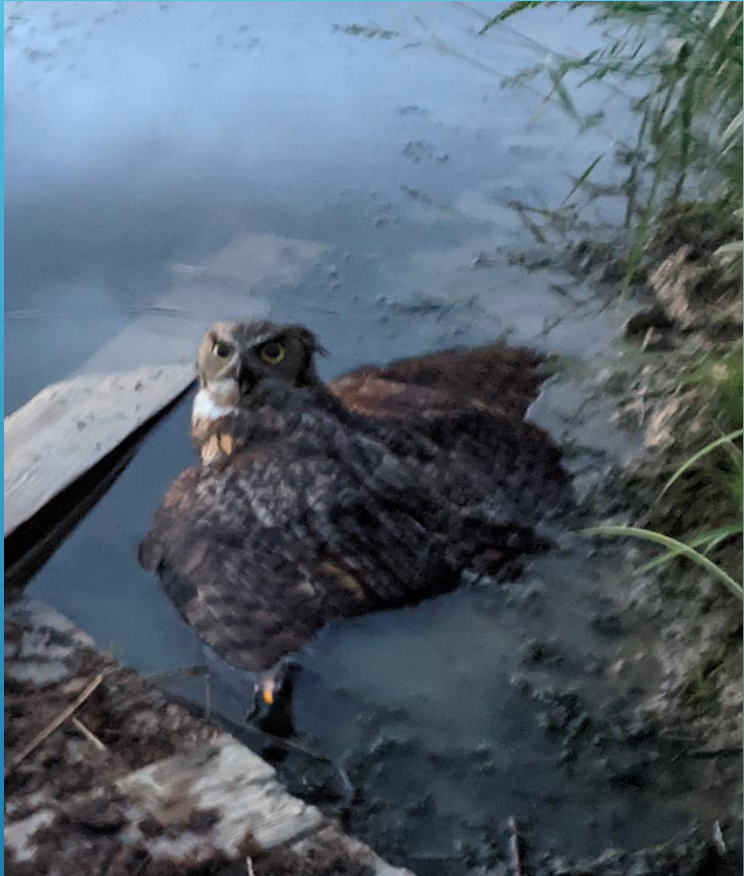
MINI TAKE-HOME TACKLE KITS

These tackle kits consist of a few pan fish hooks, jigs (lures), split-shot weights, bobber kits, and jig heads. Most of this was donated by Ky. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, but the library has also purchased items to add to the kits. These kits are for patrons to keep and not to be returned with their rod and reel. Patrons get one pack per rod and reel check out.



KEEPING TRACK OF NUMBER OF CHECK OUTS PER ROD AND REEL.

It is a good Idea to keep an eye on how many times a rod and reel goes out, to monitor line usage and wear and tear on the equipment. Over time, like anything else, maintenance and repairs will be needed and parts will have to be replaced ie. eyelets replaced, the reels re-lined, cleaned and oiled. Over time, unfortunately, the equipment will have to be discarded. So far, we have only had a few “lost” rods, and one returned taped back together in the middle with black electrical tape...like we wouldn't notice. Lol.



BOY, DO I HAVE A “FISHING TALE” FOR YA!

This is by far the strangest, most fascinating thing I've ever caught. An owl!!! It caught my top-water bait in mid-air while I was casting out! This took place on Memorial Day this year. I'll just land the plane and say, “YES!” it was just fine!