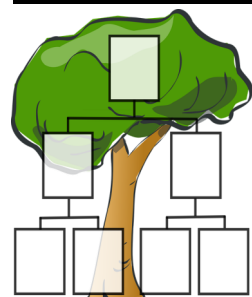


Notes from the Reference Department



Explore Your Family Tree in the New Year

Have you ever wondered about your ancestors or how your family came to settle in Kentucky? Have you been meaning to learn more about your family tree?

The first step is easy: just start with what you already know and write it down! Then talk to your living relatives to compare stories and acquire any information they can provide—dates and places of birth, children's names, marriages, family migrations, etc.

Don't forget to document what you learn. You can use typical family history forms such as a Pedigree Chart or Family Group Record, or you can try special computer software, which is available at a variety of price points. Gather family bibles, old diaries, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photo albums, making copies as needed. By recording the information as you find

it, you will be able to pinpoint the gaps in your family history knowledge and focus in on exactly what you want to know next.

After you've identified specific questions, you'll want to dig into public records to verify the information you have and to fill in missing information. Available records might include census records, marriage records, church records, military records, land deed and survey records, wills and probate records, tax lists, cattle brand registries, Native American rolls, ship passenger manifests and immigration records, or whatever else you can locate!

Many of these resources can be found at the Library. If you're feeling a little overwhelmed, BCPL's reference and genealogy clerks can provide general assistance and introduce you to the databases, books, and other resources we have to offer. If you have a specific question, they will even start the research for you!

Genealogy Search Basics



**Sunday, January 24th
2:00–4:00 PM
@ Ridgway Memorial Library**

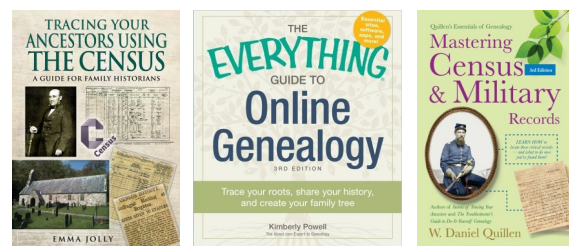
Come join Marianne for an overview of genealogy basics and get hands-on experience that can help you in tracing your own past. Topics will include:

- ⇒ Key resources available in Ridgway's Genealogy Room.
- ⇒ Basic research tips and how to document your findings.
- ⇒ Searching library databases like Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and NewsBank to kickstart your research.
- ⇒ How to read census records.
- ⇒ Using the microfilm and microfiche machine to view and save records.
- ⇒ Other useful genealogy information sources here in Bullitt County.

*Basic computer skills are required.
Please register online or call 543-7675 ext. 4.*

BCPL Reference Team Picks of the Month

Recommended books to get you started:



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Did you know...?

- Created from parts of Jefferson and Nelson in a December 1796 Act of the General Assembly, Bullitt County officially came into existence on January 1, 1797. Learn more at the Library or visit www.bullittcountyhistory.org.
- **Ellis Island opened on January 1, 1892.** Over 12 million new arrivals to America were processed there before the 1954 closure. You can learn more about Ellis Island in *American Passage: The History of Ellis Island* by Vincent J. Cannato (CALL # 325.73 CANN).

Ask the Reference Desk

- ➔ Drop in during scheduled reference hours
- ➔ Call us at 543-7675 ext. 4
- ➔ E-mail us at reference@bcplib.org
- ➔ Submit a **Reference Request Form**
- ➔ Contact us online with **Live Chat**

BCPL Reference Hours by Location

<p>Ridgway Memorial Library Sun., 1:00–5:00 PM Mon.–Thu., 10:00 AM–7:00 PM Fri. & Sat., 9:00 AM–5:00 PM</p>	<p>Hillview Library Mon.–Thu., 11:00 AM–7:00 PM</p> <p>Lebanon Junction Library Wed., 11:00–7:00 PM</p> <p>Mt. Washington Library Mon., Tue. & Thu., 11:00 AM–7:00 PM</p>
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MORE NEWS

BCPL SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBER

Bullitt County Public Library is seeking a dedicated, community-minded individual to fill a vacancy on our Library Board of Trustees. To ensure equitable representation for each of our individual communities, a resident of the Lebanon Junction area is strongly preferred. This is a volunteer position.

Applications and details will be posted on the Library homepage until final candidates have been determined. For more information about the responsibilities of the position or the appointment process, please contact Library Director Joe Schweiss at 543-7675 ext. 8 or e-mail your questions to joe@bcplib.org.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 12th @ 5:00 PM
Our January meeting will be held at Ridgway Memorial Library in Shepherdsville. Meetings are open to the public.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Thursday, December 31st
Friday, January 1st
Monday, January 18th
Happy holiday season from Bullitt County Public Library! All BCPL locations will be closed for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. We will also close on the 18th in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Online services—including e-books, e-magazines, streaming video, and databases—will remain available while we are closed.

BEST BOOKS — OF 2015 —

Our staff has been busy reading and evaluating the noteworthy books of 2015 to determine our own definitive list of the year's best. We've looked back on our favorites from earlier in the year, and we scoured the lists compiled by others to make sure we don't miss anything. Now we have a fantastic list of titles that we truly consider to be the Best of the Best!

Favorites in each category will be announced on our Book News & Reviews blog on the following dates:

Saturday, January 2nd
Best Books for Young Readers

Wednesday, January 6th
Best Books for Middle Grade/Tweens

Saturday, January 9th
Best Books for Teens



Wednesday, January 13th
Best Fiction for Adults

Saturday, January 16th
Best Nonfiction for Adults

Follow Our Progress!

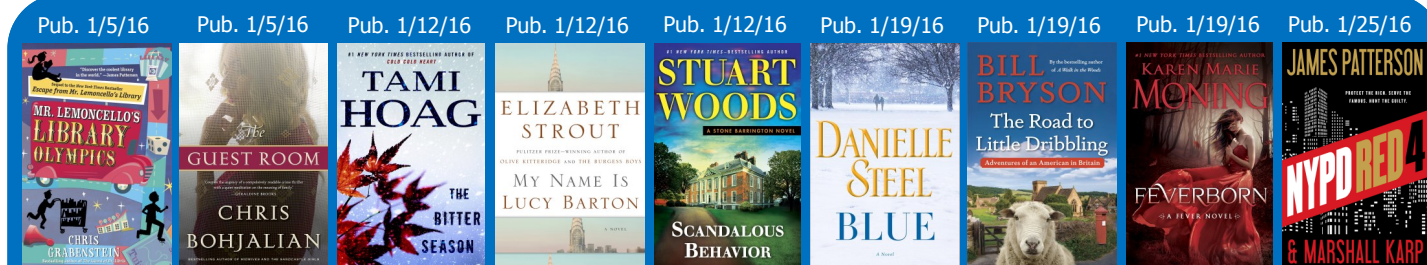


Storyhour kids got a chance to help celebrate with their own groundbreaking event!

We've broken ground for our new library building in Mt. Washington! We had a wonderful time at our Groundbreaking Ceremony on December 4th and appreciate everyone who came out to participate, from elected officials to kids and parents who stopped by after Storyhour.

Construction is expected to begin before the New Year. For the latest news on our building progress, stay tuned for our posts on Facebook or visit the BCPL website.

New and Coming Soon...



Get New Book Alerts from the Bullitt County Public Library on Facebook! www.facebook.com/bcplib

RIDGWAY MEMORIAL

Main Library in Shepherdsville, Phone 543-7675



Programs

TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages Birth-2)

Every Thursday, 9:30-10:00 AM *Registration Required**
Join the fun as we sing, read stories, and play games while teaching early literacy and social skills.

STORYHOUR (Ages 3-5)

Every Thursday, 10:30-11:30 AM *Registration Required**
We use books, songs, and simple crafts to develop early literacy skills and encourage socialization.

ANIME GAMING NIGHT (Middle & High School Ages)

Thursday, January 7th 4:00-7:30 PM *Drop-in Event*
Make friends at our monthly social night for tweens and teens. Enjoy favorite anime, viral videos, karaoke, classic card and board games, free refreshments, fun giveaways, and Minecraft!



Kentucky History in Performance Series

JOHN G. FEE: ABOLITION...AMEN!

(Middle School Ages & Up)
Saturday, January 16th 2:00-3:00 PM
*Registration Required**

See history come to life on the third Saturday afternoon of each month through April 2016! In January, enjoy Obadaiah Ewing-Roush's performance as John G. Fee (1816-1901), an abolitionist preacher. Fee's dedication and passion for the abolishment of slavery led to the founding of Union Church of Christ, an anti-slavery, non-denominational church, which planted the seeds for what would become Berea College.

TODDLERS ON THE MOVE (Ages Birth-4)

Thursday, January 21st 12:30-1:15 PM *Registration Required**
Join trained and certified Youth Fitness Specialists for a toddler fitness class with a focus on motor skills, coordination, and endurance.

GENEALOGY SEARCH BASICS (Ages 13 & Up)

Sunday, January 24th 2:00-4:00 PM *Registration Required**
In this class you will learn the basics of tracing your family tree and get hands-on experience with the resources available in the Susan S. Craik Genealogy Room at Ridgway Memorial Library and on the BCPL website. **Basic computer skills required.**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: MONKEY KINGDOM (All Ages; Rated G)

Thursday, January 28th 6:00-7:30 PM *Registration Encouraged*
Follow newborn monkey Kip and his mother Maya as they fight to survive deep in the jungles of South Asia after a competing group of monkeys chase them from their home. This Disney nature documentary features breathtaking footage amidst the jungle ruins. Enjoy free snacks and playful interactives during the show.

PREPARE TO CARE: CAREGIVING 101 (Ages 18 & Up)



Saturday, January 30th 10:00-11:00 AM
Registration Encouraged
Overwhelmed by the caregiving process? Wondering how you might prepare yourself to care for a spouse or a loved one when they can no longer take care of themselves? Let Charles Williams of AARP KY guide you to resources to help you begin this part of your journey.

HILLVIEW

Branch Library, Phone 957-5759



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JOB LAB

Job Help @ Hillview Library Computer Lab

JOB LAB (Ages 16 & Up)

Every Wednesday, 11:00 AM-7:00 PM *Drop-in Event*
Calling all job seekers! Drop in at the Computer Lab to access a variety of job and career resources or to attend the workshops listed below. For more info, visit www.bcplib.org/joblab.

Microsoft Word Skills: Basics and Beyond

Wed., Jan. 6th 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM *Registration Encouraged*

Create a Free Set of Personalized Business Cards

Wed., Jan 20th 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM *Registration Encouraged*

OPEN LAB

Every Thursday, 12:00-6:00 PM *Drop-in Event*
No reservations. No time limits. Just drop in at our Computer Lab to work independently or get basic computer help. Space is limited.

ANIME GAMING NIGHT (Middle & High School Ages)



Tuesday, January 5th 4:00-7:30 PM
Drop-in Event
Make friends at our monthly social night for tweens and teens. Enjoy favorite anime, viral videos, karaoke, classic card and board games, free refreshments, fun giveaways, and Minecraft!

BASICS OF MEMORY LOSS, DEMENTIA & ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE (Ages 18 & Up)

Saturday, January 23rd 3:00-4:00 PM *Registration Encouraged*
If you or someone you know is affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia, it's time to learn the facts. Join Pat Coomes, a volunteer educator with the Alzheimer's Association, as he provides info on detection, causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment, and much more.

FASCINATING NONFICTION BOOK CLUB (Ages 18 & Up)

Wednesday, January 27th 6:00-7:00 PM *Registration Required**
Join us to discuss American cartoonist Alison Bechdel's *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic*. This graphic-format memoir provides a darkly funny family portrait that details the author's relationship with her closeted gay father and her attempts to unlock the mysteries surrounding his life. A limited number of copies are reserved each month for registered book club members.

LEBANON JUNCTION

Branch Library, Phone 833-4648



Programs

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STORYHOUR (Ages 3-5)

Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:30 AM *Registration Required**
We use books, songs, and simple crafts to develop early literacy skills and encourage socialization.



Wii BOWLING (Ages 18 & Up)

Every Thursday 10:00-11:30 AM
Drop-in Event
Join the fun in the meeting room as we chat and laugh while bowling on the Wii game console.

BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB (Ages 18 & Up)

Thursday, January 14th 12:00-1:30 PM *Registration Required**
Bring your lunch and discuss *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. In 1959, an evangelical Baptist minister and his family travel to the Belgian Congo for a life-changing mission. Over the course of three decades, they experience the constant upheavals of Africa as they struggle with their own inner turmoil and family dysfunction. A limited number of copies are reserved each month for registered book club members.



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If You Give a Child a Cookie... January 1st-31st



Calling all elementary-age children! Drop in at any BCPL location to share your reading accomplishments each week! Simply collect your weekly "cookie" from the Circulation Desk and record your name and the number of books you read over the last week. Then add your cookie to the library cookie jar!



MT. WASHINGTON

Branch Library, Phone 538-7560



Programs

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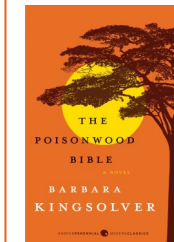
Every Friday, 9:30-10:00 AM *Registration Closed**
Join the fun as we sing, read stories, and play games while teaching early literacy and social skills. **Sorry, this program is full!**

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Plot Summary:

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ⇒ To register, visit the PROGRAMS page at www.bcplib.org or call the Outreach & Programs Department at 543-7675 ext. 5.
- ⇒ A parent or guardian must remain on library premises with children ages 15 and under.
- ⇒ All programs are free unless otherwise noted.
- ⇒ If Bullitt County Public Schools are closed, Toddler Storytime and Storyhour will be canceled.
- ⇒ Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/bcplib for the earliest possible notification of weather closings or event cancellations.

*IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGISTRATION GUIDELINES ARE CHANGING

Beginning with all January 2016 events, we will offer only a limited number of guaranteed seats for programs that require registration. Additional seats may be available on the day of the event on a first-come, first-served basis.

A Note from Outreach & Programs Supervisor Allison White: We certainly understand the busy schedules of our patrons; however, many patrons are registering for programs that they don't ultimately attend. Because of space limitations, we must close registrations as soon as our seats are filled. When patrons register and don't make it to a program, others who may have likely attended won't be able to partake. It is for that reason that our programs will have a number of guaranteed seats and some seats that will be held for drop-in patrons, which will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, making it possible for more patrons to participate in the programs we offer.