Explore Your Family's Story 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 (don't forget to search Fold3!), 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!

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Powered by Ancestry, Fold3 helps you uncover the real story through a unique combination of official military records and deep first-person content, including bios, photos, letters, and more. More than 470 million searchable records span hundreds of years and cover topics ranging from World War II Archives to FBI Case Files and UFO Investigations. Get started now at bcplib.org/genealogy.

2019: A Photo Retrospective

We are proud of the programs, services, and events we brought you in 2019, so here's a look at our year in pictures.
From the Director

Thanks for a Great 2019

Every time I explain to someone where I work and get ready to explain what I do, I frequently get stopped and asked “With the Internet is there any need for libraries?” I used to get angry but now I laugh, happy that I get a chance to correct some wrongs that somehow have become an accepted incorrect statistic or saying (did you know the saying is actually “champing at the bit” and not “chomping at the bit”? That kind of thing).

I actually get a little envious because whomever I am speaking with gets to have their mind blown and a path to a whole new world of books, movies, databases, and digital streams and downloads shown to them. Right now I’m aware that I’m singing the praises of something that you already know about (tell your friends!) so I want to share with you just a fraction of information that shows how valuable a great library system is to the community.

In 2019, the Bullitt County Public Library system:
- Had over 29,000 account holders
- Circulated items from our branches over 350,000 times
- Served up over 80,000 digital books, audiobooks, videos, and magazines
- Provided over 78,000 Wi-Fi sessions
- Provided computer access over 55,000 times
- Had over 360,000 visitors
- Held over 1,400 programs with more than 32,000 attendees
- Interacted with another 17,000 people at events throughout Bullitt County
- Expanded the parking lots at two locations
- Nearly completed the building of a whole new branch

Most of those are record high numbers, which are even better than last year’s record high numbers. I didn’t even touch on our publicly available meeting rooms, the amount of material that is available 24 hours a day from practically anywhere, our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten early literacy campaign, or how we offer access to test preparation and job training tools. And by mentioning those, I had to leave out all of the other things we offer. The list of what BCPL provides is long and growing constantly!

If anything, the presence of the Internet has made public libraries more important, and we are happy to help guide you through the noise and confusion. Thanks for a great 2019. Here’s to an even better 2020!

Joe Schweiss, Director
Bullitt County Public Library

Hours & Locations

**Ridgway Memorial** (Main Library in Shepherdsville)
127 N. Walnut Street, 543-7675

**Hillview**
155 Terry Boulevard, 957-5759

**Lebanon Junction**
11382 S. Preston Highway, 833-4648

**Mt. Washington**
214 N. Bardstown Road, 538-7560

**Sunday** 1:00–5:00 PM (Ridgway only)

**Mon.–Thu.** 9:00 AM–8:00 PM

**Fri. & Sat.** 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Are you all about the audiobooks for 2020?

- Stream or download with Hoopla, KLU, or RBdigital!
- Or check out a book on CD or Playaway!
The end of the year is a traditional season of giving, and in 2019 we were lucky enough to experience Bullitt County generosity in full force.

First Harrison Bank Donation for Nichols Branch Library

In support of the forthcoming Nichols Branch Library and the children of the Nichols school and community, First Harrison Bank donated funds for the purchase of 50 new children’s books for our opening collection! Our Technical Services team has already been busy purchasing and processing our new books. Selected titles include several fairy tales and lots of must-have classics like Corduroy, Goodnight Moon, and Where the Wild Things Are.

Our heroes! Thank you to all of the groups and individuals who dropped your drawers to help local students by replenishing the BCPS undie supply.

Drop Your Drawers 2019

Once again, we asked you to drop your drawers at the library—and you dropped them at the library and all around the county, too!

As of December 20th, we’ve already surpassed our 2018 collection total thanks to the support and enthusiasm of local businesses and organizations like Best Buy Distribution Center, Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce, Greater Bullitt County Youth Football League, Sleep Inn & Suites, and Bullitt County Family YMCA. Collection continues through the end of 2019, but we can’t wait to tally and announce our final totals in early 2020!

We’re starting off the new year with some great news! Progress for our new Nichols Branch Library is right on track.

December was a whirlwind of activity as walls were painted (check out the fun accent walls in the photo!), ceiling grids and lighting tracks were completed, and carpet and the flooring in our sunroom were installed. Once carpet was laid, we were able to accept our very first furniture delivery!

We also had a very important visit from the water company at the end of the month, meaning we will have running water and flushable toilets. (Hooray!) We still have a few crucial steps to check off the list before we set an opening date—indoor heating, for example!—but we’re definitely getting closer. Progress is happening fast, so stay tuned for more news on the Library’s main Facebook account.

THANK YOU for Your Support

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The new Nichols branch will feature purposefully designed, flexible spaces to include a meeting room, two study rooms, a cozy sunroom, and generous open seating that can be reconfigured as needed. Photo taken December 12th.
Kids’ & Family Events

Kindergarten Readiness Workshop

Get the tips and tools you need to help your child prepare for school!

- Toddler Time Ages 0–2
  - @MT. WASHINGTON | Every Tuesday, 9:30–10:00 AM
  - @HILLVIEW | Every Wednesday, 9:30–10:00 AM
  - @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Every Thursday, 9:30–10:00 AM
  - @LEBANON JUNCTION | Every Friday, 9:30–10:00 AM
  We’ll sing, read stories, and play all while teaching young children early literacy skills and providing a safe space for them to explore.

- Storytime Ages 3–5
  - @MT. WASHINGTON | Every Tuesday, 10:30–11:15 AM & 2:30–3:15 PM
  - @HILLVIEW | Every Wednesday, 10:30–11:15 AM & 2:30–3:15 PM
  - @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Every Thursday, 10:30–11:15 AM & 2:30–3:15 PM
  - @LEBANON JUNCTION | Every Friday, 10:30–11:15 AM & 2:30–3:15 PM
  Kids enjoy a fun and interactive experience with stories, songs, and a simple craft as they build early literacy and social skills that help them prepare for kindergarten.

- Storytime with Hoopla Ages 3–5
  - @HILLVIEW | Friday, January 3rd 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
  - @MT. WASHINGTON | Friday, January 3rd 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
  Experience storytime like never before through a magical combination of children’s books and technology.

- Snow Day Stories Ages 3–5
  - @HILLVIEW | Saturday, January 4th 2:00–3:00 PM
  - @MT. WASHINGTON | Saturday, January 4th 2:00–3:00 PM
  Regardless of the weather outside, come celebrate the happiness of a Snow Day with a variety of stories, winter-themed crafts, and an activity on the top of everyone’s Snow Day to-do list: a snowball fight! That’s right, we’ll have a snowball fight inside the library... And it will be epic!

- Holiday Wreaths for Kids Children of All Ages
  - @MT. WASHINGTON | Monday, January 6th 6:00–7:00 PM
  - @HILLVIEW | Thursday, January 9th 6:00–7:00 PM
  Come create your own festive holiday wreath of the month! In January, join us to craft a delightful snowman wreath.

- A Winter’s Evening Storytime Ages 0–5
  - @RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Monday, January 6th 6:00–7:00 PM
  - @LEBANON JUNCTION | Monday, January 13th 6:00–7:00 PM
  Join us for a special evening storytime featuring a winter wonderland of stories and crafts! Stay warm and cozy and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while you listen to two to three lovable stories and make a winter-themed craft to treasure.

- Family Movie Night: Dora and the Lost City of Gold (Rated PG) All Ages
  - @HILLVIEW | Monday, January 6th 6:00–7:45 PM
  - @LEBANON JUNCTION | Thursday, January 9th 6:00–7:45 PM
  - @MT. WASHINGTON | Thursday, January 16th 6:00–7:45 PM
  This month, join us for Dora and the Lost City of Gold, a live-action film in which the popular children’s character works to solve a mystery related to an ancient civilization and her missing parents. Free snacks and drinks will be served; pizza will be provided at Lebanon Junction.

- Shapes & Patterns in March

Psst... Many BCPL events are designed to build essential kindergarten readiness skills such as language and literacy, cognition and general knowledge, approaches toward learning, physical well-being and motor skills, and social and emotional development. Depending on the age of your child, this month we recommend that you also try Sensory Stations or LEGO Club!

This symbol indicates that registration is required for a limited number of reserved seats. Unless otherwise noted, all other events are drop-in events. Space will be available on a first-come, first served basis.
Sensory Stations Ages 0–4
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Tuesday, January 7th 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
@HILLVIEW | Friday, January 10th 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
@MT. WASHINGTON | Friday, January 10th 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Wednesday, January 15th 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
Bring your little ones to enjoy a hands-on, natural introduction to the scientific processes as they play and investigate. Plus, grab a takeaway project to continue the sensory learning at home.

Homeschool Connect All Ages
@MT. WASHINGTON | Wednesday, January 8th 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Connect with other members of the homeschool community, share ideas, and enjoy new activities at each monthly session.

LEGO Club Ages 5–11
@MT. WASHINGTON | Thursday, January 9th 6:00–7:00 PM
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Tuesday, January 14th 6:00–7:00 PM
Explore your creativity and show off your LEGO-building skills with other LEGO enthusiasts. We'll provide the LEGO bricks—you provide the imagination!

I Have a Dream All Ages
@MT. WASHINGTON | Monday, January 13th 3:00–5:00 PM
Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. and his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech! Take a journey through time as you watch a clip of the famous 1963 speech, then write down your own dreams for the future. Plus, kids can create a special keepsake card to commemorate their dreams (and their handprints!).

Toddler Move & Groove! Ages 0–4
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Thursday, January 16th 12:15–1:00 PM
Join us for an action-packed class focusing on motor skills, coordination, and active play with others. We'll dance along to awesome music and get moving with hula hoops, ribbon dancers, and more.

Creative Play Ages 3–5
@MT. WASHINGTON | Friday, January 17th 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
@HILLVIEW | Friday, December 24th 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
Enjoy fun social activities designed to help children engage with their peers, exert more independence, and use their imagination through cooperative learning, creating, and play.

Homeschool Libratory Children of All Ages
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Tuesday, January 21st 1:00–3:00 PM
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Wednesday, January 22nd 1:00–3:00 PM
Full STEAM ahead to the Homeschool Libratory! Join us for hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities.

Family Movie Night: Aladdin (Rated PG) All Ages
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Thursday, January 23rd 6:00–8:15 PM
This month, join us for Disney's live-action Aladdin (2019)! Free pizza and drinks will be provided.

Artsy Evenings: Glittery Q-Tip Snowflake Ages 5–11
@HILLVIEW | Monday, January 27th 6:00–7:00 PM
@MT. WASHINGTON | Monday, January 27th 6:00–7:00 PM
Join us for a creative evening of art appreciation and exploration! This month, learn why no two snowflakes are the same as you create a unique, one-of-a-kind snowflake.

DON'T MISS...

Pigeon's Adventures Children of All Ages
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Monday, January 27th 6:00–7:00 PM
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Tuesday, January 28th 6:00–7:00 PM
@HILLVIEW & MT. WASHINGTON | Thursday, January 30th 6:00–7:00 PM
Join us for a playful, fun night all about Pigeon. Enjoy stories and crafts, then get really wacky as you play Pigeon games like Duck Duck Pigeon or Pigeon Says. Just remember to keep Pigeon from driving the bus no matter how much he begs, bargains, wheedles, or tries to trick you!

...PLEASE? Just a little? I promise to be careful. How 'bout I give you a dollar? But I’m sick. Not even if I eat my vegetables?

To register or for more information, visit www.bcplib.org/events or call the Outreach & Programs Department at 543-7675 ext. 5.

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Events for Teens

Teen Lounge  Ages 12–18
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL, HILLVIEW & MT. WASHINGTON | Thursday, January 2nd & 9th  4:00–7:00 PM

At Teen Lounge, your experience is in YOUR hands. Drop in and choose whichever activity suits your mood. Play on our gaming laptops, explore virtual reality, create art projects, tinker with a variety of tech and engineering tools, get your game on with an assortment of board and card games, and share the experience with your friends. Plus, enjoy free refreshments!

Fortnite  All Ages
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Tuesday, January 7th  4:00–7:00 PM
@HILLVIEW | Tuesday, January 7th  4:00–7:00 PM
Fortnite fanatics of all ages, join us on the first Tuesday of the month for a fun night of Fortnite and other gaming favorites. Try your luck at elimination Battle Royale to tier up your Battle Pass, or delve into the creative atmosphere of other online games like Minecraft and Roblox.

Snow Day In  Ages 12–18
@MT. WASHINGTON | Tuesday, January 7th  4:00–6:00 PM

We’re calling a Snow Day! Join us for a warm and cozy evening of wintry fun including a movie of your choice, a hot chocolate bar, and an outrageous indoor snowball fight. Plus, create a ‘cool’ icicle project to grow your own crystals.

Rooks and Books  All Ages & Skill Levels
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Monday, January 13th  5:00–7:00 PM

Join coaches Brandon Edmonson and Dennis Minnis for a variety of activities, including personalized instruction, bughouse chess, speed chess, open chess, and giant chess.

Makerspace  Ages 12–18
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL, HILLVIEW & MT. WASHINGTON | Tuesday, January 14th  4:00–6:00 PM

Build, design, craft, or invent with our surprise project of the month, or raid our maker cart to follow your own muse. From 3D printers to oil pastels, choose from a variety of art supplies and tech tools to make your creative visions a reality!

Minecraft Meetup  Ages 8+
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL, HILLVIEW & MT. WASHINGTON | Tuesday, January 21st  4:00–6:00 PM

Join other Minecrafters to explore, build, battle, and survive in exciting virtual worlds using BCPL’s own multiplayer Minecraft server. Plus, we’ll have free snacks and Roblox access! A limited number of laptops and BCPL Minecraft accounts will be provided.

Pokémon Club  Ages 7–18
@MT. WASHINGTON | Thursday, January 23rd  5:00–7:00 PM

Trainers and Pokémaniacs unite! Visit entertaining activity stations to learn how to play the card game, trade some of your best creatures, play fun Pokémon mini games, and create some awesome 3D Pocket Monsters of your very own. Plus, this month play Find That Pokémon!

Got Paint?  @Mt. Washington
Begins Tuesday, February 4th  4:00–6:00 PM

Join us to paint a colorful masterpiece! At each monthly session, we’ll explore a different medium or unique canvas, and you’ll get to go home with renewed artistic inspiration and a fun new decoration! Inspired by the Kindness Rocks movement, our February project will be Library Rock Painting. Ages 12 & up.

Watercolor Basics  @Ridgway Memorial
Begins Tuesday, February 4th  4:00–7:00 PM

Explore the basics (and beyond!) at our new teens-only painting series featuring expert video instruction with Creativebug. During this 3-part, progressive paint-along series, artist-instructor Yao Cheng will take aspiring artists from the beginning fundamentals to intermediate skills as you get hands-on experience with a little in-person assistance from Jill. Ages 12–18.
Events for Adults

GED Prep (Math)  Ages 18+
@HILLVIEW | Every Tuesday, 4:30–7:00 PM
A SkillsU instructor will be available on a first-come, first-served basis; you may also call 502-213-7979 to book an appointment.

KentuckianaWorks @BCPL  Ages 18+
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Every Wednesday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
@MT. WASHINGTON | Every Wednesday, 1:30–4:00 PM
@HILLVIEW | Every Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
A KentuckianaWorks advisor will be onsite offering free career services. Get assistance with resumes, job interview skills, training opportunities, job search strategies, and more! Walk-ins are welcome.

Wii Bowling & More  Ages 18+
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Every Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM
Join other adults to chat and get your game on; featuring Wii bowling along with a variety of tabletop and card games.

First Friday Bunco Night  Ages 18+
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Friday, January 3rd 6:00–8:00 PM
Let the good times roll at the library after hours while you enjoy a fun, classic game and great conversation. Grab a friend—or two! —and join us for a rollicking night of Bunco and community. Light refreshments, bragging rights, and awesome prizes provided.

Knit 1, Purl 2  Ages 12+
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Saturday, January 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th 10:00–11:30 AM
Take a crash course in knitting basics with Shelley Davis! This 4-week series for beginners will take you through a project from start to finish. PLEASE NOTE: Participants are required to attend the January 4th session for admission to later sessions. It is strongly encouraged that participants attend all four sessions.

Tech Talk & Coffee Hour  Ages 55+
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Tuesday, January 7th & 21st 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
Join Marianne to enjoy a warm cup of coffee as we explore a variety of technology topics through casual, guided instruction in a small group! Potential topics include apps, cloud basics, e-books, music and video streaming, security updates, video calling, and more.

Bingo!  Ages 18+
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Monday, January 6th 6:00–7:00 PM
@HILLVIEW | Wednesday, January 8th 5:30–6:30 PM
@MT. WASHINGTON | Wednesday, January 15th 6:00–7:00 PM
Enjoy a fun night of bingo! Prizes will include sweet treats, household items, and other goodies to help you pamper yourself.

Yoga  Ages 18+
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Wednesday, January 8th 6:00–7:00 PM
@RIDGWAY MEMORIAL | Wednesday, January 15th 6:00–7:00 PM
@HILLVIEW | Wednesday, January 22nd 6:00–7:00 PM
Clear your mind, reduce stress, and gain flexibility in a fun, no-pressure yoga session! Join certified yoga instructor Christy High for a timeout from your busy schedule as you learn breath work, light stretching techniques, beginner poses, and more.

Brown Bag Book Club  Ages 18+
@LEBANON JUNCTION | Thursday, January 9th 12:00–1:30 PM
@MT. WASHINGTON | Tuesday, January 14th 12:00–1:30 PM
Drop in to Lebanon Junction and bring your lunch to discuss what you’ve read. This month at Mt. Washington, we’re discussing A Hearth in Candlewood by Delia Parr.

Fourth Monday Book Club  Ages 18+
@MT. WASHINGTON | Monday, January 27th 6:30–7:45 PM
Book lovers unite on the fourth Monday of the month! Join us to discuss our latest book selection chosen by the group; for details, contact Gayle at 543-7675 ext. 2551 or e-mail gayle@bcplib.org.

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Did you know?
1 pint of blood can save 3 lives!
### From Our Shelves: What's Hot Right Now

#### TOP ADULT FICTION
- Twisted Twenty-Six by Janet Evanovich
- The 19th Christmas by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
- Criss Cross by James Patterson
- Blue Moon by Lee Child
- The Guardians by John Grisham

#### TOP ADULT NONFICTION
- Talking to Strangers by Malcolm Gladwell
- Inside Out: A Memoir by Demi Moore
- Becoming by Michelle Obama
- Complete Keto by Drew Manning
- Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

#### TOP YOUNG ADULT BOOKS
- My Hero Academia, Vol. 16: Red Riot by Kohei Horikoshi
- My Hero Academia, Vol. 17: Lemillion by Kohei Horikoshi
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- My Hero Academia, Vol. 13: The Test by Kohei Horikoshi
- War Storm by Victoria Aveyard

#### TOP JUNIOR BOOKS
- Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls by Dav Pilkey
- Wrecking Ball by Jeff Kinney
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules by Jeff Kinney
- Reiske's Native American History & Culture Encyclopedia by Sandy Sepehri
- Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild by Dav Pilkey

#### TOP CHILDREN'S BOOKS
- The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore
- Bear Stays Up for Christmas by Janice Lynn
- The Good Neighbor by Janice Lynn
- The 19th Christmas by Louisa May Alcott
- A Cinderella Story by Charles Dickens

#### TOP E-BOOKS
- Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
- Twisted Twenty-Six by Janet Evanovich
- Smoke Screen by Sandra Brown
- The Institute by Stephen King
- The Tatooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
- Blue Moon by Lee Child

#### TOP AUDIODES (all formats)
- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Good Neighbor by Maxwell King
- Wrapped Up In Christmas by Janice Lynn
- The House We Grew Up In by Lisa Jewell

#### TOP DVDS & BLU-RAYS
- The Lion King (2019)
- Toy Story 4
- Spiderman: Far From Home
- John Wick Ch. 3: Parabellum
- The Grinch (2018)
- A Cinderella Story
- Avengers: Endgame
- Dora and the Lost City of Gold
- X-Men: Dark Phoenix
- The Secret Life of Pets 2
- Night Hunter