16th Annual
Early Childhood Festival

Join us for the 16th Annual Early Childhood Festival on Saturday, March 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Main Library.

More than 30 vendors will be here with children’s activities and information on services for little ones and their families. Talk to representatives from preschools, music classes, sports programs and other organizations that support early childhood development.

Free developmental screenings for children from ages two months to five years will be offered by the Library. A screening will allow you to catch problems early and provide reassurance that your child is acting, playing, or speaking in ways that are expected at different ages. At the end of the screening, you will have a good understanding of what developmental milestones have been reached, what to expect next, and what activities can be done at home to support your child’s development. You will learn if your child would benefit from additional services and where to find these resources.

The Lions Club will be offering free walk-in vision screenings for all ages, beginning as early as 6 months.

Join us for free activities that will be fun for the whole family! Hope to see you there!

- Juggler
- Live animals from Cool Critters (10:30-11:30 a.m.)
- Face painting
- Tales, the Library Dragon
- STEM-focused play-area for preschoolers
- Craft stations
- Fill out an entry form to win one of our door prizes, generously donated by our vendors.

Discover Boone County Public Library
... because hands-on learning builds stronger brains.

#CheckOutBCPL
Enjoy this relaxing coloring project. Registration for March 4 includes supplies for the 3-week session.

Best of the Best Book Group
Thursday, March 5, Scheben Branch, 3 p.m.
Discus every novel played by Linus Genre.

Card Making
Thursday, March 5, Scheben Branch, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Learn how to make four themed cards with standard stamping technologies like baby amelie. For ages 10 and older. $15 materials fee. Please register.

Poetry Open Mic
Thursday, March 5, Scheben Branch, 5:45-6:30 p.m.
Looking for a place to share your original poem or practice reciting out loud? Poets of all ages and levels are welcome to read, or just listen! Poems are not pre-approved. Poets must be family friendly. Number of poems read will depend on response.

Writer’s Corner: Kentucky Poet Laureate Jeff Worley
Thursday, March 5, Scheben Branch, 6:30 p.m.
Are you a poetry fan or a poet looking for some guidance? Jeff Worley, with five published poetry books and an awarded grant from the Kentucky Arts Council, will discuss how to get poems on paper before they vaporize. He will also read some of his own work.

AARP Tax-Aide
Fri, March 6-April 10, Main Library, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
AARP-tax targeted for lower-income taxpayers. To register, call 859-922-1610. No one is turned away unless the tax situation is too complex for the tax preparer’s training.

6:30 p.m.

Geek Your Health: Train Like the Avengers
Saturday, March 7, Main Library, 10:30 a.m.
Want to be as strong as the Hulk? Fly around like Iron Man? Pass as fast as Captain America? Or fight like Black Widow? Now you can learn the basic skills of strength training combined with the style and finesse of high intensities (HIIT) combat. Co-sponsored by NKU. Please register.

Cupcake Decorating
Saturday, March 7, Scheben Branch, 10:30 a.m.
Learn to decorate cupcakes like a pro! Get some basic decorating tips and go to tools that will make decorating cake easy and inexpensive for results you will want to show off! $10 materials fee. Please register.

Retired Adult Meetup
Fridays, March 13 & 27, Hebron Branch, 10 a.m.
Meet your neighbors for a little bit of conversation and fun.

Experience Tai Chi
Fridays, March 13-27, Scheben Branch, 10:30 a.m.
Master Greg Fabyan, a 6th degree Black Belt, will teach this 6 week Tai Chi series. The focus of this class is to improve balance and coordinate, and not a full martial art.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament
Sat, March 14, Hebron Branch, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
I.V. Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament. Single Elimination. Generals: 8 block and 70 minutes. Competitors: Every title you can imagine and No Items. Trophies will be awarded to the winners. Competitors are welcome to bring their own controllers, Nintendo Switches, or monitors but are not required. Drop-in from 11:30-5 p.m. Please register to compete in gamesSign in from 11:30-12 p.m.

Comfort Quilts for Kids
Tuesday, March 17, Scheben Branch, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Bring a yoga mat. $30 fee for the month or $10 per class Drop-in. Sign up online at madisonpikeyoga.com

Goofy for Girls Book Group
Tuesday, March 17, Florence Branch, 3:30 p.m.
In this critical workshop, college expert Dan Bisig will unravel the mystery surrounding the FASD and CSF Problems and give families hope on how to support their loved ones.

Church and Verse Book Group
Tuesday, March 17, Scheben Branch, 6:30 p.m.
Discuss the latest book you’ve read.

Real Men Read Book Group
Thursday, March 19, Main Library, 10 a.m.
Discuss the latest book you’ve read.

Try Ballroom Dance
Sunday, March 22, Scheben Branch, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Dance Fitness
Sunday, March 22, Hebron Branch, 6:30 p.m.
In honor of World Water Day, discover how to make your backyard a Certified Wildlife Habitat with the Kentucky Waterways Alliance, a National Wildlife Federation affiliate. Learn how your backyard can provide resources for native wildlife and plants. Gain experience, through making a bird feeder from recycled materials. One birdhouse per family or couple. Please register.

I Wish My Doctor Knew...
Thursday, March 26, Main Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Dr. Susan Bushelman. Together we can improve healthcare for our climate, and safe methods of combating insects, diseases and pests. Paid $10 material fee. Please register.

Monday, March 23, Scheben Branch, 12:30 p.m.
Paint “Lone Cardinal” under the guidance of an artist.

Try Musical Instrument
Main Library, Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 p.m.
Bring a stringed instrument and learn the basics of music. The benefits and fun of learning a new instrument, and test out for yourself with Denise Ridderick of Willis Music!

Container Gardening
Florence Branch, Thursday, March 5, 7:30 p.m.
Do you struggle with growing plants in containers? Learn how to make the best annuals, vegetables, and herbs. Presented by Gena Lipin of the Boone County Extension Office. Please register.

Try Pickling
Florence Branch, Tuesday, April 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Try Bird Watching
Hebron Branch, Monday, April 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Try Writing Your Memoir
Scheben Branch, Wednesday, May 6, 10 a.m.

Try Ballroom Dance
Sunday, March 22, Scheben Branch, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Feathers and the History of Golf
Thursday, March 26, Hebron Branch, 6:30 p.m.
Feeling ready to head outside? Like playing putt putt? Feathers, a game created by Bill Milke, is played on a golf course or indoors on putting greens. It combines putting challenges with rules and clubs from different eras of golf and is playable by everyone. A visit to the history of golf, the skills your kids are able to practice. Please register.

Backyard Wildlife Habitats
Main Library, Monday, March 30, Main Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Iftar: The意义 of Ramadhan
Thursday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.

Try Social Dance
Hebron Branch, Monday, April 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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Kids

Preschool STEM Night (3–6 years)

Mondays

February 3–April 20

Main Library, 6:30 p.m.

Learn and grow as we have fun with math and science activities!

ABC Play with Me (birth–5 years)

Tuesday, March 10 & 24

Florence Branch, 10-11:30 a.m.

Learn and explore through play by participating in activities that promote healthy development and learning.

Pokémon Game Night (grades K-5)

Tuesday, March 10

Main Library, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your cards or DS to battle players of all levels. No trading, please. Library deck available.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! (2-5 years)

Wednesday, March 11

Hebron Branch, 6 p.m.

Happy birthday to Who? It’s a Seuss party for you! With bowling and painting and tie-tie-tie too!

Coding Kids (grades K-5)

Friday, March 13

Scheben Branch, 2 p.m.

Explore logic and pre-coding skills with fun, familiar game stations such as Candyland and Pictionary!

Early Childhood Festival (family)

Saturday, March 14

Main Library, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

See page 1 for details.

Paws to Read (grades K-5)

Saturday, March 14

Scheben Branch, 2 p.m.

Reading doesn’t have to be dull! Practice your reading with a certified therapy dog. Call 342-BOOK to schedule your 15 minute time slot.

Opera Storybook Hour (grades K-5)

Sunday, March 15

Florence Branch, 2 p.m.

Cincinnati Opera Teaching Artists will read “The Magic Flute” and perform operatic selections. Create your own Papageno and Papagena masks after the show! Please register.

Illustartion Creation (grades K-5)

Saturday, March 28

Hebron Branch, 1 p.m.

Meet renowned local illustrator Becka Stadtlander! Learn what it takes to be a professional artist and create your own watercolor painting.

After Hours: Science Matters (family)

Friday, March 20

Walton Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy an interactive science demo with your family. Make a foul to take home! Please register.

Kentucky Science Center: Engineering Expo (grades K-5)

Sunday, March 22

Scheben Branch, 2-4 p.m.

Explore five activity stations highlighting the different fields of engineering through design, team work, and building challenges. Please register.

Let’s Play! (M/H)

Friday, March 27

Walton Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Snacks will be provided.

Scheben Branch, 6:30 p.m.

Dungeons and Dragons (M/H)

Tuesday, March 3

Scheben Branch, 6 p.m.

Embark on a new adventure! New and experienced players are both welcome as we play D&D5e. Don’t know how to make a character? Never fear, we have plenty of characters ready for you to try out! Snacks will be provided. If you would like to be a dungeon or game master, please contact D at dpina@bcpl.org.

Teen Gaming (M/H)

Mondays, Main Library, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Stop by the Teen Scene to play video games! Snacks will be provided.

Teen Cafe (M/H)

Wednesdays, Florence Branch, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Drop in for gaming, snacks, and more!

Homework Help (grades K-12)

Wednesdays, Florence Branch, 5-7 p.m.

Drop in to receive general homework help and/or practice reading. English language learners welcome!

Teen Writers Group (M/H)

Wednesday, March 4, Main Library, 2 p.m.

Celebrate National Pancake Day by perfecting your pancake artistry! Use different colors of batter to create delicious designs. Please register.

Teen Lock-In (M/H)

Friday to Saturday, March 6-7, Florence Branch, 8 p.m.-8 a.m.

Stay up all night and party at the Library! Doors open at 7-7:45 p.m on Friday. The lock-in will run until 8 a.m. on Saturday. Registration and permission slip required to attend.

ACT Practice Test (H)

Saturday, March 7, Hebron Branch, 1-4 p.m.

Don’t stress about the test! Club Z Tutoring will administer a free ACT practice test. Participants will need to bring a calculator and pencils. Please register.

Dungeons and Dragons (M/H)

Thursday, March 12, Scheben Branch, 5-7:30 p.m.

Embark on a new adventure! New and experienced players are both welcome as we play D&D5e. Don’t know how to make a character? Never fear, we have plenty of characters ready for you to try out! Snacks will be provided. If you would like to be a dungeon or game master, please contact D at dpina@bcpl.org.

Read it First! (M/H)

Monday, March 16, Main Library, 6:30 p.m.

Read and take home new books before they hit shelves. Earn service hours for writing reviews. Please register.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate (M/H)

Tuesday, March 17, Scheben Branch, 5-7 p.m.

Be the best and beat the rest! Play on library controllers or bring your own.

Teen Night (M/H)

Friday, March 27, Hebron Branch, 6-8 p.m.

Want to hang out after the Library closes? Now is your chance! Snacks, games and more!
THE FLYING DACOMAS
by Hilary Dulaney, Local History Associate

In 1899, Art L. Reynolds, native of Ohio, bought the William Kirtley farm in Boone County. Once the sale was final, Art erected a large building for his family to practice their craft. The building would certainly have been impressive in scope, large enough for Art to throw his wife and daughter through the air so his sons could catch them. Despite the agricultural nature of the area, what Reynolds was erecting was no barn, it was a gymnasium built for his family of aerialists.
The deed was written to Art Reynolds, but in his professional life, he was known as Art DaComa of the “Flying DaComas,” billed as French trapeze artists. At the time of the purchase of their Boone County property, the DaComas were a family of five, though there may have been others in the troupe throughout the years. They were employed by the Ringling Brothers’ Circus, and even the youngest child, Eliza, was part of the act from a very tender age. As is sometimes the case with folks in entertainment, the DaComas (or the Reynolds family) were an unconventional bunch. Imagine the impression they must have left on their farming neighbors allowing the females in the family to dress in revealing costumes while they flew through the air. The males of the family were decidedly NOT doing any aerial acts.
The Reynolds/DaComa family did not stay long in Boone County. The Flying DaComas eventually moved to Florida, the winter home of circus performers. Perhaps the Reynolds family was not comprised of European immigrants, but it was popular during their time in the circus to have an exotic pedigree. By official records, both Arthur and Rose were American by birth, as were their parents.

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The DaComas toured with the Ringling Brothers as well as some lesser-known circuses. Because of the constant travel, records of this family are spotty. Fortunately, Billboard and other entertainment industry magazines carried many mentions of the family; their reputation in the circus community was well established. Despite claims to the contrary, the family was not comprised of European immigrants, but it was popular during their time in the circus to have an exotic pedigree. By official records, both Arthur and Rose were American by birth, as were their parents.

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¡Se Habla Español! (for our Spanish-speaking friends)

Festival Anual de la Primera Infancia
Asistá con su familia al 16° Festival Anual de la Primera Infancia el sábado 14 de marzo, de 10:30 a.m. a 1 p.m. en la Biblioteca de Boone County en Burlington. Estarán disponibles más de 30 representantes para dar información sobre servicios para familias con niños y con actividades para los pequeños. Preescolares, clases de música y lugares para deportes y fiestas de cumpleaños, así como organizaciones en nuestro condado que apoyan el desarrollo de la primera infancia estarán presentes para el festival.

La Biblioteca ofrecerá evaluaciones de desarrollo gratuitas para niños de dos meses a 5 años. El resultado de la evaluación indica si un niño o niña se está desarrollando dentro de las expectativas para su edad. Al final de la evaluación, tendrá una buena comprensión de qué metas de desarrollo se han alcanzado, qué esperar a continuación y qué actividades se pueden hacer en casa para apoyar el desarrollo de su hijo. Aprenderá si su hijo necesita más tiempo de desarrollo en un particular área y los mejores pasos a seguir. También tendrá una buena comprensión de qué metas de desarrollo se han alcanzado, qué esperar a continuación y qué actividades se pueden hacer en casa para apoyar el desarrollo de su hijo.

¡Habrá muchas actividades divertidas, gratuitas para toda la familia!
- Animales de Cool Critters (10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)
- Malabaristas y globos
- Maquillaje de niños
- Tales, el Dragón de la Biblioteca
- Actividades de STEM (Ciencia, Tecnología, Ingeniería y Matemáticas), diseñadas para Preescolar.
- Manualidades
- No se olvide llenar los talones para ganar los premios que generosamente son donados por las organizaciones representadas.

¡Aún nos vemos!

KY Club de Conversación en Inglés
Todos los Miércoles
Florence Branch, 12 p.m.
Clases de conversación gratis con americanos.

Ayuda para la Tarea (K-12)
Todos los Jueves mientras las escuelas tengan clases.
Florence Branch, 5-7 p.m.
Ofrecemos ayuda a los estudiantes que necesiten ayuda general para hacer su tarea y también podemos repasar su lectura.