Curt Bessette Art Gallery

The Curt Bessette Art Gallery features work by regional and national artists as well as special, themed exhibits. The gallery is located on the 1st floor of the Main Library, 1786 Burlington Pike in Burlington, during normal library hours. Since opening its doors in 2019, the gallery has hosted such artists/displays as Don Huff: Painter of Memories, Discovering Taiwan and Beyond Through Watercolor, Boone County Visual Arts, Through Darkness to Light: Photographs along the Underground Railroad by Jeanine Michna-Bales, Tri-State Photographic Society and more!

There are three different areas in the gallery space.

- The center walls feature one artist or art group at a time.
- Three exterior walls consist of permanently displayed photos and paintings by local artists or of local interests.
- One exterior wall is our community wall for artists of all levels to display their works or offer it for sale. Anywhere from 2-4 artists may be on display at a time depending on current demand.

We are currently looking for artists that are specifically interested in displaying a few of their works on our community wall. These slots are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. We ask that artists are at least at a middle or high school level of proficiency. We continue to schedule featured artists or art groups for our center walls.

The Library is a public space and welcomes different types of art. We do ask that everything in the gallery is family-friendly since parents with young children may visit the space. Any art that is displayed must also be able to be hung on a hook, much like art at your own home.

If you or someone you know is interested in displaying work at the Main Library, please visit bcpl.org/about/art-gallery/ for more information on exhibit guidelines and exhibit request forms. Join us for this artistic opportunity at the Library!

The namesake of the gallery, Curt Bessette, was a quiet child who spent many hours drawing and creating art of the people and scenes around him. As time passed, his interest in art and talent for various artistic styles only grew until he became known by his peers as the Artist. Mr. Bessette also served on the Boone County Public Library Board of Trustees from July 2016 to February 2017.

On Exhibit
Don Huff: Painter of Memories
Thru November 10

Photography of Norb Steuber
November 13-December 12

Norb specializes in natural light photography. He has been particularly inspired by travel, but has photographed a wide range of subjects. Norb began photography upon receiving a camera from his wife in 1980. Little did he know his new hobby would turn into one of his greatest passions in life!
**November New Releases**

**ADULTS**

*Hidden in Plain Sight*  
by Jeffrey Archer

*A Christmas Resolution*  
by Anne Perry

*Fortune and Glory*  
by Janet Evanovich

*In the Lion's Den*  
by Barbara Taylor Bradford

*Marauder*  
by Clive Cussler

*Wyoming True*  
by Diana Palmer

*The Law of Innocence*  
by Michael Connelly

*Hot to Trot*  
by M. C. Beaton

*All That Glitters*  
by Danielle Steel

*Piece of My Heart*  
by Mary Higgins Clark

*Daylight*  
by David Baldacci

*Deadly Cross*  
by James Patterson

*War Lord*  
by Bernard Cornwell

*The Awakening*  
by Nora Roberts

*Dark Tides*  
by Philippa Gregory

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**REGISTER FOR LIBRARY EVENTS**

Go to bcpl.org/events and locate your program in the Library’s event calendar or call 859-342-BOOK (2665) and select the appropriate location. All registration will close one hour prior to the event unless otherwise noted.

**Virtual: Escape Room – Turkey-geddon**  
November 1-30, bcpl.org/events  
Once again (for the first time?) Secret Agent Bear needs your assistance to save the timeline from the dire threat that is . . . Turkey-geddon! Visit bcpl.org/events and see if you can escape!

**Hoxworth Blood Drive**  
Monday, November 2  
Hebron Branch, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
One blood donation can save up to three lives! To schedule an appointment go to: hoxworth.org/groups/bcpl or call Hoxworth at (513) 451-0910. Walk-ons are welcome!

**Election Day!**  
Tuesday, November 3  
Remember to vote!

**Virtual: T'ai Chi Chih**  
Thursday, November 5 & 19  
Zoom, 11 a.m.  
Please register. T’ai Chi Chih can be described as a “moving meditation.” Join Phoenix Wilson, certified instructor, as we explore a system of 19 movements and one pose based on ancient Chinese principles and the idea of restoring the balance of life force energy. Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

**Virtual: Green Gifts**  
Thursday, November 12  
Zoom, 6:30 p.m.  
Please register. Sustainable gifts and gift wrapping are a growing trend. Learn about different recyclable gift-wrapping methods, including one or two that may be new to you. Get some ideas for good sustainable gifts 2-D and 3-D mammography screening. It’s quick, easy and covered by most insurance (including Medicare and Medicaid) for ages 35 and older. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

**Drive-Thru the Parking Lot: Unique Car Show**  
Saturday, November 7  
Main Library Parking Lot, 1-3 p.m.  
If you’re a fan of interesting cars, stop by the Library parking lot for a drive-thru car show! A variety of cars will be on display in our parking lot for you to enjoy viewing from the comfort of your own car! Event is weather permitting. Please check the calendar at bcpl.org/events for cancelations.

**Virtual: De-stress with Mindfulness Meditation**  
Monday, November 9  
Zoom, 6:30 p.m.  
Please register. Stressed out by COVID-19, the upcoming holidays, or life in general? Mindfulness meditation can help you relax, unwind and learn to live a more present life. Learn about some of the many benefits of mindfulness practice with Mary Ellen Moore from Synergy Holistic Health Center, and take part in a short guided meditation. Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

**Virtual: Food Waste and Composting**  
Tuesday, November 10  
Zoom, 6:30 p.m.  
Please register. The holidays are quickly approaching, along with the food and waste that often come with it. Learn the basics of food waste and composting, the science behind it, and what community options are in place with The Boone County Division of Solid Waste. Cut down on your waste now and all year long! Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

**Virtual: Spotlight on Genealogy - Military Records**  
Wednesday, November 11  
Zoom, 1 p.m.  
Please register. Searching for your veteran ancestor? Join us for tips and tricks on how to find your ancestor’s military records. Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.
for everyone on your list! This is presented by the Boone County Division of Solid Waste. Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

Virtual: The Wines of Northern Kentucky
Monday, November 16
Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
Please register. Join Dann Woellert, Food Etymologist and author of “Cincinnati Goetta: A Delectable History,” for a lively discussion on the history of Northern Kentucky wines. Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

Virtual: Easy Vegan Cooking
Tuesday, November 17
Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
Please register. Helen Varela will share recipes, discuss how a plant-based diet can improve your health, and demonstrate how to make a vegan peanut sauce that can be used as a salad dressing, a dipping sauce, or tossed with noodles. An ingredients list and Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

Virtual: Rag Tree
Thursday, November 19-Sunday, November 22
YouTube
Please register by Friday, 11/20. Make a rag tree for your holiday decor with Karla from the comfort of your home using supplies you likely already have! Supply list, video, and further instructions will be emailed. Please note: video will only be available from 11/19-22.

Virtual: Old School Gamers of Florence
Saturday, November 21
Zoom & Roll20, 1 p.m.
Please register. Come with us now, on a journey through time and space, to the land of Old School RPGs! Gamers of all experience levels welcome! Zoom & Roll20 link, and a pre-generated character, will be provided prior to the event.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27
All BCPL locations closed

Learn more about the wines of Northern Kentucky on Monday, November 16.

Book Discussion Groups

Virtual: Best of the Best Book Group
Thursday, November 5
Zoom, 3 p.m.
Read and discuss bestselling novels. Discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Email the leader to be added to the virtual meeting.
Leader Suzanne Yowler, syowler@bcpl.org

Virtual: Chapter and Verse Book Group
Tuesday, November 10
Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
Read everything from fiction to biographies. Discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Email the leader to be added to the virtual meeting.
Leader Kelley Brandeberry, kbrandeberry@bcpl.org

Thrillers and Chillers Book Group
Thursday, November 12
Hebron Branch Amphitheater, 10 a.m.
Please register. Read suspense, mystery and true crime. Discuss *An Anonymous Girl* by Greer Hendricks. Please bring your own chair and practice social distancing. Email the leader to register.
Leader Teresa Sayers, tsayers@bcpl.org

Virtual: Monday 4 Mystery Book Group
Monday, November 23
Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
Explore mystery and suspense novels. Discuss *Mistress of the Art of Death* by Ariana Franklin. Email the leader to register.
Leader Suzanne Yowler, syowler@bcpl.org

Chick Picks Book Group
Thursday, November 19
Hebron Branch Amphitheater, 10 a.m.
Join women of all ages as we read a mix of genres. Discuss *Three Things About Elsie* by Joanna Cannon. Please bring your own chair and practice social distancing. Email the leader to register.
Leader Karen Helmle, khelmle@bcpl.org

Virtual: Monday 4 Mystery Book Group
Monday, November 23
Zoom, 6:30 p.m.
Virtual: Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park presents *The Wind in the Willows* (family)
Friday, November 6 - Sunday, November 8

*Please note that the Playhouse licensing information changed after our October newsletter went to print. Following is the most updated information:*

This classic tale of four animal friends in the English countryside comes to life! Together they embark on thrilling and daring adventures throughout the Wild Wood. Please register for your free video link which can be viewed between November 6 and November 8.

1. Visit bcpl.org/events to register.
2. After registering, there will be a link sent to the email you provided.
3. Click the provided link which will direct you to the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park website. Here you will receive your ticket for a free video link. The free video link will be sent to you on November 6 via Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.
4. Your ticket is good for ONE viewing between November 6 and November 8.

If you do not receive a link to the free viewing from Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park on November 6, please send an email to rhellebusch@bcpl.org.
Enjoy the show!
TEENS

Virtual: Teen Writers Group (M/H)
Wednesdays
Discord, 4:30 pm
Please register. Experiment with different writing styles and get feedback from your peers. The group will meet virtually through Zoom on November 4, and a Zoom link will be provided prior. The group will then meet on Discord for the remainder of the month. A permission form must be submitted before the start of the program and can be found on the events page.

Virtual: Dungeons & Dragons (M/H)
Thursday, November 12
Discord, 5-7:30 pm
Please register. Adventurers wanted! Treasure and danger await you in the fabled Barrow-maze. Uncover vast riches and hidden dangers - before they get you first! New and experienced players welcome. Participants will meet virtually through Discord. A permission form must be submitted before the start of the program and can be found on the events page.

Virtual: Book Club (M/H)
Tuesday, November 17
Discord, 4:30 pm
Please register. Discuss a book of your choice from a specific genre. This month’s genre: Historical Fiction! Participants will meet virtually through Discord. A permission form must be submitted before the start of the program and can be found on the events page.

November New Releases

The Missing Prince
Ranger’s Apprentice - The Royal Ranger
by John A Flanagan

The Camelot Betrayal
Camelot Rising
by Kiersten White

The Ever Cruel Kingdom
Never Tilting World
by Rin Chupeco

Super Fake Love Song
by David Yoon

Thanksgiving!
November 26 and 27

All locations closed
Brother vs Brother
by Hillary Delaney, Local History Associate

The tragedies American families experienced during the Civil War occurred in all corners of the country. One often hears the phrase “brother against brother” when describing the relationships torn apart by political loyalties. This was quite common in border states like Kentucky. The geographical location of Kentucky was important to both sides, many Kentuckians went to war, and political division existed among neighbors and families across the state.

The stories of brothers fighting for opposing military forces are many, some with familiar names in Kentucky’s history. Senator John Crittenden’s sons, Thomas Leonidis (Union) and George Bibb Crittenden (Confederate), were both Brigadier Generals in their respective forces. Henry Clay’s sons and grandsons were also divided in their loyalties, with several fighting for each side of the war. Here in Boone County, the division within a single family was not unheard of; the Terrill family of Petersburg was a prime example.

John and Nancy Terrill, early Boone County residents, had sons enlisted both in Union and Confederate regiments. Captain George W. Terrill, a respected landowner and farmer, fought with the 5th KY Cavalry, under the command of General John Hunt Morgan. Two of his younger brothers, Joshua and Simeon Terrill, his nephew, James Berkshire, and several Terrill cousins enlisted in the same Confederate company.

On the Union side, the soldiers of the family included: Captain William H. Terrill, 16th Indiana Cavalry (company surgeon), and 1st Lt. Robert Terrill, Kentucky volunteer infantry, 11th regiment. Also fighting for the Union were Hiram and Henry Terrill, both of the U.S. Colored Troops, 117th infantry, Co. G, both from Boone County. Prior to their service, these men were enslaved by John Terrill.

Like families across the war-torn county, John and Nancy Terrill suffered loss during the war. Confederate Simeon Terrill, the youngest son, did not return home; records indicate that he was captured at by the Union forces at Snow Hill, TN, and then sent for prisoner exchange. The Adjutant General’s report reads he was “killed in action or died from wounds or disease.”

John Terrill held 14 enslaved people before the war, but there is no information whether he shared the loyalties of his Confederate-leaning family members. Loyalty during wartime did not factor in how he treated his children, especially when it came to matters of finance. John paid a $5000 bond to secure the release of his Confederate son George from Camp Chase military prison; then within just a few years, he gave his son Robert, who served with the Union, the funds needed to purchase and operate a local ferry just after the war. John Terrill’s estate was also equally divided in 1873 among his heirs, a further clue that a permanent political rift had not occurred.

By all indications, the brothers seemed to coexist in the area quite well. The two oldest boys, George and William, though having been military rivals, lived quite near each other in Petersburg after the war. In their father’s will, they are named as co-administrators, and together witness the document’s signing.

The Terrill brothers did cross paths during their service, though it’s not clear if they knew it at the time. General Morgan’s 5th KY regiment was instrumental in the 1863 victory of the Confederacy at Hartsville, TN. During this battle, Morgan’s men took 1,844 Union prisoners. One of these prisoners was Lt. Robert Terrill. It’s not clear whether his brothers were aware of his presence or capture, but he was in the custody of their forces and transported by them. Sometime after Robert’s release, he was stationed for duty at Camp Chase, OH. He left Camp Chase only a few months before his brothers George and Joshua were separately captured during Morgan’s raids in Ohio and were sent to the very place he had just served as captor and jailer of “rebels.”

The dilemma of divided loyalties also reached into the extended Terrill clan. Brigadier General William R. Terrill (U.S. Army) and his brothers Brigadier General James B. Terrill, and Private Philip Terrill (both Confederates) all died in the war. They were 4th cousins to the Boone County Terrills, and were from Virginia.
As the holiday season quickly approaches, making decisions on what gifts to buy for friends and family can be tough! As you shop for those bigger ticket items, make sure to do your research with the Consumer Reports Buying Guide to find the best quality brand for the best price.

The Consumer Reports Buying Guide allows you to search for hundreds of items, from smartphones, tablets, laptops, printers to cars, lawnmowers, grills, and more! Once you find the item you’re looking for, the guide will then provide you with a quick but comprehensive summary of the item’s top brands and models, including an overall score, price points, survey results, and test results on multiple features and functions. Being a smart shopper and knowing important information about items prior to purchase will not only save you money but can help in the search for the perfect gift!

You can access the Consumer Reports Buying Guide from the comfort of your home by visiting bcpl.org/research and clicking the link under the Business and Employment section. After clicking the Consumer Reports Buying Guide link, you will be taken to the EbscoHost Publication Details for “Consumer Reports Buying Guide” page. From here you can click “Search within this publication” to begin your research!
¡Se Habla Español! (for our Spanish-speaking friends)

Galería de Arte, Curt Bessette

La Galería de Arte, Curt Bessette presenta obras de artistas regionales y nacionales, así como exhibiciones de diferentes temas. La galería está ubicada en el primer piso de la Biblioteca en 1786 Burlington Pike en Burlington durante su horario normal.

Desde que abrió sus puertas en 2019, la galería ha albergado a artistas / exhibiciones como: Don Huff: Artista de Recuerdos, Descubriendo Taiwán y Más Allá a través de la Acuarela, Las Artes Visuales del Condado de Boone, A través de la Oscuridad a la Luz: Fotografías a lo largo del Ferrocarril Subterráneo por Jeanine Michna-Bales, Sociedad Fotográfica de Tri-State y más!

Curt Bessette, era un niño tranquilo que pasaba muchas horas dibujando y creando arte de la gente y de lo que lo rodeaba. Con el paso del tiempo su interés por el arte y el talento para diversos estilos artísticos creció hasta que sus compañeros lo conocieron como el Artista. Bessette también fue miembro de la junta directiva de la Biblioteca Pública de Boone de Julio de 2016 a Febrero de 2017.

Hay tres áreas diferentes en el espacio de la galería:
- Las paredes exteriores consisten en fotografías y pinturas exhibidas permanentemente de artistas locales o de intereses locales.
- Las paredes centrales cuentan con un artista o un grupo artístico a la vez.
- Tenemos una pared dedicada a nuestra comunidad. Esto permite a los artistas de todos los niveles mostrar varias de sus obras o incluso ofrecerlo a la venta. De cualquier modo, de 2 a 4 artistas pueden estar en exhibición a la vez, dependiendo de la demanda.

Actualmente estamos buscando artistas que estén interesados en mostrar algunas de sus obras en nuestro muro comunitario. Los espacios en la pared comunitaria se asignan por orden de llegada. Pedimos que los artistas sean al menos de un nivel de competencia de escuela intermedia o secundaria. Además, continuamos programando artistas o grupos para nuestras paredes centrales.

La Biblioteca es un espacio público y acoge diferentes tipos de arte. Pedimos que todo en la galería sea apto para familias ya que los padres con niños pequeños pueden visitar el espacio. Cualquier arte que se exhiba debe estar listo para poder colgarse de un gancho, como el arte en su propia casa.

Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado en exhibir trabajos en la Biblioteca principal, visite bcpl.org/about/art-gallery/. Más información sobre las pautas de exhibición, formularios de solicitud de exhibición y una biografía de Curt Bessette están incluidos en esta página. ¡Acompáñenos en esta oportunidad artística en la Biblioteca!