There’s so much to do at the Library

Even during a pandemic

The challenges brought on by the pandemic have made BCPL stronger than ever. We continue to provide books, movies, TV series, music, magazines, video games, etc. But what we have to offer, regardless of restrictions, extends far beyond our collection. We act as a community center, a safe place to visit when you need to be away from home. Whether you are an avid reader or prefer the social side of the Library, BCPL has something for you.

**StoryWalk®**
Located at the Hebron Branch, the outdoor StoryWalk® is a fun and interactive way to combine early literacy and physical activity. Follow the signs to read the book and complete the activities.

**Digital Resources**
Stream music and video, learn a language, watch instructional videos, take a class to learn a new skill and much more. Visit bcpl.org.

**Book Bundles**
Receive a bundle of books for your family to enjoy, hand-picked by our experts. Look for the penguin at bcpl.org and fill out the bundle form with as much detail as possible.

**Interlibrary Loan**
If an item is not found in our catalog, the ILL department will search libraries across the country to find what you need. Visit bcpl.org and click Books+ to fill out a request form. Then let us do the work!

**Other**
Other things to do at the Library include accessing Wi-fi, using public computers, faxing, copying, scanning, printing, using a typewriter, reading the newspaper or just enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

**Curt Bessette Art Gallery**
Located at the Main Library, the gallery is a place for artists to display their work. Visit bcpl.org and click About Us for details on how to display your work.

**Boone Innovation Lab (BIL)**
Located at the Hebron Branch, the BIL is a place to create! To reserve equipment such as a 3D printer, Glowforge, Cricut, quilting machine, serger, etc., visit bcpl.org and click About Us. Then start creating!

**Steinway Square Grand Piano**
Located Under the Dome at the Main Library, the 1867 piano is available to be played at any time by any experienced piano player.

**Book Kits for Book Groups**

**Reader’s Advisory**
Receive reading recommendations based on your preferences. Fill out a form with as much detail as possible by visiting bcpl.org, click Books+, and scroll to Book Recommendations. Our experts will create a personalized list just for you!

**Genealogy**
Start searching for your ancestors through Ancestry.com found on our website, or contact our Local History Department at localhistory@bcpl.org to get started.

**Study Rooms**
Reserve a study room to prep for your next big test or client meeting without any interruptions. One person per room. Call 859-342-BOOK to make a reservation.

**Book Sale**
Browse our small Book Sale shelves for used materials that range in price from free to $1.00. The inventory is different at each location.

**Touchless Curbside Pick-up**
Place items on hold, and we will notify you when the items are ready for pick-up. Come to the library, park in a designated space, and follow the instructions on the sign. Hebron patrons, please use the drive-through.

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Discover Boone County Public Library
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EVENTS & WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS... 

december

...because you can travel the world without leaving the comfort of home.

Virtual: Peaceful Morning Yoga
Wednesday, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
Zoom, 9 a.m.
As a low-moderate class, you will find yourself flowing through gentle to challenging postures with a focus on the breath and emphasis on safe alignment. Periods of stillness, silence and fluid movement give you the opportunity to truly tune in to the body/mind connection. $10 fee for the month. To register, call the Parks at 859-334-2117 or visit boonecountyky.org/parks.

Virtual: NASA Basics - Which Test Is For You?
Thursday, December 3
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Virtual: Holiday Mingleings
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Please register. Learn everything you ever wanted to know about mingling! Gain hands-on experience with a certified pastry chef from Beans! Kits with meringue powder, tips, piping bags, decorations, colors for a single batch, and class instructions can be picked up at the Hebron Branch during open hours from December 4-15. Kits are $10 each. Zoom link will be provided prior to the event.

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December 1-12
Florence Branch, Creativbug
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December 1-15
Main Library, YouTube
Please register. Learn how to make your own holiday tree or angel from books! Stop by the Main Library from December 1-8 to pick up your supplies. An email will be provided prior to the event. Zoom link will be sent after December 8. Video will be available from December 9-13 on our YouTube channel.

Take & Make: Christmas Mug
December 19
Hebron Branch
Take and make a “Kentucky Christmas” mug. Stencils have been made in the Boone Innovation Lab using the Cricut machine. Kits with supplies and instructions can be picked up at the Hebron Branch during open hours from December 1-19. Kits are $5 each and available while supplies last.

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Kids

Virtual: Storytime (family)
Wednesdays & Fridays through December 18
YouTube, 10:30 a.m.
Your favorite storytime presenters are on Youtube! The Library’s storytimes stimulate your child’s development and build language and literacy skills through stories, rhymes and songs to help them be ready to read when they start school.

Virtual: Reading and Recipes (grades K-5)
Tuesday, December 8
YouTube, 4:30 p.m.
Join Chef Emily from the Main Library for the story Snow Globe Wishes, and learn how to make a marshmallow snowman treat!

Virtual: Kinderballet Presents Odette: Swan Princess (family)
December 13-19
Please register by December 10 to receive your free video link. Inspired by the ballet Swan Lake, a princess is enchanted by a sorcerer to take on the form of a swan by day and return to her human form at night. The only way this enchantment can be broken is if the princess finds true love!

Teens

Virtual: Teen Writers Group (M/H)
Wednesdays
Discord, 4:30 p.m.
Please register. Experiment with different writing styles and get feedback from your peers. Group will meet virtually through Discord. Permission forms are available on the events page and must be submitted before the start of the program.

Virtual: Dungeons & Dragons (M/H)
Thursday, December 10
Discord, 5-7:30 p.m.
Please register. All is not well in Barovia, a land ruled by the vicious vampire lord, Strahd von Zarovich! Will you be able to escape with your sanity or will the Vampire's curse take you first? Participants will meet virtually through Discord. Permission forms are available on the events page and must be submitted before the start of the program.

Virtual: Book Club (M/H)
Tuesday, December 15
Discord, 4:30 p.m.
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Take & Make: Mini Piñatas (family)
December 14-19
Florence Branch
Please register. Create a mini piñata to celebrate Las Posadas. Registrants may pick up materials and instructions at the Florence Branch from December 14-19.

Take & Make: December (family)
December 14-19
All locations
Visit your local branch to pick up a Take & Make kit! Kits will be available December 14-19 while supplies last.
The Zellers String Band
by Hillary Delaney, Local History Associate

Long before the days of streaming services and on-demand music, the options for musical entertainment were of the live variety. In rural communities, social gatherings often began as spontaneous events in parlors and on porches throughout the countryside. Aside from church or the occasional special event, these types of gatherings were the only option for regular entertainment. As is often the case, music was a family affair, the songs and talent passed from one generation to the next.

Boone County has had its share of notable musicians over the years and the enjoyment of home-grown talent was not lost on our forebears. Local favorites like Turkey Feeley and his band still summon up memories of good times among longtime Petersburg locals. Though there have been many local musicians performing throughout the years, memories of their talent have faded with the passage of time.

The Zellers String Band, later known as the Zeller Brothers was one such group. The band was comprised of male members of the Zeller family and the occasional talented friend or two. The members were African American, with the exception of “guest spots” from some of their white neighbors. When the group began performing at events, Boone County was segregated, both in schools and social gatherings; this was not the case with this talented group of musicians. As early as the turn of the century, the Zellers were in high demand for social gatherings in all corners of the county. It seems they were never hired for background music; they were the main attraction, their musical mastery was praised in the papers frequently.

One blurb in the Boone County Recorder in 1912 described “flying feet keeping time to sweet music,” performed by the Zeller brothers. The earliest mention found of the group is in the late 1890s, but their performances were ongoing in Boone County into the late 1940s. The newspaper often carried advertisements disguised as neighborhood news promoting regular events featuring the popular group.

When radio became affordable for everyone, this added another opportunity to enjoy music, and gave widespread exposure to entertainers far and wide. The Zeller brothers were called upon to give live performances in the studio at WCKY several times over the years. The men in the band were all listed as farmers in census records, music being a side job, but it’s doubtful they would be remembered for their plowing skills. Sadly, no recording of the Zellers has been found, but perhaps their talent lives on through their descendants.

Watch your favorite British TV shows with Acorn TV

Acorn TV is a streaming video service that brings you a variety of British shows of all genres. That means Doc Martin, Midsomer Murders, Foyle’s War, Agatha Raisin and more of your must-watch television shows from across the pond can now be found all in one place! It’s simple to get started. Just follow these easy steps to begin watching:

1. Go to bcpl.org and click on the Digital Library tab.
2. Next, scroll down the RB Digital section of the page and click its header.
3. From there, you will be taken to the RB Digital homepage where you should click the Acorn TV section.
4. The last step is to click the Register button in the top right-hand corner and create your account! Note: Your library card number will be required.

Once your account is created, you are ready to start streaming! Through Boone County Public Library you will be given access to 7 days of unlimited viewing. After your 7 days expires, you can always go back and checkout another 7-day pass from the RB Digital homepage. Streaming your favorite British show from the comfort of your home has never been easier with Acorn TV!
**Main Library**
1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. effective Nov 16
Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Florence Branch**
7425 US 42, Florence, KY 41042
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. effective Nov 30
Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Scheben Branch**
8899 US 42, Union, KY 41091
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. effective Nov 16
Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Hebron Branch**
1865 North Bend Rd, Hebron, KY 41048
Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. effective Nov 30
Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Walton Branch**
21 South Main, Walton, KY 41094
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Chapin Memorial Library**
6517 Market St., Petersburg, KY 41080
Tues. and Thurs. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wednesday Noon-5 p.m.

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

**Siempre hay algo nuevo en la Biblioteca del Condado**

Los desafíos provocados por la pandemia han hecho que la Biblioteca Pública del Condado de Boone extienda sus servicios más allá de nuestra colección. Seguimos ofreciendo libros, películas, series de televisión, música, revistas, videojuegos, etc. Pero lo que tenemos para ofrecer, independientemente de las restricciones, puede ser de ayuda para usted y su familia.

Aparte de los servicios que se han mencionado en artículos anteriores, como la Galería de Arte de Curt Bessette, el laboratorio de innovación, la biblioteca digital o el servicio de préstamo interbibliotecario, tuvimos que acomodarnos a las nuevas situaciones y realidades que se presentaron durante este año.

- Tiene la nueva opción, en todas nuestras sucursales, de poder recoger sus libros y películas desde la comodidad de su coche: coloque los artículos en espera a través de nuestro catálogo y le notificaremos cuando los artículos estén listos para ser recogidos. Venga a la biblioteca, estacionése un espacio designado y siga las instrucciones del letrero. Los usuarios de Hebron tienen servicio en ventanilla.
- Los kits “Take and Make” proporcionan materiales para realizar una actividad en casa. Los kits están disponibles en varios horarios por ubicación. Consulte el boletín o nuestra página de eventos para conocer las fechas y ubicaciones.
- Reciba un paquete de libros para que disfrute su familia. Complete el formulario del paquete de libros en bcpl.org/forms/book-bundle/. Seleccionaremos artículos, los pondremos en espera y nos comunicaremos con usted cuando su paquete esté listo para ser recogido.
- Otras cosas que hacer en la biblioteca incluyen acceso a Wi-Fi, uso de computadoras públicas, fax, fotocopiado, escaneo, impresión, leer el periódico o simplemente disfrutar del entorno tranquilo.

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