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Communities Welcome New Bookmobiles



The Hancock County Public Library recently purchased a new bookmobile. The new Sprinter van model was a welcome sight for both staff and customers. The bookmobile currently makes 44 stops per month and serves 188 customers (more when school is in session). A local graphics business worked with the staff's ideas to design the exterior wrap. A ribbon cutting was held on National Bookmobile Day.



With their new Mobile Library, the Floyd County Public Library has introduced enhanced bookmobile service to the community. The new Mobile Library offers every service (except reference) that

the library offers. In addition to books, the bookmobile has DVDs and books on CD, four laptop computers and a printer. For the first time, access is provided for disabled customers with a wheelchair lift and a computer station that is wheelchair accessible.

The Mobile Library covers most of Floyd County with 23 separate community stops and 10 house or school stops over a



experience. Children and teens then choose an item to check out and become acquainted with, and return for the second session to review their choices, either in the form of an audio recording or a video book trailer.

Inspiration for the digital book clubs came from Jessamine County Public Library's Kids' Podcast web page... [Read more...](#)

New Expansion at the Garrard County Public Library



By Laura McWilliams
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KDLA Congratulates New Certification Holders

KDLA would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

two week span. Librarian Randy Reno offers four outreach programs: a basic computer/Internet class for senior citizens at 10 locations (79 registered students), used book drop offs at three locations (untold number of readers), a craft class for senior citizens (12-14 participants), an after school library program which serves about 20 children, and a Christmas caroling program for senior citizens at several locations, bringing the monthly total to 76 stops, give or take depending on the month.



"We have 986 registered patrons not including those who just trade out paperbacks or just get on the truck to talk," said Reno. "With the new Mobile Library we hope to open more locations and increase our patronage including traveling to the jail and prisons in the area."

Owsley County Public Library Celebrates Grand Opening

By Jeanna Cornett
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Photo: Dignitaries, board members and patrons participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the grand opening of the new Owsley County Public Library

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First Kentucky Public Library Receives LEED Gold Certification

By Susan Eubank
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- Chad S. Lewis, Kenton County, **Library Experience**
- Patti L. Rice, Boyd County, **Library Experience**
- Deborah A. Crump, Fleming County, **Library Experience**
- Jeanna Hance, Morgan County, **Library Experience**

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Trustee Tip

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KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Rev. Dr. Gwendol Fay McCaskill, Hopkins County
- Linda Hitchcock, Barren County



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Archival Photo Of The Month

- Barbara Bardes, Boone County
- Marion M. Cecil, Clark County
- Ron Gilbert, Lincoln County
- Tony Butler, Todd County

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Veterans Memorial Bridge, Covington-Newport, Kentucky was dedicated July 23, 1936 to honor veterans of World War I.

Source: Works Progress Administration (WPA) Photo Collection, Public Records Division, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

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The crowd gathered at the library for the grand opening heard remarks from Commissioner Onkst, State Representative Marie Rader and State Senator Robert Stivers, Board President Eileen Price, county and city officials, and special guests from Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. For the representatives from Catawba College, the new library brings a project they began more than 40 years ago full circle; students from Catawba College helped to organize the Owsley County Public Library in 1968-69 by gathering books and materials and setting up the collection.

"This building demonstrates the importance of board members to projects like this," said Pat Wooton, representing Hal Rogers, who sent the library a flag flown over the State Capital. "It's a testament to what can happen when you have the cooperation of county, city and state government."



Sen. Stivers addresses the crowd



Rep. Rader addresses the crowd



Board President Eileen Price, Rep. Marie Rader and Sen. Robert Stivers



A large crowd enjoyed the festivities



Touring the new library



Teen section of the new library

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Mrs. Tussey had a dream of having a space dedicated to children's services in the library. This dream became a reality in May 2010 when the new building expansion was completed. The expansion project really began to take shape in 2007 with the purchase of the Firestone tire store next door to the library. Billy Gregory, owner of the store, decided to retire and offered to sell the store to the library. The Gregory family owned the store for many years and had always supported the library.

Joan Tussey and the Board started the groundwork for the expansion with purchasing this building. They then appointed a building committee and hired an architect, Tony Wehrle of Central Kentucky Design in Berea, Kentucky. As a new director, I started working with the building committee and Board on this project in the fall of 2008.

The next year was dedicated to planning the building with the architect and building committee, working with utility companies to move a troublesome telephone pole and hiring a builder. On August 19, 2009, the old Firestone building was demolished and construction began in earnest.

The new building, which adds 1,480 square feet to the library, was constructed by Larry Coffey Construction, also from Berea, Kentucky. The new children's area features a story hour room in the front of the building that doubles as a reading room when programs are not in progress, stacks for children's fiction and non-fiction materials and family movies. We were also able to add a large restroom as well as a kitchen/break room for staff. However, that was not all that we were able to accomplish with this building project. When planning the new addition, it was decided to repaint the original library and install new carpet to update its appearance. We also planned to remodel the existing ladies restroom. But when the furniture was moved, the construction crew and library staff found deteriorated and moldy drywall. All in all, seven walls had to be cleaned and the drywall replaced in order to make the building a safe place for staff and customers. But all of the work has been well worth it, as we have been able to make this a beautiful and effective space for our customers.

The furnishings were chosen with the help of Amanda Flynn at Only Libraries. Mandy developed a great color scheme and plan for the furniture. The ends of the book

shelves in the children's room are designed to resemble the buildings in the city square. Garrard County is very proud of the architecture in the square and this makes a nice and colorful tribute to our community. We have a double-wide "comfy" chair in the new story hour area as well as a bench for customers in the foyer of the building. There is also a new circulation desk between the children's area and the original library which serves as a focal point for the room.

New computer stations are very popular at the library for Internet service. We were able to replace shelving in the adult non-fiction section with metal shelving donated by the Boyle County Public Library and installed new lighting in this area as well. The shelving in the adult fiction section has been rearranged, which makes the space look larger and is a more effective use of the room.

With all of the improvements, the Garrard County Public Library has gotten a new lease on life and will be able to better serve the community for years to come.



New circulation desk is the focal point of the room



The stacks in the new children's area reflect the architecture in the community

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When the Oldham County Library Board of Trustees decided to build a sustainable building with proof of green design through the LEED certification process, they were not only looking at a better facility for library services but a benchmark project for which the entire county could be proud. The OCPL needed to uplift itself in the eyes of the community and the green building fulfilled a community expectation for sustainable

innovation. Additionally, management and staff try to match the building's green outside with practices inside by modeling great behaviors for the whole community such as recycling, using renewable supplies and conservation.

LEED certification adds about 3 to 8% to the cost of construction projects under \$10 million. The payback from energy savings takes an average of three years and can be up to a 48% reduction in energy costs. And the coordination effort and added scope required by professionals -- architects, engineers and builders -- increases the time and effort required to get a building through the process of certification.

"Libraries have the potential to change lives through the resources they provide," said library director Susan Eubank. "We hoped to lead the way in Oldham County to provide a model about how we can all succeed in a reduced-carbon society."

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That visit just so happened to be the 60th county in Kentucky that I've visited a public library. Libraries, no matter the size or the number of branches they have, provide the same basic services to their communities. But, because of the particular community they are in, different trustees, directors and staff make each one unique from all the others.

You can learn something new and different with each public library facility you visit. While you are traveling across our great Commonwealth, stop in and introduce yourself to the director and staff. Let them know you are a trustee from another public library and would like to look around. When I do this I always have a staff person or the director volunteer to give me a behind-the-scenes tour. While there, I always try to pick up any printed information about their programming or other activities...they may be doing something that my library is not doing.

While visiting other public libraries can be fun, it can also be educational. Go to a grand opening or an open house. If the library is celebrating an expansion go and share in the excitement. Or, just go to the next county and see what is special at their library - you'll be glad you did!

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Inspiration for the digital book clubs came from Jessamine County Public Library's Kids' Podcast web page, http://www.jesspublib.org/creative_spot_gallery/index/php?category=53, which presents short audio reviews of children's books by young patrons. Expanding upon that idea, it was natural to look at book trailers, and ask the teens to create their reviews with a video component. The library has Flip cameras available for just such a project. All reviews, both audio and visual, will eventually be posted on the PSPL website.

It is hoped that using the library website to post these audio and video reviews will spur discussions, both online and in person, of material available to Youth Services patrons and serve as an informal readers' advisory.

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Another series of records now available in the Research Room contains more information on the actual military service of individual Kentuckians during the First World War. These *Records of Service Cards* are arranged by branch of service (Army, Navy, Marines) and then alphabetically. Each card records the name of serviceman, his service number, when and where he entered the service and his age at that time, and home address. The card then lists the various stations to which the serviceman was posted, the duration of each posting, and any changes in his rank or grade. The final entry on each card records date and place of discharge.

The last of the new collections consists of *World War I Casualties*. These are cards containing the name of the casualty, whether died or wounded, and name of next of kin. Although these records do not contain a wide range of information, they do provide supporting documentation to the other two sources described above.

Our holdings do not include the actual military service files of World War I veterans.

However, the three new sources are a valuable addition and should be helpful to genealogists as well as to researchers interested in Kentucky military history.

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