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Chase the Blues Away @ HCTC's 2011 Regional Library Conference

By Cathy Branson
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Hazard Community and Technical College Libraries will host its annual regional library conference on May 6, 2011 at Hazard, Kentucky. Presentations for the day include: **Best Picture Books of 2010** with Toy Lancaster, Youth Services, and Meggan

KDLA's Division of Public Records Launches Facebook Page

By Beth Shields
Electronic Records Analyst, KDLA



The Public Records Division (PRD) is now on Facebook! The page was launched in February 2011 to establish a new method of communication with anyone who has an interest in public records in Kentucky.

On the PRD Facebook page, users will find information about research opportunities, collection materials, records management, and services provided by the Public Records Division.

The page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/kdla.prd>. Be sure to hit the "Like" button to keep up with what PRD is doing. The page will be updated weekly with news from the Division.

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By Sarah Stone
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Conway, Central Children's Department of the Lexington Public Library; David Frazier, Program Coordinator, HCTC Information Technology, who will conduct an interactive session on **Using Microsoft Picture Manager to Organize & Edit Your Library Photos**; Kathy Mansfield, Library Media/Textbooks Consultant KDE, **Summer Reading Programs & School Libraries: Building Collaborations**; Larry LaFollette, Coordinator of the Historical Information Management Program, Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, **Library Disaster Preparedness and Planning**, and Mary Lynn Collins, Chair, Mentoring Committee, Friends of Kentucky Libraries - **Friends of the Library: First Steps**.

The conference will begin with brunch at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker Venita Caldwell will present **I'm Not Sure You Realize What You Heard Is Not What I Meant: The Wonderful, Wacky World of Miscommunication**.

[Online registration](#) is available or contact Myla Barrett at myla.barrett@kctcs.edu.

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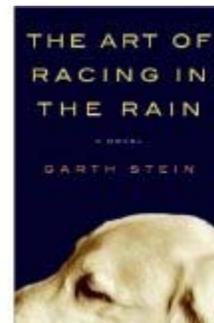
Photo: Members of the HHS Host Club attend an Anime convention in Virginia Beach.

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by Doug Tattershall
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Photo: One Book One Bluegrass selection *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.

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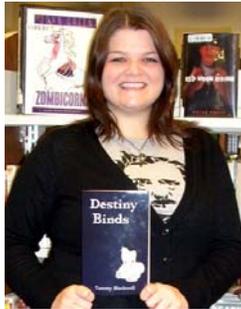
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Submitted by Susan Dunman
Regional Librarian, KDLA



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Photo: [Teens participate in Teen Tech Week at the Warren County Public Library.](#)

Kentucky Legislators READ Project: Unity in the Commonwealth

By Ashley Fowlkes
KPLA Public Relations Committee Chair

The Kentucky Public Library Association (KPLA) is receiving national attention for a project showcasing a diverse group of politicians united in an activity they all support - reading. The Kentucky Legislators READ Poster Project - an initiative of KPLA's advocacy committee - features images of all 138 members of the general assembly, the governor, and six constitutional officers reading their favorite books. The posters, fashioned after ALA Graphics' READ poster series, are distributed to everyone who is photographed, and made available to the schools and libraries they represent.

KPLA member Paige Sexton, who works for the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, and photographer Tim Thornberry of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet spearheaded the project and have worked since 2008 to get 100 percent participation. To celebrate this year's success in doing so, both individual and composite posters are being distributed. The poster

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KDLA would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

- Kimberly Taylor,
Russell County,
Paraprofessional
- Carol L. Stidham,
Perry County,
Paraprofessional

project is currently being featured in the online edition of American Libraries magazine, published by the American Library Association at http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/al_focus/photos/all-kentucky-legislators-read.

The Kentucky Arts Council Celebrates Kentucky Writers' Day

By Tamara Coffey
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Kentucky Arts Council

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Archival Photo of the Month

- Katherine M. Irwin, Jessamine County, **Library Experience**
- Angela Grandstaff, Boone County, **Paraprofessional**
- Jennifer Lee Schwartz, Kenton County, **Library Experience**
- Raymond S. Chaney, Estill County, **Library Experience**
- Melissa Fulton, Mason County, **Library Experience**
- Megan Stith, Meade County, **Paraprofessional**
- Angela Begley, Martin County, **Paraprofessional**
- Geraldine Adams, Johnson County, **Library Experience**
- Dana Belcher, Fleming County, **Professional II**
- Patricia Payne, Nelson County, **Professional I**

KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Donnie Osborn, Martin County
- Steve Marr, Simpson County
- Holly Hightchew, Gallatin County
- Kathy Gabbard, Jackson County
- Debbie Estridge, Jackson County
- Gary Clayton,



Blister check is taken by two Scouts from St. Margaret Mary Catholic School, Lyndon in March 1963 after a 24 hour, 50 mile hike from the school to the floral Clock on the State Capitol grounds. Here brothers Pete and Charles Jenne gleefully pull off their shoes to comment: "Wow! It's over!"

Source: Public Information Photo Collection, Public Records Division - Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

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Please send questions, comments and story ideas for Libraries & Archives Monthly to editor Paige Sexton at paige.sexton@ky.gov or call 502-564-8300 ext. 315.

- Bracken County
- Gerda Wise, Carroll County

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What was my role as Youth Services Programmer in this club? I took a group of boys to an Anime convention in Virginia Beach so that we all could see how to proceed. After the convention the boys ran the whole program. It did help tremendously that our library director Richard Haynes is fluent in anime and well respected by the club members. He helped order anime materials and gave input on ideas.

The entire program was a huge success. The HHS Host Club members would be glad to help start a club for your library. Give the club president (James) a call at 606-505-6523 for information.

Special cakes were created for HHS Host Club anime parties:



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"Writing is a conversation. It's a dialogue between the writer and the reader. and so every reader will interpret a book through his or her own values and ideas and experiences, so in a sense, everyone is reading a different book," Stein said in an interview with One Book One Bluegrass coordinator Christina Cornelison, adult programmer for the Madison County Public Library. "That's what's fun about community reading programs, is that you're going to have these conversations and you have people in a room and they interpret things differently. And there can be great discussions."

One Book One Bluegrass was inspired by One Book One Lexington, a five-year old

program sponsored by the Lexington Public Library, now one of the sponsors of the new program. Similar community reading programs are held throughout America. The first was held in 1998 in Seattle.

"All of the participating library systems are committed to serving their communities, but all of these communities are tied together as a region as well," Cornelison said. "So with One Book One Bluegrass, we want to acknowledge that larger community and help start a conversation that involves the whole region."

One Book One Bluegrass is sponsored by the Friends of the Lexington Public Library and WUKY-FM. Joseph-Beth Booksellers also is partnering with the eight public libraries by offering a 15-percent discount on purchase of *The Art of Racing in the Rain* during the month of April.

A complete schedule of events is available at participating libraries and at www.onebookonebluegrass.org. The complete interview with Stein is available at www.wuky.org/tonic. People also can join the conversation on Facebook by searching for One Book One Bluegrass.

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Thirteen-year old Pacific echoed the sentiments of nearly all the participants when he noted that computers and cell phones were vital to his life. He uses computers to study and a cell phone to keep in touch with his family. Several young adults also emphasized the use of technology to play music.

Zachary, 14, said "I can't live without my music to calm me down." Comments such as this allowed for discussions on checking out music from the library and downloading music legally.

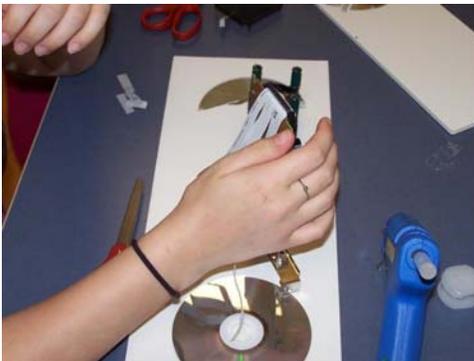
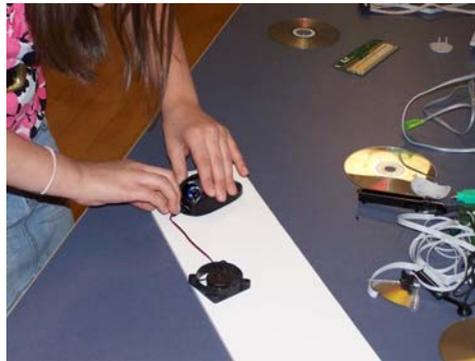
Young adults at the Bob Kirby Branch Library had fun celebrating Teen Tech Week by turning old technology into art during the Mix and Mash Tech Art program. Local businesses donated old computer and phone components that were bound for the

trash or recycling bin. Participants were given hammers, screwdrivers, and pliers to smash and tear apart the pieces of technology. Then, they glued the pieces back together to form collages and sculptures. One participant commented that it was strange to be breaking technology when it is normally handled with care and caution. That led to a discussion on the responsible use of technology.

After being reassured that breaking the technology in front of them was allowed, the participants began flinging their hammers. The sound of cracking plastic and pinging metal filled the room. Soon participants were looking at the pieces in front of them and assembling them with glue on foam board. Watching the transition from a broken and, presumably useless, piece of technology to a work of art was exhilarating for all involved. Staff members were also fascinated by the ample opportunities such an event provided for discussion of the forms of technology available at the library and how to use them properly.

All in all, the Warren County Public Library deemed this year's Teen Tech Week celebrations a success. We are already planning more technology-themed programs for young adults, including more gaming nights, computer classes and open Mac Labs.

From the Mix and Mash Tech Art program...



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The report is separated into nine sections:

- A summary of library statistics for the most recent year, and comparisons with three prior years.
- A series of charts listing the top counties in various per capita library measures.
- County by county library statistics in 77 categories.
- A select group of statistics arranged in order of county population. Counties are also ranked in the selected statistics section.
- A glossary of terms used.
- Comparative statistics (such as public library attendance vs. Fancy Farm's picnic turnout, Toyota's Georgetown plant size vs. library square footage, public school cost vs. public library cost, sports attendance vs. public library attendance - see pages 60-63).
- A special section of statistics including county rank is offered. Please check out these interesting ways to measure your library on pages 64-75.
- A revised list of recommended links to web sites devoted to public library statistics is on page 76.
- A series of graphs illustrating trends in Kentucky public libraries begins on page 77.

To look at all the report has to offer go to the KDLA web site and click on the Librarians tab. Then click on Public Library Standards, Statistics and Directories. Then click Library Statistics. After doing this you'll have so very much information to help you plan the future of your local library. Where are you now and where do you want to go?

Also, while on the new and improved KDLA web site try looking around at what all they have to offer. A vast array of information is waiting and all we have to do is click that mouse!

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The Kentucky Writers' Day event is free and open to the public.

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"If you were to plot Lake County on a map, it would be this magical place snuggled between Marshall, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg Counties. I wanted to write a place that my teens would be familiar with, but allow myself the room to make up new landmarks and communities. Lake County gave me the freedom to create a new world while keeping the flavor of Western Kentucky," said Blackwell.

Blackwell is the young adult librarian for the Marshall County Public Library System. The book is dedicated to her Young Adult Advisory Panel, a group of students in grades 8-12 who are active in the library and, according to Blackwell, the reason the book exists at all.

"The whole reason I wrote *Destiny Binds* is because I wasn't seeing the type of kids I work with being portrayed in books. Most YA books are set in New York City or California. The few that are set in small towns usually portray them as quaint,

everyone-knows-everyone places that seem stuck in the 1950's. I wanted to give them a story they could see themselves in."

Destiny Binds is the story of a teenage girl, Scout, who is introduced to the world of Shifters and Seers by new boy in town, Alex Cole. When Scout starts to fall for Alex, despite the feelings she already has for her lifelong friend Charlie, things become complicated with the local pack of Shifters. The story has all the normal trappings of the popular YA paranormal genre - supernatural creatures, love triangles, life or death situations, and teen angst.

Seventeen year-old Meg Mahoney is already a fan. "Miss Tammy let me read an early draft and I loved it! It's full of engaging characters, unique mythology, and an unexpected ending. I can't wait to read the next one in the series!"

Destiny Binds has already received praise in the book community by gaining an Honorable Mention in Nathan Bransford's first paragraph contest and having one of the top rated first pages on WeBook's Page to Fame contest. The print version of Destiny Binds is available on Amazon.com and the eBook version will be available for the Kindle, Nook and iPad soon.

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