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## Movie to be Screened at Library

By Alicia Harrington  
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The Daviess County Public Library will host a screening of Kentucky native Martha Stephens' Pilgrim Song on Saturday,

## Fueling the Mind Program Expands to Community Gardens

By Angela McGuire  
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Union County Public Library District

The Union County Public Library District has partnered with Bradley Vowels, Community Outreach Coordinator for Union County Community Garden Coalition, to bring community gardens to two of the library's summer feeding sites as part of its Fueling the Mind 2013 program.

After learning about gardens through programming activities, students will have hands-on experience working the community gardens and they will also be receiving produce from the gardens to take home and share with their families.



Community gardens under construction.

June 8 at 7:00 p.m. Stephens, the director and co-writer, will be in attendance and participate in a brief Q&A session afterward. This is her latest feature.

"Seeking escape from his stalled relationship and unhappy place in the world, James, a recently pink-slipped music teacher, sets out to hike Kentucky's arduous Sheltoewe Trace Trail," reads the film's official synopsis. "Ignoring his girlfriend Joan's plea to stay in Louisville and look for work, James sets out on his two-month journey in hopes of discovering the source of his restless dissatisfaction."

## Trustee Connection

By Mindy Woods  
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## Focus on Friends

### Facebook Challenge

By Nelda Moore  
Communications Director  
Friends of Kentucky Libraries

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By Jen Boutin  
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Karl Benson with Frank X Walker, who used the library growing up, during Karl's tenure as director.

## Friends of Kentucky Libraries Sends Delegate to Attend National Library Legislative Day

By Nelda Moore  
Communications Director  
Friends of Kentucky Libraries

This year, for the first time, Friends of Kentucky Libraries sent a delegate to Washington, DC to visit with Kentucky's federal legislators during National Library Legislative Day on May 7-8. Lance Ferris (Muhlenberg County),



Library supporters visit Senator McConnell.

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### Trustees Earn Certification

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) is proud to announce that the following Kentucky public library trustees have attained Trustee Certification:

- Martha McNaghten, Anderson County
- Marshall Ward, Calloway County
- Jeanette Ladd, Letcher County
- Margaret Lewis, Letcher County
- Stacey Nickell, Livingston County
- Judy Flavell, Madison County
- Cecelia Stewart, Perry County
- Kathy Adams, Pike County
- Catherine Childers, Pike County
- Joseph Justice, Pike County
- Sam Smith, Union

past president and charter board member, joined other library delegates to discuss the importance of adequate funding for libraries of all kinds as Congress continues to make cuts that impact them.

Other delegates were Melissa Brooks and Leoma Dunn, representing academic libraries; Emmalee Hill Hoover and Adele Koch, representing school and library media specialists; Steve Marcum, representing library trustees; JC Morgan, Kay Morrow, and Susan Nimersheim, representing public libraries; Wayne Onkst, State Librarian and Commissioner; and Lisa Rice, President of Kentucky Library Association.

### Taylor County Proud of New Library

By Debbie Parson  
Adult Services Librarian  
Taylor County Public Library

The Taylor County Public Library moved from a building that had about 7,000 square feet to a beautiful new building that has 10,500 square feet. The new library has ten public use computers, and features a teen corner with two cafe style tables and a comfy chair. There is a Kentucky/Genealogy room, several comfortable sitting areas, a coffee area, a large children's room with a portion having tile floor and a sink (and a family bathroom). Additionally, there is a community room which includes a kitchen and bath. And to top it all off, the library has gone from providing seven parking spaces at the old library, to providing 32 parking spaces at the new facility!

Photos of the new library:



### Author Became Fascinated by Horse's Journey

County

By Sharon Roggenkamp  
Media Coordinator  
Scott County Public Library

## KDLA Congratulates New Certification Holders

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives would like to congratulate these newly certified library employees:

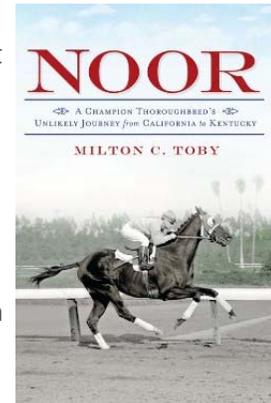
- Sue E. Gueld, Carroll County, Library Experience
- Jeffrey Gurnee, Clark County, Professional I
- Joel Meador, Hopkins County, Professional I
- William Stolz, Kenton County, Professional I
- Arlene C. Wilson, Kenton County, Library Experience
- Sally A. Ferguson, Perry County, Library Experience
- Mark Wetherington, Powell County, Professional I

## KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to welcome the following new trustees:

- Sherri Breitholle, Boone County
- Eric Richardson, Boone County
- Renee Loy Morgan, Bullitt County
- Pam Polston, Bullitt County

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## Archival Photo of the Month



Contestants representing state agencies vie for the title, "Miss State Government" as part of a picnic for state employees (from left to right: Miss Welfare, Miss Revenue, Miss Personnel, Miss Military, Miss Highway, Miss Economic Security, and Miss Economic Development.) ca. 1950s - 1960s.

- Linda Bennett, Caldwell County
- Jennifer Nelson, Caldwell County
- Carol Foxworthy, Fleming County
- Larry T. Ingram, Fleming County
- Dr. James T. Brom, Greenup County
- Ursula Nance, DVM, Greenup County
- Micah Fitzgerald, Henry County
- Shelvy Wilson, Mason County
- Mary Atherton, McLean County
- Carolyn Gullett, Morgan County

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## Full Articles Beyond This Point

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Betsy Wilt, president of the library board said, "I have seen Karl as a 'public servant' in the best sense of the term. He has been a leader who leads decisively and forcefully, while at the same time, giving his staff and his board responsibilities and power. As a true leader should do, he has put out the ideas and let others seize them. His wide knowledge and interests in library management, history, architecture, art, horticulture, education, and community service have made the library what it is today."

Assistant director, Georgia de Araujo said that the following quote is a wonderful illustration of Benson's philosophy:

*"Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." --Warren Buffett*

"Karl sees the big picture, even when dealing with the day-to-day things," says de Araujo. "He always kept the big picture in mind when making decisions, looking at the ramifications, and making sure that what we're doing now is what's best for the long haul."

"Karl made certain that our library would reflect Danville and Boyle County," said Wilt. "You will see many local artists and touches of local history, such as the quilt and the new mural of local photographs. However, his visions extended to the broader world, also. In the entrance you see the compass rose; upstairs the large globe; in one room, a wall map; in the children's library the Star Dome; and over the stairway the starlites. Karl gave us ideas about how to show our life in Boyle County, but to look beyond to the bigger world also."

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Toby got into his car and drove away, yet minutes later returned and introduced himself to Farmer. A new book proposal took shape, and on May 25, 2013 Toby signed copies and discussed that book *Noor: A Champion Thoroughbred's Unlikely Journey from California to Kentucky*.

Purchased by Charles S. Howard, Noor stayed in the shadow of another famous Howard horse with "stumpy legs and a wheezing chest" - Seabiscuit. According to the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, Noor "blossomed at age five, setting three world records and three track records...five times he dueled with the 1948 Triple Crown winner Citation..." defeating him four times in 1950. Yet, fame eluded him and he became in Toby's view "The best horse no-one remembered."

Charlotte Farmer is not a horse trainer, owner or breeder, yet "She loves horses, the sport and she loves people," said Toby. After she discovered Noor's unmarked grave at a Northern California training track stood in the path of developers, she convinced donors, volunteers, archeologists and heavy equipment operators to join her unprecedented rescue effort.

Toby believes horses are "magnificent creatures," yet his admiration for Farmer's tenacity (she scanned and transcribed 722 newspaper articles about Noor's career) and his conviction that the record of a stubborn stallion who "turned the tables on Citation" should be lifted from obscurity, is a fascinating chapter in the golden era of American thoroughbred racing. Noor was inducted into the National Racing Museum of Fame in 2002, and the book is a finalist for the American Horse Publications Equine Book of the Year.

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## **Focus on Friends**

### ***Facebook Challenge***

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Dear Editor:

My favorite business slogan is GE's "We bring good things to life," and one of my most admired individuals from history is Thomas Jefferson. So, it's not a stretch to recognize the value of public libraries with a mash-up of GE and Jefferson and say *Libraries bring good things to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

At the public library one can learn as many life skills as one wishes. I have taught myself how to cook various things, repaired my oven myself, used consumer health information written in plain English for both humans and canines, and learned how to fix any number of vexing problems in everyday living.

The library provides us with multiple viewpoints on matters of political and civic importance, enhancing the role of the average citizen in making informed decisions. How quickly would democracy fade if access to information had not kept it alive over the decades of this grand experiment? And even with the Internet providing a plethora of views on every subject, libraries still play a role in helping us sift through more information than we can handle at times.

The pursuit of happiness can take many roads, but the one I particularly love is reading. Whether it's escaping from the real world to one of fiction or learning more about the actual world through non-fiction, books open avenues to fun, adventure, new ways of looking at what one thought one knew. They expand our horizons and our internal introspection; they make us think about our roles in the great scheme of life whether we're reading ink on paper or pixels on a screen or listening through ear buds or our car's audio system.

This is National Library Week, so celebrate your library and how it brings good things to you.

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my library district! It's just that a miracle has happened in our small town of Grayson, and I feel the need to share it.

The Carter County Public Library closed the sale Friday on what will be our new Grayson branch on Main Street downtown! This means we have gone from being one of the last counties in the state to form a library district to becoming property owners and having a permanent home. We must thank our Mayor and City Council members for being willing to become our leasing agent, and the two locally owned banks for having enough faith in us, and pride in our community, to make the loan.

It's a perfect place for a library in Grayson. It is right in the middle of town so people can walk to us. We're right across from Veterans' Square Park, and we envision patrons checking out materials and taking them to the park. It is a dream come true!

With more than 3,900 square feet on each of its two floors, the former furniture store has more than enough space for us to grow. It also has wonderful views of Main Street through its huge glass front windows.

The interior is wide open, which gives the library flexibility in remodeling. Our main expenses will be heating and air conditioning and restrooms that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

When the time comes for moving books and other furnishings, we will put out a call for volunteers, and we expect the community to rally around us.

Dreams do come true!

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