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

- Tami Elam, Anderson County, Library Experience
- Deborah Hoskins, Bullitt County, Paraprofessional
- Alexa Adams, Fayette County, Professional I
- Jessica Herrington, Garrard County, Professional I
- Carolyn Sue Pennington, Greenup County, Library Experience
- Starla Fields, Harrison County, Library Experience
- Louise Smith, Jackson County, Paraprofessional
- Paul Duryea, Kenton County, Professional I
- Christopher Oaks,

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By Carolyn Wells
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Professional I

- Jenny Calhoon,
Marshall County,
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- Allison Ennis,
Morgan County,
Paraprofessional
- Emily Mankin,
Pulaski County,
Paraprofessional

KDLA Welcomes New Trustees

KDLA would like to
welcome the following new
trustees:

- Jennifer McComis,
Boyd County
- Lorene Burton,
Elliott County
- Wilma Hutchison,
Elliott County
- Belinda Smith,
Elliott County
- Pearl Sparks, Elliott
County
- Gretchen Gillig,
Franklin County
- Robert Kellerman,
Franklin County
- Janet Lile, Franklin
County
- Evie Burchett,
Lawrence County
- Nadyne Kelly,
Lawrence County
- Richard Smith,
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- Tammy Stone,
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- Lee Wilson, Lyon
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- Kim King, McCreary
County
- Pamela Davis,
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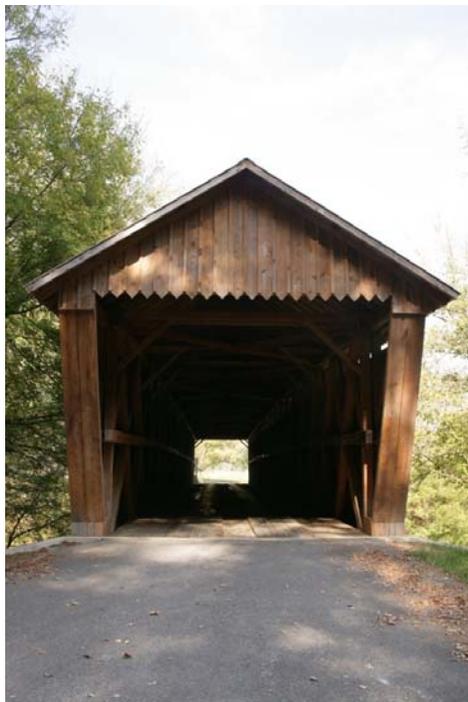
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Archival Photo of the Month



Bennett's Mill Covered Bridge, South Shore, Greenup
County, Kentucky, 2005.

Source: Creative Services Photo Collection, Public Records
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Passes to the museum, the tennis center (two hours of outdoor court time per day), pool passes, YMCA passes, and police and fire department tour passes are all available to check out for seven days at a time, with no renewals. Also available are all kinds of sports equipment to take advantage of the county's green spaces, such as tennis rackets, Frisbees, basketballs, soccer balls and volleyballs, as well as binoculars for bird watching. The library purchased and added books, videos, and databases covering these subjects for those interested in learning more.

Although "Check Out Your Community" is a new initiative, libraries have been circulating unusual items for years, many for fun and recreation. You can check out fishing poles (Scott County Public Library), jigsaw puzzles (McCreary County Public Library), board games (Kenton County Public Library), Chuggington Trains (McCracken County Public Library), cornhole boards and beanbags (Cumberland County Public Library), and even hula hoops (Hart County Public Library).

Looking for something interesting for your children? How about multicultural hand puppets (Hart County Public Library) or hand puppets with books featuring the same theme (Marshall County Public Library). You can check out large stuffed animals in-house for your child to read to (Grant County Public Library) or American Girl dolls and clothes (Pulaski County Public Library). Kids can learn about color by checking out a color mixing kit (Hart County Public Library), and for the teen who loves computers or for those young-at-heart computer geeks, you can even check out a Raspberry Pi (Paris-Bourbon County Public Library). A Raspberry Pi is a microcomputer using an ARM based processor. Learn more about them at <http://www.raspberrypi.org>.

Interested in learning something new? You can learn all about planting and growing Heirloom vegetables and even check out Heirloom seeds to plant in your garden (Oldham County Public Library). Check out a "Kimmie Doll" and book which help explain cancer to young children (Bracken County Public Library). How about learning to keep your family occupied and happy in the car on your family vacation? Check out a family travel kit, which contains an audio book as well as a printed book, craft ideas for the car, car games, and a travel guide themed to the vacation locale (Campbell County Public Library).

Want to entertain? You can check out a Santa suit (Pulaski County Public Library) or an Easter Bunny suit (Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library). Check out a guitar and take beginner's music lessons (Hopkins County Madisonville Public Library). Although it's too big to literally check out and take with you, the Boone County Public Library has placed a piano in the reading room of the main library, and customers are free to come in and play.

Or, are you looking for something practical? You can check out bike locks (McCracken County Public Library), a handheld GPS unit (Scott County Public Library), or sets of magnifying glasses and tape measures (Hart County Public Library).

Whatever you are looking for, try your public library first!

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On July 1, 2013, Mrs. Clairmont officially took over the director's responsibilities for the library. Mrs. Clairmont replaces Ms. Anise Warden who will be curtailing her workload to allow more time for family responsibilities. Ms. Anise, who served as library director since 1997, will maintain a limited work schedule and serve as mentor for Mrs. Clairmont, who was one of 16 applicants from several states for the director's position. It was her college education and degrees, her myriad work experience, and her obvious love of Todd County that were selling points in Ms. Clairmont's selection as new director.

Mrs. Nadine Ross, library trustee, stated, "We are so very pleased that Audrea will bring her love of reading and her many talents to the library. Her enthusiasm is so very apparent, and we look forward to many Todd Countians becoming more

acquainted with Mrs. Clairmont in the months ahead."

Mrs. Clairmont is not a newcomer to Todd County and its people. A 1995 graduate of TCCHS, Mrs. Clairmont, whose grandmother, the late Mrs. Lorraine Latham, was a student of Jesse Stuart in eastern Kentucky, brings to her new job a BA in science in elementary education from Austin Peay State University. She also holds a MS in library media education from Western Kentucky University. Since her high school years, Mrs. Clairmont has served as a teacher and substitute teacher both in Todd County and in South Korea. She also has past experience working in the Todd County Circuit Court Clerk's office, as well as serving as a substitute mail carrier. She also brings to her new position experience as a secretary at Hearth and Home Rugs of Elkton. At a recent library board meeting, Mrs. Clairmont stated that she has already seen many faces from her years of serving as a teacher, and she expressed her excitement about the new job and responsibilities she has accepted.

"This is my dream job," said Mrs. Clairmont. "I've always loved to read and placed importance upon the written word. I could travel anywhere and still be home when Dad called 'Supper!'" She added, "Reading and the enjoyment thereof are two wishes I have for every Todd Countian. Whether it is for pleasure, learning a new trade or hobby, or just catching up on the latest news with a newspaper or magazine, I would love for everyone to come and see what the Todd County Public Library has to offer."

On Monday, July 22, 2013, the trustees of the Todd County Public Library are hosting a reception to honor Mrs. Clairmont. Hours for the reception will be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Clairmont, the mother of two small children and the wife of a heavy construction machine operator, is very excited to be at work in Todd County, and she eagerly anticipates meeting many new folks in the months and years ahead. Please make plans now to be a part of this event.

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Currently, the committee is working with several library systems as Friends groups are being organized. We have an electronic "packet" of information that we can send to libraries or individuals who are interested in starting new Friends chapters. Committee members can also offer guidance uniquely for a Friends chapter, such as establishing the relationship between the Friends and the library system, and how to work through the steps to form an organization within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

As a bonus to Friends groups that join the Friends of Kentucky Libraries, Inc., our organization will award \$400 grants to new chapters within six months of when they receive their 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status from the IRS. This is to offset the cost of applying for tax exempt status.

The Mentoring Committee is also available to existing chapters for information or help

with chapter business. For further information, contact the Chapter Liaison & Mentoring Committee through the Friends of Kentucky Libraries website at <http://www.FriendsKyLibraries.org>.

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Each year the Friends present every graduate with a book, a tradition in place for over a decade. "I am very impressed with anyone who completed this GED program," said Leverenz. "These students overcome obstacles many of us never face. They have achieved an important educational goal."

During the ceremony, four graduates spoke, including Rachel Duryea, who reminded her peers their new diploma is a "call to further action - a better life and a better job."

The graduating class of 2013 is the final class to graduate from the Scott County Center for Lifelong Learning. The state of Kentucky is currently reviewing applications for a new fiscal agent/administrator for the program. Under Combs' administration, the number of graduates in the class of 2013 exceeded its program goal, and exceeded the state's target goal for number of diplomas awarded.

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Because of the passage of time and extensive land development, the library is seeking to verify and photograph sites to help ensure accuracy. Some cemeteries may have moved or disappeared altogether.

The library updates the map monthly as more information becomes available from the community. With public input, the site could eventually include twice as many cemeteries as it does currently, McClure said.

Librarians began work on the website using the library's index of local cemeteries, a

resource created by the library staff based on documents in the Kentucky Room on the third floor of the Central Library. The online resource includes information from Bourbon County and a link to the Clark County Public Library's online map for Clark County cemeteries. The resource will continue to expand to include cemeteries in other surrounding counties.

To help, call the Kentucky Room at 859-231-5523 or email vmcclure@lexpublib.org.

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