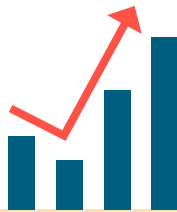




TOP TEN



BOOK A LIBRARIAN SESSIONS

1. Translation and interpretation
2. General technical assistance
3. Assistance in filling out forms
4. Job search and resume help
5. Test proctoring
6. Help with e-readers
7. One Click Digital
8. Reader's advisory
9. Facebook
10. Microsoft Office



Cheese, homebrew, soda put science on the menu

No one ever sleeps through science when Miranda Woodall is around. Instead, they're making cheese or soda, they're extracting DNA from strawberries or blowing up balloons with gas from fermenting yeast.

"Kids like the hands-on stuff. So I try to do more of that than talking," she says.

Woodall is Alltech's education outreach specialist. She's been working five years for the global biotech company based in Jessamine County. At first, she brought science programs to schools, but more recently she has been doing them in public libraries as well. She started at the Woodford County Library, but has since added libraries in Madison, Scott, Lincoln and Boyle counties as well as the Lexington Public Library.

"I guess the word got around pretty quick," she says.

Woodall's Programs at Lexington Public Library

For children:

Bio-science Discovery Hour

2 p.m. June 15 at Central
2 p.m. June 19 at Village
2 p.m. June 29 at Tates Creek
2 p.m. July 12 at Northside
2 p.m. July 19 at Beaumont

For adults:

Introduction to Homebrewing

7 p.m. June 5 at Beaumont
6 p.m. July 12 at Eastside

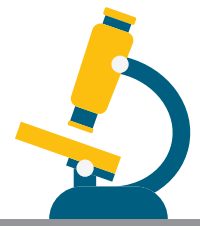
Make Your Own Cheese

11 a.m. July 22 at Tates Creek

How To Make Old-Fashioned Soda

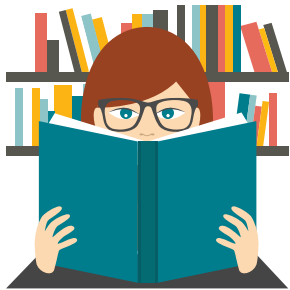
11 a.m. July 29 at Tates Creek

looking closer



How people used the Library in May

131,931



library visits



264,325

books, magazines, books on CD, CDs, & DVDs checked out

181 people took a computer class



9,493 people



used library meeting and study rooms

??964 questions via email, chat, & text

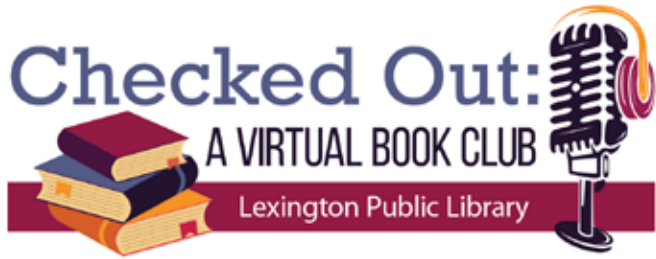


5,009 program attendees

84,149 people used our wifi



3,484 fax/scans



Lexington Public Library's podcast recognized

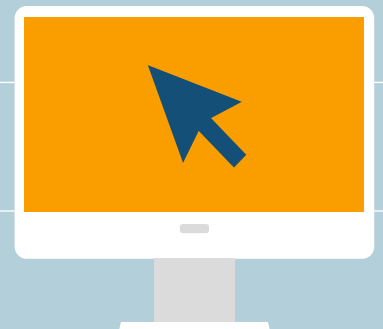
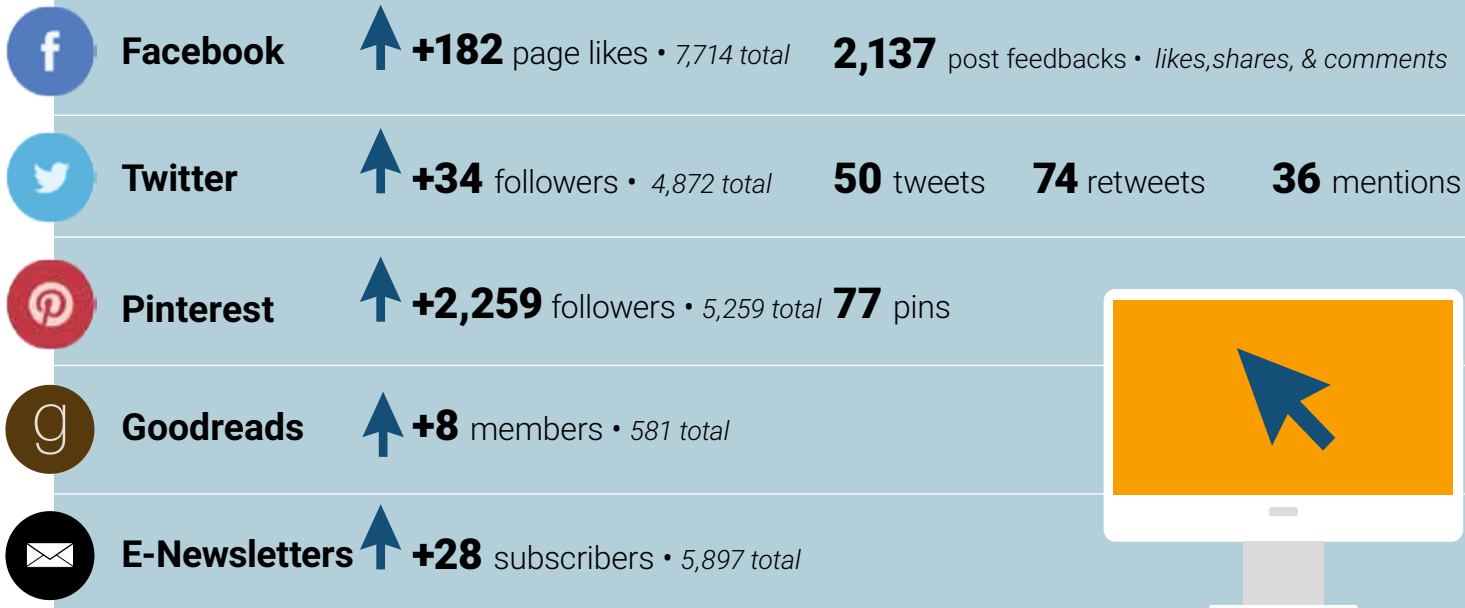
The Library's monthly podcast, "Checked Out: A Virtual Book Club," has attracted the attention of DEMCO Software, a division of the 115-year-old library supply company that supports the Library's online calendar and mobile app. DEMCO included Checked Out on its website under the heading "Making It Happen: Community Engagement Success Stories & Strategies." The website quotes Virtual Services Librarian Bobby Webb: "People who may not have the time or ability to attend a book club in one of our physical locations are able to participate remotely." The podcast just finished its first year, hosted by Northside Branch Manager Jenny Lewis and Eastside Branch Librarian Alexa Adams Robertson. In the most recent podcast, they discuss *Inside of a Dog* by Alexandra Horowitz, complete with an interview with Ashley Marcum of the Lexington Humane Society.



Monarch Way Station

Milkweed is yummy for monarchs, so the Tates Creek Branch enlarged its outdoor Monarch Way Station on May 20 by adding a raised bed devoted to the butterfly's favorite plants. Facilities Manager Mike Connolly and Maintenance Team Leader Marvin Atkins installed the bed, and Reference Librarian Heather Prichard and Librarian Assistant Barb Stacy planted seedlings that had been started by customers in a March program.

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT



Children's Programs

Teen Job Lab

Summer means summer reading, but for many teens it also means summer jobs. So Youth Associate Lynn Robertson and Library Associate Jonathan Kays hosted the first Teen Job Lab May 10 at the Village Branch. Teens learned about job hunting and resume writing. For those who missed it, the library plans to offer additional summer sessions.



Troll Party

Trolls, those shamelessly ugly dolls with colorful hair, have made a comeback since last year's animated movie. That might explain why 155 people attended a Troll Party May 24 at the Beaumont Branch. Some came dressed as trolls and just about everybody went through a colorful obstacle course, made sand art hug bracelets, or built a house to take home for their own trolls. Did those little guys ever really go out of style?



Mother's Day Crafts

Children are always eager to make something special for Mom for Mother's Day, and on May 6, the Northside Branch was eager to help. More than 20 kids made and decorated construction paper Mother's Day bouquets to give to their mothers and grandmothers. Of course, sometimes Mom had to help.

Baby Sensory Explorers

Babies are busy growing their brains constantly, which means lots of sensory stimulation equals lots of growth. That's why Bates Creek Branch hosted its first-ever Baby Sensory Explorers program on May 24. A total of 25 babies explored sounds, colors and textures in an explosion of cuteness.

Adult Programs

Book Buzz

Representatives of Penguin Random House and University Press of Kentucky spoke to a group of eager readers about upcoming and new releases at Book Buzz May 23 at the Beaumont Branch. The event is the annual get together for the Lexington Public Library's Goodreads group, Lexington Reads, which is the largest city-based group on the social media book reading site. A total of 39 people attended the event, which includes a book swap.



Kentucky History

Kentucky's 225th birthday seemed to have customers especially interested in local history at the Beaumont Branch. Eric Brooks, curator of Ashland: The Henry Clay Estate, presented A History of Henry Clay in 25 Objects on May 16 to an audience of 28 adults, and Foster Ockerman, president of the Lexington History Museum, had an audience of 38 on May 22 for How Kentucky Became a State. Brooks expanded on a previous talk given at Beaumont by adding new artifacts to his presentation, and Ockerman offered not only a history of constitutional conventions but also foreign intrigue and Lexington's role as the provisional capital of the new state.



Lexington Public Library Goes to School

The Beaumont Branch visited two new preschools in May. Children's Librarian Katie Camp read to 19 children from 1 year to preschool at Smart Beez Daycare, and Children's Librarian Kinzie Gaunce read to 51 children at Kids R Kids.

Kids are reading all over town, and the Lexington Public Library is helping them. One Children's Librarian filled in for a kindergarten orientation day when another organization dropped out—the principal insisted she come back next year! The library staff visited James Lane Allen, Cardinal Valley, Wellington and Meadowthorpe elementary schools, Lexington Universal Academy, Beaumont YMCA, KinderCare on Custer Drive and Our House at the Pinnacle. School groups also made the journey to the library, including groups from Baptist Health Child Care and Lansdowne Elementary School to the Tates Creek Branch and Harrison Elementary School to the Central Library.

Village Branch Library Associate Jonathan Kays finished his Film School projects with Leestown Middle School's Kappa League. The students created fight scenes to conclude what has been a semester-long series.

Spanish for Beginners at LFUCG Senior Center

Outreach Services Multicultural Liaison Lindsay Mattingly started a new Spanish for Beginners class at the LFUCG Senior Center. Participants have very much enjoyed the opportunity to practice a new skill and continue their life-long learning.

Spanish-language Radio Vida Appearance

Village Branch Library Assistant Alexis Meza de los Santos was a guest on Spanish-language Radio Vida (WYGH-AM 1440) on May 23. She talked about Discover Summer, library programming and opportunities for Spanish language customers.

Arts at the library



Jazz: Live at the Library! featured pianist and Indiana University professor Monika Herzig as well as bassist Mike Sharfe and Saxophonist Tim McCord from Cincinnati, along with drummer (and event organizer) Dave McWhorter.



Peasant Paintings of Hu County at the Central Library Gallery exhibited works inspired by Chinese folk art and used in the 1950s to present idyllic scenes of folk life during Mao Tse-tung's early rule.

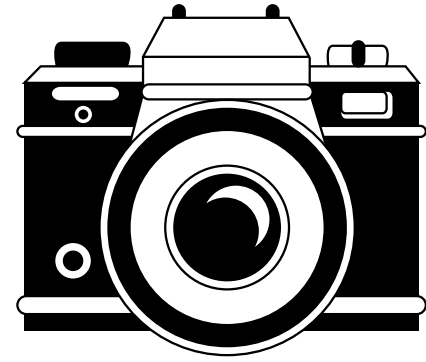


Wednesday Quilting Friends are exhibiting examples of their work on the Eastside Branch gallery wall during the months of May and June. They work on quilts each week in the Eastside makerspace.



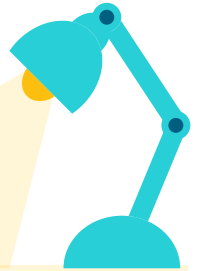
Welcome to Central!

There are two new faces at the Central Library Children's Department. Blayne Borden comes to Central from the Eastside Branch, where she was a Library Associate. Whitney Johnson comes from the Estill County Public Library, where she was the Children's Librarian. They arrived just in time for Discover Summer! (Welcome, now get to work!)



Tates Creek Photography Club exhibit

The Tates Creek Photography Club, which meets monthly at the branch, had an exhibit of 40 framed works by club members in the rotunda of the Tates Creek Branch throughout May. The exhibit drew praise from customers, several of whom asked for information on how to join the group.



CUSTOMER SPOTLIGHT

Melody Newton

When Melody Newton's parents passed away, she found a collection of quilting squares her mother had left behind, unused.

"They were from all sorts of materials Mom had gathered over the years. I even found some from a dress I had worn as a girl," Melody says.

So Melody took up quilting. She joined Wednesday Quilting Friends and met up once a week at the makerspace in the Eastside Branch. Now Melody is ready to do something with her mother's quilting squares. Nine somethings, to be exact. One for each of her mother's great-grandchildren.



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Read! Play! Explore!



More Discover Summer! Big programs every week. Something every day. Grammy-nominated children's music singer-songwriter Zak Morgan (When Bullfrogs Croak) will perform at all library locations on June 19 through 21. If not live music, then maybe live sharks—the Newport Aquarium will bring coral catsharks at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25, to the Beaumont Branch to see and touch. And snow cones will help mark the midway point of summer reading at all locations shortly after Independence Day.

More Phoenix Forward! Play in the park continues from 10 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Inflatables, the Cincinnati Circus, Lawn Games and Snow Cones!



Lexington Public Library

Central Library

140 E. Main Street 40507

Mon - Thurs: 9am - 9pm

Fri: 9am - 6pm

Sat: 9am - 5pm

Sun: 1pm - 5pm

Beaumont Branch

3080 Fieldstone Way 40513

Eastside Branch

3000 Blake James Dr. 40509

Northside Branch

1733 Russell Cave Rd. 40505

Tates Creek Branch

3628 Walden Dr. 40517

Village Branch

2185 Versailles Rd. 40504

Branch Hours

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