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Library Day at the Legislature

Librarians from all across West Virginia gathered at the state Capitol in February for the annual Library Day at the Legislature. Sponsored by the WV Library Association, the group presented its goals for the 2023 session. Primarily, the WVLA will be working with lawmakers on increasing funding for grants to the Public Libraries Fund and providing resources to improve library facilities across the state.

Elizabeth Fraser, head of the Reference Department, manned the KCPL booth in the capitol rotunda, providing legislators with information on KCPL and its branches and on the system's latest innovations.

 Linda Lawrence is looking for volunteers to help with KCPL's ongoing Used Book Sale at the Main Library. Contact Karen Lukens if you're interested!



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NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Welcome!

2023 promises to be another exciting year!

We got off to a great start with the Friend's first Wine and Cheese Meet & Greet at the Main Library on January 19th. It was great to see everyone in person and be sure to look for more Meet & Greets in the coming months.

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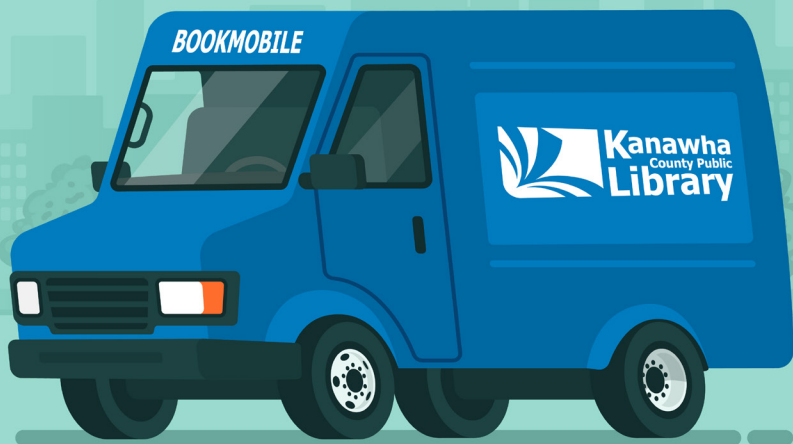
Cathy Mason, Danielle Casto, and Kayla Stamper
of Sissonville Branch Library in January.

KCPL programming for the new year is well underway.

In January and February our staff organized Winter Reading programs and special events centered on Black History Month. In March, Celtic Calling returns to the Main Library with a limerick writing

workshop, loom weaving demonstrations, and Celtic Tales Family Storytime - all on March 4th.

Plans are already underway for this year's Summer Library Club. All KCPL branches will take part with special programs and reading incentives for the June 1st through July 31st program.

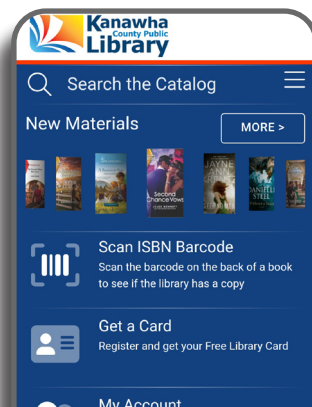


After over a year without one, KCPL plans to relaunch its Bookmobile this summer. The new vehicle will be smaller to allow it to go more places across the county, but will still feature a great collection of books and other items.

This spring, KCPL will reopen its Glasgow Branch. Located in Glasgow's town hall, the branch closed in 2021 due to construction, but is expected to reopen on April 1st.

KCPL Launches New Mobile App!

It's an easy-to-use, on the go application that allows users to explore the library catalog, view their personal account, and more. It's available for free download by simply visiting the Apple Store or Google Play and searching "KCPLS".



WV Book Festival Returns!

The 2023 WV Book Festival returns on Saturday, October 21st at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center.

This year's festival is shifting to a one day event, but will still feature a great lineup of best-selling authors, writing workshops and programs, Children's Word Play, the Literary Marketplace and, of course, the annual Used Book Sale!

Book Festival organizers have started work on author contracts and are working on the first proposals for programs and workshops. The author's lineup is expected to be announced this spring.



Lois Payne
KCPL Development Associate

Stan Howell
KCPL Marketing & Development Manager

What's been your relationship with the Friends, and how would you like to see it transform moving forward?

Since 2002, I've been the de facto treasurer; receiving, tracking and acknowledging membership dues and proceeds from various sales. I agree with Stan that it would be great if the Friends would become more involved with KCPL's programs and other initiatives.

You knitted awesome socks for the Marketing staff last Christmas. What is it about yarn that you love working with so much?

I knit so I won't kill people and it enables me to keep a weapon handy! Seriously, I find knitting to be a relaxing and comforting activity that allows me to turn squishy yarn into lovely and practical gifts for family and friends.

In the office it's common knowledge that you hate country music, with a passion! Who've you been listening to lately?

The Nervous Eaters, Soraia, and Ryan Hamilton. While I do listen to and enjoy other genres of music, my love for classic rock will never die!

What's been your relationship with the Friends, and how would you like to see it transform moving forward?

I've had a great relationship with the Friends since I joined KCPL in 2019. I would love to see the group become more involved with all of the wonderful programs we have here at KCPL.

I heard you got the opportunity to breathe the same air as William Shatner recently. Tell us more!

Being an original Trekkie (yes, I am that old), it was amazing seeing "Captain Kirk" in person. He's one of the heroes of my youth and it was a joy watching this 90 year old man prance around the Clay Center stage!

In the office you admitted to enjoying romantic comedies! What's one of your favorite rom-coms, and why?

My absolute favorite is Notting Hill. I love nothing more than a good Hugh Grant romantic comedy!

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