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Learn something new in the new year at the Library

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (January 2, 2020) – The Louisville Free Public Library is your source for lifelong learning with new Fast Classes and Short Courses in 2020. A panel of experts from the world of theatre and youth sports will discuss *Youth Sports on Stage: Exploring Adolescence Through Athletics* in a new Fast Class, and UofL's Department of Biology professor Dr. Mike Perlin presents the inside story about the field of genetics in a six-week Short Course. These programs are free and open to the public, but registration is requested. Register online at www.lfpl.org/mylibraryu/ or call (502) 574-1623 to reserve your spot.

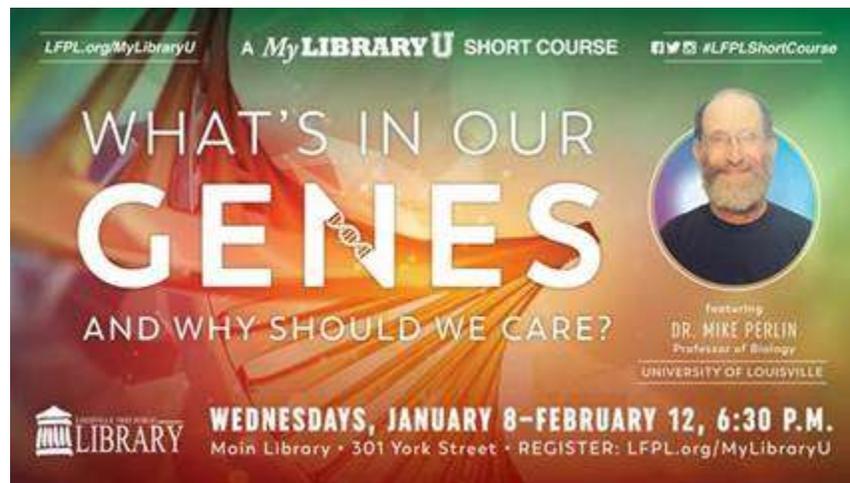


Youth Sports on Stage: Exploring Adolescence Through Athletics Fast Class

Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library, 301 York Street

For their 2019-2020 seasons, [Actors Theatre of Louisville](#) and [Stage One Family Theatre](#) have both included productions that feature young athletes facing and overcoming personal challenges through sports. *The Wolves*, at Actors, follows a team of young women soccer players as they warm up for a game and talk candidly about their lives. *Ghost*, at StageOne, tells the story of a young black runner finding purpose in athleticism. Why have these two companies decided to tackle these topics now? How does sport act as a lens through which to dramatize the lives of young people? Join a panel of Actors and StageOne staff, collegiate coaching staff, and community leaders to explore the many topics that arise from these two new productions. The panel includes:

- Erica Bledsaw, [Actors Theatre of Louisville](#)
- Idris Goodwin, [StageOne Family Theatre](#)
- Alexandria Hoefler, [Spalding University Women's Soccer](#)
- Dr. Kish Cumi Price, [Louisville Urban League, Inc.](#)
- Moderated by Laura Ellis, [89.3 WFPL News Louisville](#)



What's In Our Genes? Genetics Short Course

Genetics is constantly in the news, our conversations, and pop culture. Over six weeks, Dr. Mike Perlin (University of Louisville Department of Biology) will provide a basic foundation for understanding genetics concepts and cover such current topics as genetic disorders, genetically-modified foods, human cloning, gene editing (CRISPR), and personalized medicine. The course will provide an appreciation of the science as well as an understanding of the possible positive outcomes, limitations, and risks of these innovations. The six-week ***What's in Our Genes and Why Should We Care? Short Course*** will be held **every Wednesday, January 8 through February 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** at the Main Library, 301 York Street.

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