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## Family Fun Night a big hit during the pandemic

Fans are raving! “My son says this is his new favorite thing,” commented one parent. “First time playing and it was a blast!” said another. And that was exactly what librarians hoped for when LFPL began offering its monthly virtual Family Fun Night back in December.

Librarians set out to provide families with an evening of engaging activities they can do from the safety of their homes. Held the second Friday of the month, Family Fun Night features a variety of crafts, recipes, book suggestions, and more based on the night’s theme—from creating your own Mickey Mouse ears to preparing Baby Yoda deviled eggs to making a Harry Potter bookmark and Hagrid’s Rock Cakes. And every Family Fun Night includes live trivia streaming on Facebook and via the Kahoot! app, starting at 7 p.m.

Up next for Family Fun Night is “Video Games” on March 12 and “Superheroes” on April 9. Families can download all of the activities from the Library’s website, or they can pick up a Family Fun Night packet at any branch via curbside, starting the first of each month.

Family Fun Night packets and trivia are free. Go to [LFPL.org/FamilyFunNight](https://www.lfpl.org/FamilyFunNight) to learn more.



## LFPL continues to bridge the digital divide in Louisville

Since reopening for computer use by appointment in early August, the Library has helped nearly 20,000 patrons in need of digital access. Whether helping people to apply for a job, print documents for utility assistance, or register for the COVID vaccine, the Library continues to bridge the digital divide in our community, despite the pandemic.

More than 45,000 households in Louisville still do not have a computer or reliable internet in the home. In many ways COVID-19 has highlighted the inequities of our digital infrastructure and its disproportional impact on some of the most vulnerable in our city. By offering free computer access at the Library, we are providing people a way to participate in an increasingly digital world. And access to these digital tools and resources is even more critical as we strive to get people back to work and rebuild our economy.

All Louisville Free Public Library locations are open to in-person public computer use by appointment. Printing and free faxing services are also available. To make an appointment, you can contact your local branch directly, or call (502) 574-1611 during hours of operation and someone can connect you.



## New Fast Class examines local and global benefits of native plant gardening

Believe it or not, our urban landscapes can play an important role in ecological conservation. As species around the world and nearby go extinct, many of us feel powerless to contribute directly to solutions, thinking instead that “real” conservation only happens in parks and reserves. By using native plants in our own yards, ordinary people can have an impact on the environment. Join Dr. Margaret Carreiro on Thursday, April 29 (6 p.m.), live on Facebook, as she discusses the benefits of native plant gardening, not only for nature, but people as well.

Dr. Carreiro is Professor Emerita of Biology at the University of Louisville. Her research is focused on understanding how urban environments interact with the natural and semi-natural components of cities and suburbs.

To register for this free *MyLibraryU* Fast Class, visit [LFPL.org/MyLibraryU](https://www.lfpl.org/MyLibraryU) or call (502) 574-1623.



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# UPCOMING VIRTUAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS



## FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, & FAMILIES



### PANCAKE FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturday, March 6, 11 a.m. On Facebook, YouTube, Instagram & LFPL.org/Kids.

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, March 12 (*Video Games*)  
Friday, April 9 (*Superheroes*)  
Join us for family trivia live at 7 p.m. on LFPL's Facebook. Plus, find links to games, activities, recipes, and more that you can do as a family at LFPL.org/FamilyFunNight. Activity packets can be picked up curbside at any library location. *Online trivia access may require the Kahoot! app (FREE).*



### VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. On Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, & LFPL.org/Kids. Plus, find links to more suggested books, crafts, and activities at LFPL.org/VirtualBookshelf.

### 4-H FRIDAYS

Join us virtually at 11 a.m. for **4-H at the Library** three Fridays a month on Facebook and YouTube. Learn more at LFPL.org/Kids.

### TEEN HANG TIME

Join us every Wednesday on LFPL's Discord server as we chat, share favorite memes, videos, artwork, books, and whatever else we can think of. Ages 13-18. Register: LFPL.org/Discord

### VIRTUAL ROCKET LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 13, 3 p.m. on Discord  
Ages 13-18. Register: LFPL.org/Discord

### CARDS & CONSOLES

Saturday, March 13 at LFPL.org/CardsandConsoles  
Join us for a variety of online games and activities, including a virtual escape room, Magic the Gathering tutorial, Mario Speedrun, and more. All ages.

## Library storytimes – more than just reading a book

Storytime has long been one of the Library's most popular and beloved programs, but do you know why it is so important?

Even before a child learns to read, they are busy collecting the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful learners. Whether reading, singing, playing, or making crafts, library storytimes are aiding in a child's early development.

At storytime we are engaging with both children and caregivers to develop early learning skills. For caregivers, we are showing ways they can help their child interact with books—how to hold and turn the pages, how to follow along with the text, and pointing to and discussing what they see in the pictures. For children, we are encouraging them to stretch their imaginations, learn new words, ask questions, and discover all of the fun that awaits between the pages of a book.

In spite of the pandemic, storytime is still happening at the Library. Even though you can't come to the library for in-person storytime, we still offer weekly virtual storytimes for young audiences! Storytime is a great way to get children excited about books and reading. The Library's virtual storytimes premiere every Tuesday at 11 a.m. on the Library's Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube pages. Each week, a virtual storytime room is also posted



online, at LFPL.org/Kids, for you and your child to further explore the weekly storytime theme. And all storytimes are available on-demand on the Library's YouTube page.

In addition to virtual storytimes, we encourage you to request a Book Bundle and read at home with your child. Storytime can happen wherever and whenever you and your child open a book together and share the magic of reading.

## FOR ADULTS

### CRAFT & CHAT

Wednesday, March 10, 3 p.m. (on Zoom)  
**3-D Yarn Ball Sculpture**  
Registration is required: kelly.aldridge@lfpl.org

Thursday, April 8, 3 p.m. (on Zoom)  
**Spring Decorations**  
Registration is required: sara.huesman@lfpl.org

Participants will receive class and supply kit info after registration. Ages 13+ *Supplies limited*

### EBAY FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesday, April 6, 2 p.m. (on Zoom)  
Registration is required: erik.ainsworth@lfpl.org

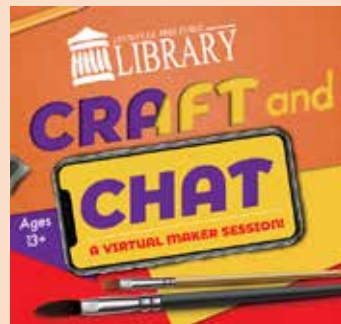
**NOTABLE KENTUCKY ARCHITECTURE**  
with Steve Wiser Tuesday, April 20, 2 p.m.  
Registration is required: erik.ainsworth@lfpl.org

### VIRTUAL MOVIE DISCUSSION: MEMENTO

Tuesday, April 27, 2 p.m. (on Zoom)  
Registration is required: erik.ainsworth@lfpl.org

**MyLibraryU presents**  
**WHY NATIVE PLANT GARDENING IS IMPORTANT FOR NATURE AND US**  
with UofL's Margaret Carreiro

Thursday, April 29, 6 p.m. Streaming live on Facebook and LFPL.org/MyLibraryU  
To register, visit LFPL.org/MyLibraryU or call (502) 574-1623.



### CRESCENT HILL LIBRARY ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSION

Saturday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.  
*Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain

Saturday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.  
*West with the Night* by Beryl Markham

Call 502-574-1793 to register.



## MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

Virtually on Facebook LIVE!

Café LOUIE is hosted by the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation

MARCH 6 – Jeffersontown / Fern Creek  
MARCH 13 – Bon Air / Highlands / Newburg  
MARCH 20 – Northeast / Middletown  
*All Café LOUIEs begin at 9 a.m.*

Streaming Live on  
[facebook.com/CafeLOUIE](https://facebook.com/CafeLOUIE)



The Friends of the Louisville Free Public Library are a volunteer, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization made up of local citizens whose primary interest is promoting the welfare and growth of LFPL. The Friends know that public libraries enrich our community and empower individuals to grow and succeed. That is why the Friends help the Library obtain the resources and funding necessary to thrive, through advocacy and fundraising efforts.

By joining the Friends of the Library, your membership dues provide funding for unique programs, extra materials, and enhanced services in all library locations. You can also get involved with a variety of wonderful activities at your local branch or system-wide!

To learn more, including how to join, go to [FriendsOfTheLFPL.org](https://FriendsOfTheLFPL.org).

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## **LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATIONS**

**MAIN** • 301 York Street, 574-1611

**BON AIR** • 2816 Del Rio Place, 574-1795

**CRESCENT HILL** • 2762 Frankfort Ave., 574-1793

**FAIRDALE** • 10620 W. Manslick Rd., 375-2051

**HIGHLANDS-SHELBY PARK** • 1250 Bardstown Rd., 574-1672

**IROQUOIS** • 601 W. Woodlawn Ave., 574-1720

**JEFFERSONTOWN** • 10635 Watterson Trail, 267-5713

**MIDDLETOWN** • OPENING SUMMER 2021

**NEWBURG** • 4800 Exeter Avenue, 479-6160

**NORTHEAST** • 15 Bellevoir Cir., 394-0379

**PORTLAND** • 3305 Northwestern Pkwy., 574-1744

**ST. MATTHEWS** • 3940 Grandview Ave., 574-1771

**SHAWNEE** • 3912 West Broadway, 574-1722

**SHIVELY** • 3920 Dixie Hwy., 574-1730

**SOUTH CENTRAL** • 7300 Jefferson Blvd., 964-3515

**SOUTHWEST** • 9725 Dixie Hwy., 933-0029

**WESTERN** • 604 South Tenth St., 574-1779

**CURBSIDE PICK-UP** (All Locations) : 574-1611



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Louisville kids need the library — especially now. From Homework Help Live Chat, storytime, and STEAM CLUB to ebooks and online educational platforms, the Louisville Free Public Library remains an educational lifeline to local kids. Find out how YOU can help the library lay a strong foundation for the next generation of Louisvillians.

**[LFPLFoundation.org/strongerlibrary](https://lfplfoundation.org/strongerlibrary)**

