

# 2022 KPLA CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Updated March 1, 2022

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 PRE-CONFERENCES

8:00am to 4:00pm

### **Registration**

9:00am to 4:00pm (lunch break is from 12pm to 1pm) in Crosswinds Boardroom

### **KDLA Trustee Certification**

Library trustees will work their way through the curriculum required for certification. The five educational modules will include training on board organization, trustee and director roles, policy development, budget and finance, and advocacy.

*Alicia McGrath, CE Consultant for KDLA*

9:00am to 12:00pm in Meeting Room #1

### **Building Courageous Cultures from Within**

Public library leaders and their teams are facing new challenges in today's workplace including higher than ever turnover rates, integration of new staff and leadership into our existing culture, and reimagining our value to our communities. How can the library leaders of today and tomorrow build courageous cultures? Are you and your team showing up with your whole selves in a way that reflects identifiable values-driven behavior? This deep dive into Brene' Brown's *Dare to Lead* curriculum will focus on team integration and give you tools to cultivate daring leadership skills for yourself and those you lead.

*Leah Brown, certified Dare to Lead instructor*

9:00am to 12:00pm in Meeting Room #5

### **Reimagining School Readiness**

Ever consider bringing the atmosphere of an interactive museum into the library? Through an interactive presentation with creative hands-on STEAM activities, this training will introduce library staff to the research, practical implications, and resources offered in the RSR toolkit. Participants will understand key findings from current cognitive and developmental psychology research, reflect on the implications of those findings for their daily work, learn about growth mindset, gain practical ready-to-implement ideas for activities (designed by the Bay Area Discovery Museum), learn ways to bring the feeling of an interactive museum into your library's space, and receive resources for staff and parents/caregivers. You will benefit from this workshop if you work with children ages 0 to 18 (and their families) and would like to learn more about how to offer research-based, interactive, museum-esque programming in your library. This training is offered free of charge through a generous grant from IMLS as part of a broader effort to disseminate the toolkit nationally. The toolkit was developed by the Bay Area Discovery Museum in collaboration with the California State Library and the Pacific Library Partnership.

*Amy Olson, KDLA Youth Services Consultant*

1:00pm to 4:00pm in Meeting Room #1

**Braving Trust for Today's Public Servants**

Serving our communities in today's binary world requires public library leaders to hold space for members of the public, and even our own teammates, who have strong opinions or desperate needs. How can we avoid armoring ourselves in a way that prevents us from true problem solving and only deepens entrenchment? To face the public, the communities we serve, and the teams we lead, we need to get curious, not judgmental. This deep dive into Brene' Brown's *Dare to Lead* curriculum will focus on braving trust and give you tools to lead with curiosity and connection.

*Leah Brown, certified Dare to Lead instructor*

1:00pm to 4:00pm in Meeting Room #5

**Be the Connection: Libraries, Youth Voice, and Connected Learning**

Connected Learning happens when a peer or adult can connect a teen's interests and skills to real world opportunities. Libraries can easily nurture these interests through programming and are well-positioned to connect teens to future career possibilities through community relationships. In fact, most libraries are already doing this – they just don't realize it! Join us in this hands-on training where we will explore together how you are already implementing elements of connected learning. Learn how to level up programming ideas and your language for advocacy with library administrators. Share particular challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic and how this framework provides a timely and relevant way forward. This training is sponsored by an MS grant from *Transforming Teen Services*, a nationwide initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association. *Transforming Teen Services* aims to support and elevate teen services in libraries and other learning environments by integrating connected learning, computational thinking, and youth development to help build responsive services for and with teens.

*Steve Moser, T3 Trainer and Teen Services Librarian, Dayton Metro Library, Ohio*

*Krista King-Oaks, T3 Trainer and Youth Services Manager, Boone County Public Library*

4:30pm to 6:00pm in Crosswinds Boardroom

**KPLA Executive Committee Meeting**

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

7:00am to 4:00pm

### **Registration**

#### **Thursday at 8:00am in Meeting Room #2**

##### **Advancing Racial Equity**

Learn how the Louisville Free Public Library is working towards advancing racial equity using Louisville Metro's Racial Equity Toolkit.

*Renisha Chandler, Teen Services Supervisor, Louisville Free Public Library*

#### **Thursday at 8:00am in Salon B**

##### **Got Questions, Get Answers: HR Discussion**

Ever wish we had a chance to talk through HR issues a little more thoroughly? Have you wondered if your handbook covers the right topics? Now is your chance! Join us as we discuss the burning HR issues in our libraries. Bring your most pressing questions and we will facilitate discussions on Employee Handbooks, HR intricacies, and legal issues.

*Regina Jackson, Attorney, English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley Law in Bowling Green, Kentucky*

#### **Thursday at 8:00am in Salon A**

##### **Working Together - Adult Nonfiction Collections**

Selecting books for adult NF collections has become more challenging due to poor physical quality of books, book publishing changes, and the difficulty identifying accurate, informative content. These factors greatly impact the review and weeding of collections. Are there best practices and new tools for KY librarians to use for collection development? Session will provide an opportunity to share information and determine efficient ways to identify and manage materials. In advance of conference, attendees will be asked to identify their own tools and ideas about NF collection management.

*Patty Clark, Digital Services Librarian/ Collection Development, Oldham County Public Library*

#### **Thursday at 8:00am in Salon C**

##### **The New-ish Path to Certification**

The past couple of years have brought many changes to Kentucky's libraries, not the least of which is a new path to initial certification. Join KDLA's Continuing Education Consultants, Alicia McGrath and Charly Taylor, as we cover the many options available to you!

*Charly Taylor, Continuing Education Consultant, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives*

*Alicia McGrath, Continuing Education Consultant, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives*

#### **Thursday at 8:00am in Meeting Room #1**

##### **Real Life Leadership for Everyone**

If we're being honest, we could each share stories of toxic work environments or experiences where the work wasn't fulfilling because everyone had made a silent agreement to just show up, detach from one another, go along, get along, and save your real self for your "real life". The problem with that is we spend half of our waking hours at work so our work life IS our real life. This session is for anyone who desires to break free from the story we tell ourselves out of self-preservation and gain tools to reorient your thinking in everyday relationships.

*Leah Brown, certified Dare to Lead instructor*

**Thursday at 9:00am in Ballrooms A and B****Keynote Address from Jason Reynolds**

#1 New York Times bestselling author and poet for young adults, who will talk about his latest book entitled *Look Both Ways*.

**Thursday at 10:00am in Meeting Room #2****Advocacy: It's Not a Four-Letter Word!**

Advocacy is telling your library's story, making it real, making it easier for stakeholders – legislators, elected officials, school partners – to engage with all of the wonderful things you're doing for your community. It's also a way to make sure that libraries and the good work we're doing is top-of-mind when it comes to decisions that affect libraries, at the state and local level. Advocacy is an integral part of our responsibilities as library employees, it's not just the director's job. Learn the why and how of advocacy and what issues may be on the legislators' radar. The session will end with ample time for Q & A.

*Dave Schroeder, Director, Kenton County Public Library*

*Jean Ruark, Director, Paul Sawyier Public Library in Frankfort, Kentucky*

**Thursday at 10:00am in Salon A****Fostering a Film Community**

DCPL's *Unscripted: An Indie Film Experience* is a showcase for regionally produced short films will soon return to action. This presentation will cover its origin, discuss the community of filmmakers & curious patrons that formed around it, and the films that community shot on location at the library.

*Wesley Johnson, Library Associate/IT Assistant, Daviess County Public Library*

**Thursday at 10:00am in Salon C****Kiosks & Kentucky Public Libraries**

Libraries are exploring new methods of reaching underserved communities through kiosks, mini-branches, or other unstaffed locations. Hear from several Kentucky public libraries about their experiences in planning for and opening these locations in areas with limited transportation and limited access to technology. Discussion will include agreements with local government, costs to implement and maintain services, and use of federal funding for certain eligible expenses.

*Lauren Abner, Technology Consultant, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives*

*Dena Ratliff Warren, Director, Trimble County Public Library*

*Diane Brunson, Bookmobile Librarian Bath County Memorial Library*

*Mark Adler, Director, Paris-Bourbon County Public Library*

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*Leah Brown, certified Dare to Lead instructor*

**Thursday at 10:30am in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4****Visit a Vendor**

Meet Dennis Keith with Brodart and learn more about what Brodart has to offer public libraries!

**Thursday at 11:00am in Salon A****How to Build Community Partnerships: Where to Find Them, Why They're Important, and How They Can Benefit Your Library**

Our rural library is constantly seeking ways to expand our programming and outreach in our community. In this session attendees will discover how a variety of community partnerships can help with fundraising, programming, and funding for various programs and events. We will offer an extensive list of our community partners and encourage you to brainstorm your own list to take with you. This session will cover how to enhance successful collaboration and simplify communication. We will also talk about various programs we have been able to offer by partnering with local organizations and businesses while stressing affordability, viability and communication.

*Natalie Jeffries, Adult Services Librarian, Henry County Public Library*

*Suzanne Banta, Youth Services Librarian, Henry County Public Library*

**Thursday at 11:00am in Salon C****Facility Maintenance: Keep Your Library Safe and Inviting**

Get practical tips on how to keep your building in peak operational condition. We will cover information regarding appearance, physical upkeep, safety, and code issues.

*Chris Bischoff, Region North Consultant, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives*

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*Leah Brown, certified Dare to Lead instructor*

**Thursday at 11:00am in Meeting Room #2****Being the Chameleon: Adapting Programming to a Changing World**

How do you keep going in a world that has shut down? How do you throw out the notion of "This is how we have always done it," & embrace new ways to safely support & engage your community? How do you revive programming, while adapting to constantly changing rules & regulations? By moving from virtual to in-person & back again; building more community connections & keeping the community connected with HotSpots & Laptops; putting together book bundles & monthly craft kits for our patrons; & resurrecting summer reading in a way that old & new patrons enjoyed. Join NCPL as they share their successes, failures, & the lemonade they were able to make with the lemons 2020 gave them.

*Laci DeRossett, Children & Family Services, Nelson County Public Library*

*Rachael Harris, Children's Programming Librarian, Nelson County Public Library*

**Thursday at 11:00am in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4****Visit a Vendor**

Meet Jacob Simone with EBSCO and learn more about what EBSCO has to offer public libraries!

**Thursday at 11:30am in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4****Visit a Vendor**

Meet Patty Longmire with The Book Farm and learn more about what The Book Farm has to offer public libraries!

**Thursday at 12pm to 1:20pm in Ballrooms A and B  
Awards Luncheon**

**Thursday at 1:30pm in Meeting Room #2**

**Developing a Promotional Presence for Your Library**

How does your library promote itself? The Russell County Public Library's approach has evolved tremendously over the years. This session will explore how RCPL transitioned from stagnant flyers to a well-rounded promotional package and provide direction for boosting your library's presence.

*Angela Boggs, Program Services Librarian, Russell County Public Library*

**Thursday at 1:30pm in Salon A**

**Mapping Your Community: Programming, Resources, Connections**

What happens when the library, parks department, school system, and other major city and county players team up to create a cohesive community outreach program? Major short term results. Major stats. Major long term impact.

*Courtney Stevens, Community Outreach Manager, Warren County Public Library*

*Leah Spurlin, Special Events Manager, Warren County Parks and Recreation*

*Lisa Rice, Library Director, Warren County Public Library*

**Thursday at 1:30pm in Salon B**

**STEM Is a Four-Letter Word!**

When you think of STEM programming, do you tend to think of computers, coding, robotics and other technology? If so, you're not alone. The recent trend seems to be to focus on the "T" in STEM, which can do a disservice to youth by not exposing them to other STEM careers/skills, and allowing a skewed perception of the importance of a single set of skills. This presentation will provide examples of a wide range of budget-friendly, non-tech STEM programs for various ages, and tips for incorporating STEM elements into any program.

*Jennifer Sullivan, Youth and Family Services Manager, Anderson Public Library*

*Robert Tatum, Digital Services Coordinator, Madison County Public Library*

**Thursday at 1:30pm in Meeting Room #1**

**Intellectual Freedom Questions? We've Got Answers!**

A patron challenged a book! Someone complained about a display? What do I do?! Find out in this Q&A session with practicing librarians and intellectual freedom researchers. You'll also discover tools to help you respond to challenges. From sample policies to challenge response forms, we've got you covered!

*Mary Landrum, Children's Librarian, Lexington Public Library and Chair of KPLA Intellectual Freedom Committee*

*King Simpson, Director, Logan County Public Library*

*Dr. Shannon Oltmann, Associate Professor, University of Kentucky School of Library and information Science*

*Beth Dunston, Teen Librarian, Paris-Bourbon County Public Library*

**Thursday at 1:30pm in Salon C**

**Public Libraries: Where Anything [Literally Anything] Can Happen**

Public library staff are sometimes tasked with handling unexpected and difficult situations. While we cannot plan for every scenario, it is helpful to have policies and procedures in place to guide us through most situations. In this session, we will focus on patron behavior, security and safety issues. Topics may range from common issues such as, disrespectful behavior to more challenging and traumatic situations. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and offer advice from their own experiences and to bring their policy and procedure documents for example.

*Nicole Wright, Main Library Manager, Louisville Free Public Library*

**Thursday at 1:30pm in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4**

**Visit a Vendor**

Meet Ken Hardin with Mugo Web and learn more about what Mugo Web has to offer public libraries!

**Thursday at 2:00pm in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4**

**Visit a Vendor**

Meet Angie Smith with KPC Architectural Products and learn more about what KPC Architectural Products has to offer public libraries!

**Thursday at 2:30pm in Salon B**

**Construction Project---You Can Do It!**

Join me for an "off the cuff" Q & A about how to keep your sanity through a construction project. If you're embarking on a construction project soon or hope to in the future, stop in and take part in a no-nonsense, no-frills type of session. I won't have all the answers, but I'll answer from my heart about surviving a construction project. Bring your list of questions and let's make it a great session!

*Tina Snyder, Director, Hancock County Public Library*

**Thursday at 2:30pm in Salon A**

**Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia**

Learn basic information on the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, research and FDA-approved treatments so that you can better assist patrons in your library living with or caring for somebody with Alzheimer's or dementia.

*Bowling Green chapter of the Alzheimer's Association*

**Thursday at 2:30pm in Meeting Room #1**

**Responding to Mass Tragedies**

When events occur that affect your entire community, how should your public library respond? Marshall County has seen it all, from ice storms to school shootings to tornadoes, and they've learned a few things along the way. This session will cover everything from immediate actions to planning a long-term archive collection.

*Tammy Blackwell, Library Director, Marshall County Public Library*

**Thursday at 2:30pm in Meeting Room #2**

**Engage and Entertain: Camp Programming for Tweens**

As school-aged children grow older, it is important to keep them engaged with the library. The Russell County Public Library saw gains when we began offering camp programming for tweens in 2021, providing opportunities to dive into high interest topics across multiple days. This session will highlight the unique nature and relevancy of tween programming, outline the planning and execution of tween camps, and provide guidance for implementation at any level.

*Kristina Daffron, Youth Services Librarian, Russell County Public Library*

**Thursday at 2:30pm in Salon C**

**Gaming Programming for Youth and Teens**

Using board games, video games, and VR for programming at your library. Teach problem solving, leadership, and even socialization skills to the youths in your community with gaming.

*Haley Lee, Librarian, Warren County Public Library*

**Thursday at 2:30pm in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4**

**Visit a Vendor**

Meet Jill Rawley with Hafer Design and learn more about what Hafer Design has to offer public libraries!

### **Thursday at 3:00pm in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4**

#### **Visit a Vendor**

Meet Adam Nelson, Matt Neilsen, and TJ Howe with Verkada and learn more about what Verkada has to offer public libraries!

### **Thursday at 3:30pm in Salon C**

#### **The More You Know! Personality Assessments in the Workplace**

Navigating interpersonal relationships can be difficult even in the best of times. The more you know about yourself and your teammates the easier it will be to move forward together! Personality assessments can provide a free or low-cost method to identify strengths and opportunities for growth, recognize and appreciate the strengths in others, and engage staff in an activity that is productive and enjoyable.

*Sydney Sparks, Public Services Supervisor, Kenton County Public Libraries*

*Janice Shepherd, Patron Experience Librarian, Kenton County Public Library*

*Angela Payer, Branch Manager, Kenton County Public Library*

### **Thursday at 3:30pm in Meeting Room #1**

#### **What Does It Mean to be a Public Servant in the 21st Century?**

What does it mean to be a public servant in today's world where there seems to be an ever-increasing demands for staff time, attention, resources and services combined with ongoing budget and infrastructure struggles in public libraries? What are the implications, challenges and opportunities? What training and expectations would help future leaders and staff members develop a collaborative, asset and strength-based approach to service provision? This highly interactive session, featuring public library leaders from libraries of all sizes and shapes, will engage attendees in collectively answering pressing questions about public service and sharing a vision for the future.

*JC Morgan, Library Director, Campbell County Public Library*

*Paul Brehm-Heeger, Library Director, Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library*

*Carrie Herrmann, Library Director, Boone County Public Library*

*Dave Schroeder, Library Director, Kenton County Public Library*

*Christine Wick, Library Director, Clermont County (OH) Public Library*

### **Thursday at 3:30pm in Meeting Room #2**

#### **KDLA Online Learning for Public Libraries**

KDLA launched a new online learning portal at the end of July 2021. This session will give an overview of what the portal can do, what libraries can use it for, how to navigate it, and tips and tricks to get the best experience possible!

*Kimberly Usry, Training Development Specialist, KDLA*

*Alicia McGrath, Continuing Education Consultant-Library Services, KDLA*

*Charly Taylor, Continuing Education Consultant, KDLA*

### **Thursday at 3:30pm in Salon A**

#### **Working with Schools-Getting Your Foot in the Door**

Are you having trouble getting your foot in the door at your local schools? Join us as we share some of our secrets to breaching the inner sanctum of elementary, middle and high schools. Be prepared to get out of your seat and participate in some low cost Stem/Steam activities that can serve as classroom ice breakers and guarantee your return to the school again and again.

*Angie Smith, Outreach Coordinator, McLean County Public Library*

*Aimee Newberry, Director, McLean County Public Library*

**Thursday at 3:30pm in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4**

**Visit a Vendor**

Meet Molly Haines with Bibliotheca and learn more about what Bibliotheca has to offer public libraries!

**Thursday at 4:00pm in Meeting Rooms 3 and 4**

**Visit a Vendor**

Meet James Williams with Lib Synergy and learn more about what Lib Synergy has to offer public libraries!

**Thursday at 4:30pm in Salon A**

**Getting a Project Started: From Design Phase to Ribbon Cutting...and Beyond**

Our Kentucky-based team is committed to helping libraries thoughtfully plan capital project funding needs. We help directors and boards address affordability, expected project timelines, tax rate and budget implications, various borrowing options (bonds vs. banks), and overall management of construction budgets. We also help lead discussions regarding the importance of sound fund balance policies and other topics meaningful to a healthy credit profile.

*Chip Sutherland, Managing Director, Baird*

*Mark Adler, Director, Paris-Bourbon County Public Library*

**Thursday at 4:30pm in Meeting Room #1**

**Helping the Police Help You**

Bad things happen in good libraries! When you call the police, any help you can provide them will ultimately help you. Louis Kelly will talk about the information that you can save and provide the police when they arrive.

*Louis Kelly, Commonwealth Attorney, 54th Judicial Circuit*

**Thursday at 4:30pm in Meeting Room #2**

**Kentucky Libraries Unbound - State of the Consortium**

The state of the consortium address, including an overview of the consortium holdings and statistics, upcoming enhancements from Overdrive, and future consortium wide projects.

*Katie Justice, Digital Services Librarian for Boone County Public Library and Consortium Coordinator for Kentucky Libraries Unbound*

**Thursday at 4:30pm in Salon C**

**Navigating Staff Turnover in a Covid World**

As with many other organizations and industries, public libraries are seeing an increase in turnover and turnover intent since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. This session will cover some recent statistics and open a discussion for both administrators and staff on how to move forward.

*Tammy Blackwell, Director, Marshall County Public Library*

**Thursday at 5:30pm in Salon B**

**KPLA Business Meeting**

**Thursday 8:00am to 5:00pm in the Hartland Salon**

**Quiet Room**

Need a few quiet minutes to send a text or an email? Tired of the conference commotion? Suffering from sensory overload? Still putting finishing touches on your presentation? KPLA has your back! The Hartland Salon has been designated as a Quiet Room during the conference for all your quiet needs. Shhhhhhhh!



## **FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

7:00am to 12:00pm

### **Registration**

#### **Friday at 8:00am in Salon A**

##### **Favorite Nouns**

Award winning author Courtney Stevens gets inspirationally candid about creating satisfaction on the pages of her books (and life). In the last ten years, she has sold ten novels to HarperCollins, worked for Ann Patchett, been a personal assistant to Ruta Sepetys, created a national touring seminar with Maggie Stiefvater, and worked as the Community Outreach Manager for Lisa Rice at Warren County Public Library. (She has a talent for name dropping, tattoo stories, and encouraging others with words.) If you're lonely, burned out, know you're looking for something you can't name, wish you were rich, feel heavy, can't make a change you know you should, are unsure of how to make good life decisions, feel stuck, want to feel alive again, etc. etc. etc. ... this session is for you. And if this description is an oversell, you can always go back to your hotel room and watch Schitt's Creek.

*Courtney Stevens, author of "We Were Kings"*

#### **Friday at 8:00am in Salon B**

##### **Help KDLA Plan for the Future**

The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA) is in the planning stages for their future five-year plan for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States program. This will be your opportunity to share your thoughts on where you think KDLA should direct this funding. LSTA funds have been used in the past to support the services of the Kentucky Talking Book Library, book discussion and programming kits, continuing education opportunities, technology support, summer reading support, and consultation services from regional and statewide consultants.

*Beth Milburn, Deputy Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives*

*Martha Kyrillidou, Director/CEO, QualityMetrics*

*Bill Wilson, Library Consultant, QualityMetrics*

#### **Friday at 8:00am in Meeting Room #5**

##### **Want to Know What's Up with Standards? Join Us!**

The Standards Committee has been working on updates to the document to make it easier to use and to have a positive impact on library operations across the Commonwealth.

*Jennifer Nippert, Assistant Director, Bullitt County Public Library and Chair of the KPLA Standards Committee*

#### **Friday at 8:00am in Meeting Room #2**

##### **Library "Subscription" Book Boxes**

During the pandemic, GCPL launched a program for adult patrons to offer a subscription book box experience for free. Books are chosen for each patron based on a survey and checked out to each participant. There are also additional, inexpensive, incentives added each month to encourage continued participation. The program gained so much popularity that Juvenile and Young Adult programs have been started as well. Stop by and we will tell you how we did it!

*Christina Farrell, Adult Services Librarian, Garrard County Public Library*

*Jessica Harrington, Librarian, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives*

*Tiffany Weston, Children's Services Librarian, Garrard County Public Library*

**Friday at 8:00am in Meeting Room #1**  
**Ransomware Recovery and Prevention**

Ransomware attacks have increased dramatically over the past few years. This presentation will give an overview of our experiences with it and the new securities measures we implemented after the infection was purged. I'll also discuss low-cost/free things you can use to protect yourself.

*Wesley Johnson, Library Associate/IT Assistant, Daviess County Public Library*

**Friday at 8:00am in Salon C**  
**Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down, the 2022 Edition!**

Becky Nelson (UK Professor of Children's Lit, Chair of the KBA Preschool Selection Committee, member of the SCPL Board of Trustees, and retired public school librarian) and Mary Lou White (Library Assistant, Youth Services at SCPL) will talk about this year's winners of the Newbery Award as well as other middle grade major award winners. They will also let you know what they think should have won, and preview some promising new releases.

*Mary Lou White, Library Assistant, Youth Services, Scott County Public Libraries*

*Becky Nelson, University of KY, KY Bluegrass Award Committee Chair, Scott County Public Library Board of Trustees*

**Friday at 9:00am in Ballrooms A and B**  
**Keynote Address from Sonia Manzano**

Actress, author, speaker, and advocate who is perhaps best known for playing Maria on Sesame Street, Sonia Manzano will talk to us about life on and off the stage.

**Friday at 10:00am in Salon A**  
**Makerspace Sublimation: Public Engagement on a Low Budget**

Attendees will learn about Kenton County Public Library's Covington Makerspace and its sublimation program. Attendees will be able to see how dye sub printing works and how KCPL was able to put together a program that created makerspace opportunities for patrons with a small budget. Program ideas for sublimation and using the makerspace will also be discussed. The program will not be hands-on but attendees will get to see the process from start to finish.

*Gary Pilkington, Emerging Technologies and Spaces Specialist, Kenton County Public Libraries*

**Friday at 10:00am in Meeting Room #2**  
**Nourishing Your Family Tree: Intermediate Genealogy Research**

So you've started your family tree, and you found your people (you think)! But how do you confirm this using verifiable research? This session will provide guidance in reading between the lines on documents and records to support proposed family relationships, using sources you may not have thought of, and some tricks for searching through the main genealogy websites. Prior basic knowledge of genealogy research and sources helpful for this session.

*Christina Clary, Library Associate/Genealogy Researcher, Daviess County Public Library*

**Friday at 10:00am in Salon C**  
**Promoting Civic Engagement through Library Programming**

The public library has a great opportunity to promote civic engagement through certain programming. During this session, two examples of such programming will be discussed: 1) The annual Great Decisions program; and 2) The monthly Meeting of the Minds. Included will be challenges, lessons learned, and recommendations.

*Rob Gieszl, Reference Librarian, Louisville Free Public Library*

### **Friday at 10:00am in Salon B**

#### **Rich, Robust, and Expressive: Vocabulary Building in Storytime**

Storytime is fun and participatory, and it nurtures family and community engagement; but storytime also helps young children build essential language skills. Researchers from the University of Kentucky School of Information Science, in collaboration with the State Library of Ohio, the Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives, and the Indiana State Library, recently conducted a research project studying the value of public library storytimes for school readiness and community-building. Through this multi-state research project, we identified how storytime supports language development and how to maximize vocabulary learning in storytime. Join us as we share findings about the role of book choice, questioning strategies, music, and play in learning new words. Practice research-based techniques to increase vocabulary, and discuss how to share strategies with caregivers. You'll walk away from this hands-on, minds-on session with evidence about the benefits of storytime and new strategies to enhance outcomes for children, caregivers, and communities!

*Maria Cahill, Associate Professor, University of Kentucky School of Information Science*

### **Friday at 10:00am in Meeting Room #5**

#### **Student Positions**

Government for Tomorrow (GFT) is a nonprofit organization that helps create nonvoting student positions on local government boards. We began in late 2020 and have since helped thousands of high schoolers be represented on boards through peer members. Our rigorous selection process and extensive student training ensures the youth opinion can thrive and bring valuable insight to any group. GFT has successfully worked with Michigan libraries and hopes to make this program a nation-wide initiative.

*Liam Dreyer, Chief Executive Officer, Government for Tomorrow, Inc.*

### **Friday at 10:00am in Meeting Room #1**

#### **Anything You Ever Wanted to Ask: A Conversation with Seasoned Library Leaders (Small Rural Edition)**

In this session specifically geared toward small libraries with a community population of 30,000 or less, all new Library Directors and any aspiring or up-and-coming library leaders are invited to join a conversation with a panel of experienced directors from across the state and get answers to anything you ever wanted to ask! Panelists will share knowledge gained from years of experience and topics can include intellectual freedom, Board relationships, human resources, strategic planning, and anything else you want to discuss.

*Lindsey Westerfield, Library Director, Russell County Public Library*

*Tina Snyder, Library Director, Hancock County Public Library*

*Amy Morgeson, Library Director, Marion County Public Library*

*Mark Adler, Library Director, Paris-Bourbon County Public Library*

*King Simpson, Library Director, Logan County Public Library*

### **Friday at 11:00am in Meeting Room #1**

#### **Anything You Ever Wanted to Ask: A Conversation with Seasoned Library Leaders (Mid-to-Large Urban Edition)**

In this session specifically geared toward mid-to-large libraries with a community population of 30,000 or more, all new Library Directors and any aspiring or up-and-coming library leaders are invited to join a conversation with a panel of experienced directors from across the state and get answers to anything you ever wanted to ask! Panelists will share knowledge gained from years of experience and topics can include intellectual freedom, Board relationships, human resources, strategic planning, and anything else you want to discuss.

*DeeAnna Sova, Library Director, Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library*

*Lisa Rice, Library Director, Warren County Public Library*

*Dave Schroeder, Library Director, Kenton County Public Library*

### **Friday at 11:00am in Meeting Room #2**

#### **Utilizing Libraries to Build Civic Infrastructure through Cultural Exchange**

The Kentucky Rural-Urban Exchange is a creative leadership program designed to develop skills and confidence, grow social capital, and build relationships to bridge divides. Each year, RUX selects a diverse cohort of 75 leaders to travel across rural and urban Kentucky to build connections across cultural, racial, economic and geographic divides. In this session, we will share our Currency of Connection framework with Kentucky Public Library representatives in order to strengthen public engagement programming and spark collaboration between RUX and libraries.

*Amelia Martens, Program Manager, Kentucky Rural-Urban Exchange*

### **Friday at 11:00am in Salon C**

#### **Harnessing Data to Tell Your Library's Story**

This presentation is about using your existing library data to create reports in Tableau. Topics covered will be "clean" data, how to create data visualizations, and the lessons learned from these reports.

*Shawn Fry, Assistant Director, Boone County Public Library*

*Jake Moore, Branch Manager, Boone County Public Library*

### **Friday at 11:00am in Salon A**

#### **We're Still Live: How to go from an in-person to online programming**

COVID-19 disrupted much of library life, including in-person programming. When our branch closed down to the public during the pandemic, we found ways to translate our multi-program event featuring video games to digital platforms. We will explain our process and showcase the digital tools we utilized to keep the event alive. Also included will be a comparison between the pre- and post-pandemic plans and tips and tricks for your own program transitions. <https://www.lfpl.org/cardsandconsoles/>

*Sarah Timberlake, Library Assistant, Louisville Free Public Library*

*Garrett Wilson, Customer Service, Louisville Free Public Library*

### **Friday at 11:00am in Salon B**

#### **Reading Between the Lines: Making Inclusive Decisions for your Collections**

It can be easy to forget about those we don't see using our libraries. What can we do to better serve the "invisible" demographics in our communities? We'll share criteria and strategies for public libraries of all sizes to address their neighbors in need.

*Morgan Mullins, Marketing & Public Relations/Digital Librarian, Rowan County Public Library*

*Emory McClain, Circulation Department Head, Rowan County Public Library*

### **Friday at 12:00pm in Ballrooms A and B**

#### **State of the State Address**

A look over the past year and a look toward the future. There have been – and still are – many challenges, as well as many successes. Terry Manuel, State Librarian and Commissioner, will discuss the state of Kentucky's public libraries and outline KDLA's initiatives and intended direction for the upcoming year.

*State Librarian and Commissioner Terry Manuel*

### **Friday, 8:00am to 1:00pm in the Hartland Salon**

#### **Quiet Room**

Need a few quiet minutes to send a text or an email? Tired of the conference commotion? Suffering from sensory overload? Still putting finishing touches on your presentation? KPLA has your back! The Hartland Salon has been designated as a Quiet Room during the conference for all your quiet needs. Shhhhhhhh!