Interactive writing workshops for teens and adults! Read all about it on pages 4 & 6!

Library Hours
Monday - Thursday...9 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday.....9 am - 5 pm
Sunday..................1 pm - 5 pm
Drive-Thru book return open 24/7

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September 3, Labor Day
October 8, Columbus Day
November 12, Veteran’s Day

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Bye, Bye Summer Reading

By Vanessa Jones

Summer is coming to an end and so is our annual Summer Reading program. If you didn't already know, YOUR RCPL offers an annual Summer Reading program spanning through June and July to inspire people to read and participate in library events. This year's theme was “A Universe of Stories” and centered around space travel and our Universe. While for most of human history travel beyond our atmosphere was completely impossible, it is now a reality for a very few select individuals who meet the rigorous criteria set by NASA and other international space agencies.

SPACE NEWS
Space travel may become slightly more accessible (to the very wealthy) in a few short years as private companies such as SpaceX and Northrop Grumman attempt to make it a commercial possibility. If you can't afford the estimated $175 million (The Verge, 2017) a seat to slingshot to the moon and back, feel free to check out our new telescopes or one of the many books on the universe and space travel we have at the library.

Keep an eye out for our Winter Reading program and next summer for a whole new theme and new events!
Coming Up...

Aesop’s Fables On Stage is coming to YOUR Rowan County Public Library!

Everyone can use a bit of advice now and then. And everyone loves stories! Just ask the master story-spinner and advice-giver of Ancient Greece, Aesop! (I-sop? E-sop? A-sop?) How exactly DO you say his name? Jump into a world of color and fun as our trio of storytellers use music, dance, and a dose of hilarity to re-enact some of Aesop’s most famous fables! You’ll laugh, clap, and cheer along with these beloved stories that teach us memorable lessons like “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch” and “Slow and steady wins the race.”

The show is approximately 1 hour long. Recommended for ages 4 and up/grades PreK and up. Keep an eye out for more details about this program near November. There will be a theater show and possibly more Aesop’s Fables themed events!
“The Girl From the Other Side”
Book Review by Caitlin Haggard

With August being National Otaku day, I thought it would be relevant to read a new graphic novel series. Most people who are into graphic novels like the mainstream Japanese anime style books. I like those as much as the next person but, I wanted to stretch outside my comfort zone and feature a more well-rounded graphic novel review. Hopefully, this review will help people (that don't normally read graphic novels) see that manga/graphic novels have many styles and offer a little bit for everyone.

“The Girl From the Other Side,” is a graphic novel that is English oriented (read left to right). It is a fantasy story about a little girl who falls through a line separating humans from monsters. The artwork and storyline are extremely similar to the computer game, “Undertale.” Therefore, if you are a fan of that game, you will love this graphic novel. It takes a cutesy artwork style and character development and pairs it with a pretty messed up storyline that’s bound to leave you with questions. While this series is a very quick read, I suggest taking it slow and really thinking out the plot and giving your own adventure to the story. The author does an amazing job of leaving wonder and curiosity in the story so that the reader is able to connect as well as live inside the story. I think this book is suitable for a wide range of readers. Anyone who likes fantasy to realistic fiction would absolutely enjoy this light but wondrous series.

Speaking of graphic novels, the Rowan County Public Library will be celebrating National Otaku Month by hosting a write your own graphic panel contest. Contestants may sketch out original works, a short one page (can be front and back) graphic story to be judged throughout August.

We will be giving prizes for the most creative, the best storyline, and the best overall so every talent will have an opportunity for winning!

Submit your creations at the Children’s Area desk during Aug. 1-31. Best of luck!
RCPL Sponsoring Cave Run Storytelling Festival For 2nd Year
By Julie Carroll

The Rowan County Public Library is proud to sponsor the Cave Run Storytelling Festival for the second year in a row as a Silver Level Sponsor. The Cave Run Storytelling Festival is in its 21st year and is growing every year. The dates for the festival are Friday, September 27th and Saturday, September 28th. This festival is held in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, Daniel Boone National Forest. It is held at the beautiful Twin Knobs Recreation Area and many stay in the campground through the weekend when attending.

On Thursday and Friday, school children from all over Kentucky attend the festival during school hours to experience storytelling at its finest. During the day on Friday, the public can also attend and experience various storytellers under different tents throughout the Twin Knobs area.

On Friday evening there is a family storytelling event under one large tent. On Saturday, all-day storytelling occurs with breaks for lunch and dinner. Saturday evening has two events to offer: Family Storytelling or Ghost Stories. Take your pick!

There are a variety of food vendors available on all the days and there are the extra activities of enjoying the lake and beach, or going hiking in the woods. There is also a sales tent with many of the storytellers books and CDs and Cave Run Storytelling Festival t-shirts and other memorabilia.

RCPL’s sponsorship of the storytelling festival was a natural partnership as books and storytelling go hand in hand.

Make plans now to visit the Cave Run Storytelling Festival on September 27th and 28th.

Need Help Creating Your Comics?
Here are some books for guidance and inspiration about how to draw/write anime, manga, and graphic novels.

Drawing Words & Writing Pictures: Making Comics: Manga, Graphic Novels, and Beyond by Jessica Abel & Matt Madden 741.51 ABEL

Check out these two books written by Daniel Cooney: Writing and Illustrating The Graphic Novel 741.51 COON

The Complete Guide to Figure Drawing for Comics and Graphic Novels 741.51 COON

Words for Pictures: The Art and Business of Writing Comics and Graphic Novels By Brian Michael Bendis 741.51 BEND

“I’m Interested... But, I don’t know how to draw or write anime, manga, or graphic novels!”

You Write It : Graphic Novel By John Hamilton J 741.56 HAMI

Prior to printing, stories were passed down by one person to another, which is the beautiful birth of storytelling.

Julie Carroll, Assistant Director, who has volunteered at the festival for many years, stated, “If you want to see a real treat, you need to see a nine-year-olds’ eyes light up as he listens to a storyteller who has the child spellbound with his tale. No game device in his hand, no TV, no wires. It is truly a beautiful sight.”
Fanfiction and Fried Chicken Kickoff Event

Enjoy a fanfiction filled night at our Writers Workshop kickoff event, “Fanfiction and Fried Chicken” where books and chicken are the main courses! Learn about the art of fanfiction through writing activities, discussions, and enjoying delicious fried chicken from Lee’s!

All Writer’s Workshops are for ages 14+ and adults. Beginners welcome!

Argh, Mateys!
Did’ya know that September 19th is Talk Like a Pirate Day?
Ye can learn how to speak fluent pirate gibberish or pick from 70+ other languages for free! Visit rowancountylibrary.org/digital-resources and select the Mango logo.

Writers Workshops
September 19 at 5:30 pm
October 29 at 5:30 pm
November 26 at 5:30 pm
December 17 at 5:30 pm

Do you have an interest in creative writing or need help getting your creative juices flowing? Learn all about the process of creative writing through discussion and fun writing activities at our Writers Workshops.

This workshop will have five sessions with each meeting’s new topics and activities. But, if you miss a session, that’s ok.
Comics kids love, including classic and popular characters, that also serve as a helpful gateway to early literacy.

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Genealogy Club

We’ve got some exciting programs planned for our “Preserving Your Heritage Genealogy Club!” If you are not a member—don’t worry you can join simply by attending one of the upcoming programs. Each meeting will be new topics and we will also have various speakers, authors, etc. Tell us if you have an idea for a genealogy themed program and we might plan on doing it! Show up for the meeting to share your ideas with the Genealogy Club Coordinator, Cindy Leach. Here’s what we have planned so far...

The Untold Story of the Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire
August 1st at 6:00 pm
Presenter: Robert Webster
This is the complete history of the alleged mob activity in Newport, Kentucky, and the magnificent Beverly Hills Supper Club, where 169 people died and the lives of thousands were changed in an instant. This is the true untold story of what led to Kentucky’s worst tragedy—a story of greed, corruption, deceit, Mafia rule, government cover-ups, kidnapping, and even murder. In fact, this book details one of the worst cases of mass murder in US history.

Robert Webster is a northern Kentucky native and author of numerous articles on local and regional history. He has written three previous books, two of which received Kentucky History Awards. Bob is a 1976 graduate of Holmes High School and attended Morehead State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. He is a member of the Kenton County Historical Society and, at the time of this publication, proudly serves as their vice president.

Stay tuned for additional events to be posted on our Library Facebook and for information located in the Genealogy Room of the library.

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