

When
times
get
tough,
it's
time
to get
going...
to your
Library.

The price of gas is up. The price of bread, milk, and eggs is up. Unemployment is up. And, so too, is public library use.

Repeated studies have shown that, when dollars shrink and expenses grow, people tend to rely more on their public library for materials and services they might otherwise pay for.

That is certainly true here in Boone County.

In the first three months of 2008, borrowing increased more than 40 percent over just one year ago — an increase of 100,000 books, magazines, movies, and music. During those same three months, 6169 Boone County citizens got a library card and 15,409 children, teens and adults attended library programs.

Haven't been to the library lately? Here are some ways you can save money at the library:

BORROW DON'T BUY

Don't spend \$25 on a book you'll read once, borrow it. An audiobook makes your commute more enjoyable — especially when borrowing it saves you \$40. Saving money by

doing it yourself? Save even more with "how to" books and DVDs from the library.



GET ONLINE



High speed internet access can cost over \$40 month. In some areas of Boone County, it isn't available at all. Every branch of the library offers free internet access and computers with Microsoft Office. At Main,

Scheben and Florence, you can bring your own laptop and use the free wireless network. No laptop? You can borrow one to use in a study room or any other location in the library.

TAKE A CLASS

Each month, the library offers as many as 40 different programs for adults — from painting to manag-

ing your diabetes to setting up your first email account. Not only will the learning keep your brain young,

there's compelling evidence that social interaction is important to your overall wellbeing. And it's free.

KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS

The library subscribes to 440 magazines and newspapers — from *Aviation Weekly* to the *Wall Street Journal* — so you don't have to. Enjoy the latest issue over a cup of

coffee at the library. Older issues of magazines can be borrowed to read at home.



More
great
services
your
library
offers —
Total
Value:
Priceless!

BCPL
Where imagination takes flight

FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Tickets for you and your family to attend a concert, puppet show, or theatrical performance are expensive. On one Friday evening in March, over 400 people came to the library to sing along with the 'Beatles' — for

free. Whether it's a local musician, a Kentucky Chautauqua performer, or Madcap Puppet Theatre, count on the library for at least one family activity every month — tickets not required.



HELPING EVERY CHILD SUCCEED



The library offers more than 750 story times each year. During every story time, while your children learn to love books and libraries, you will learn simple and fun ways to help your children acquire the critical skills they need to learn to read and write in school. Over 300 preschool children attend story time in a typical week.

As a partner with Boone County Success by 6® and the Boone County Early Childhood Council, the library helps support the efforts of local preschool and daycare centers to provide the highest quality childcare to Boone County children. Library staff with Kentucky Early Childhood Trainer credentials offer training in early literacy programming. Centers borrow from a collection of more than 30 classroom story and theme kits. The Community Center on Wheels visits 30-45 centers, checking out books and providing story time to over 1200 children each month.

With an extensive collection of

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books on everything from inventions to Indian tribes, the library supports the curriculum of the county's public, private, and home schools. Each year, more than 1000 elementary students visit the library to get cards and borrow books. For classes that can't visit, the library puts together special collections for extended loan. Last year, the library provided 422 classroom collections.

And during those long summer months, weekly programs, family events and the friendly competition of BCPL's Summer Reading Program keep Boone County kids reading.

DELIVERING SERVICES TO YOUR DOOR

BCPL's Homebound Service delivers books, movies, music and a smile to over 400 Boone County residents each month. Some live in their own homes, others in retirement centers,

nursing homes, and special needs facilities. Free homebound delivery is available to any Boone County resident unable to visit the library.



DELIVERING SERVICES TO YOUR DESKTOP

WWW.BCPL.ORG delivers a variety of library services directly to your home, office, or handheld computer. Get answers to your questions 24/7 from AskWhyKY — live online help from library professionals. Download books, audiobooks, videos, and music any time night or day. Keep up with what's going on

at the library and with your favorite books and authors — subscribe to a library newsletter delivered directly to your email address. Find the full text articles you need for your research paper, business proposal, or personal interest in dozens of specialized online databases.



PRESERVING BOONE COUNTY'S HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Since its beginning, the library has worked to acquire all available material about Boone County's history.

Last year, more than 500 family files from the recently acquired Anne and William Fitzgerald collection and other local families were added to the collection. Through the cooperation of local residents, and with the aid of digital technology, over 1500 privately owned photos,

journals, letters, and documents were digitized and are being added to the online collection.

Much of Boone County's history has never been put down on paper — it lives in the memories of its residents. To preserve those memories, the library is developing a collection of personal interviews with people from all walks of Boone County life. 129 oral history interviews, many conducted in the early 1980's, will soon be available in audio and print. Two special projects, when complete, will document the history of Boone County farming to present day and the history of Boone County's early African American families. The library's Oral History Program is the largest among Kentucky's public libraries.

To bring local history into the community, the library has partnered with the City of Walton, Boone County Historic Preservation and Boone County Parks to offer family events such as the Burlington Ghost Walk, Gaines Tavern programs, and county bus tours. Upcoming projects include Petersburg Heritage Day and the Burlington Wayfinder project.



Historical photos, from top: Bullittsville, Kentucky, 1947; Camp Ernst, 1947; horse and wagon; Bert and Annie Rouse at home on Route 18, 1943.

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LAST YEAR ...

You borrowed 1,023,432 books, movies, magazines, music and software. Based on average local retail and rental costs for those items, you could have spent ... **\$14,819,883**

You logged into library databases to read, print or download 20,068 full text documents. Based on an average cost of \$20 for commercial online document delivery, you could have spent ... **\$401,360**

You used library computers 247,780 times to do homework, stay in touch with friends, look for a job, write a resume, plan your vacation, and get the best deal on your new car. Kinko's charges \$12 per hour. You could have spent ... **\$2,973,360**

227 community groups, businesses, and clubs used library meeting rooms to hold 931 meetings. Most meetings lasted at least two hours. Based on a commercial rental rate of \$50 per hour, you could have spent ... **\$93,100**

You borrowed 2809 books from libraries across the country and around the world. Many of these were out of print and could not have been purchased. At an average cost of \$25 for interlibrary loan, you could have spent ... **\$70,225**

44,811 children, from birth through high school, attended 2,528 library programs. At a minimal cost of \$5 per child, you could have spent ... **\$224,055**

7,347 adults attended 527 library programs. At a minimal cost of \$10 per person, you could have spent ... **\$73,470**

TOTAL VALUE OF THESE BASIC SERVICES: \$18,655,453

Summer Reading begins June 2!

Enjoy Summer Reading and Concerts!

Catch the Reading Bug @ the Library — Ages 6-11

“Catch the Reading Bug this Summer” and keep your reading skills sharp! Choose a free book after you’ve completed 5 hours and another cool prize at 10 hours of reading with the chance to win a grand prize.

Babies, tots and preschoolers, too!

All can be involved in the library’s summer excitement as par-

ents participate with their little ones through reading and age-appropriate activities. Pick up a Wee Readers log for your babies or a Read-to-Me log for your preschoolers and complete them to earn prizes.

Get Wired at the Library — Ages 12+

Keep track of the time you read on your summer reading bookmark. Five hours of reading and you can choose a free book – 10 hours earns you a pair of retractable earbuds and an entry into the teen’s end of summer prize drawings.

Hot Reads, Cool Beats – Adults

Every library item you read, watch, or listen to is an entry in the weekly prize drawings and the end of summer grand prize drawings for Booklover’s Baskets.

Live @ the Library ... Free Concert Series

Wild Carrot, Folk Music May 30, 7 pm, Scheben Branch

Vernon McIntyre’s Appalachian Grass, Bluegrass June 1, 2 pm, Florence Branch

Greg Schaber, Acoustic Blues June 6, 7 pm, Main Library

The James Family Band, Bluegrass June 20, 7 pm, Main Library

The Doolittles (Authors Silas House and Jason Howard) Appalachian Music July 11, 7 pm, Main Library

Nathan Holscher, Acoustic Folk July 18, 7 pm, Scheben Branch

Kinsey Rose, Country August 1, 7 pm, Main Library

Paul Otten, Pop Music August 8, 7 pm, Main Library

Made in Brazil, World Music August 10, 2 pm, Florence Branch

Ricky Nye, Boogie Woogie August 22, 7 pm, Main Library



There are summer reading programs for all ages!

Boone County Public Library

Six locations to serve you! One phone number: 859/342-BOOK (2665)

Main Library 1786 Burlington Pike Burlington, KY 41005

Florence Branch 7425 US 42, Florence, KY 41042

Scheben Branch 8899 US 42, Union, KY 41091

Chapin Memorial Library 6517 Market Street Petersburg, KY 41080

Lents Branch 3215 Cougar Path, Hebron, KY 41048

Walton Branch 21 S. Main, Walton, KY 41094

