# **Library News**



By Ashley Norris, Director – Cumberland County Public Library

Hello everyone! I hope you had a good Memorial Day weekend and was able to catch up on some rest. I know a lot of us appreciate the holiday because we do not have to work, War soldiers. Today, all fallen military members are honored throughout the country.

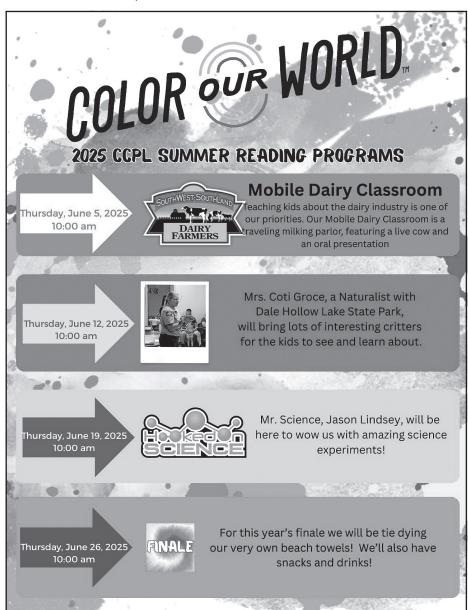
Come sign up for our Summer Reading program for 2025! Each signee will receive a bag with a book, a craft, and a summer reading log. This log will allow the participate to receive a small prize for every 5 books they read during the month of June. Their names will also be entered in to win the large summer reading prizes at the end

by the library where you can check out AR books, and take AR tests to complete the goal!

Have a good week!

Questions? Contact us!

Need to renew your books? Want bookmobile service? Have a general question? Here is how you can reach us! Phone: (270) 864 – 2207 On the web: www.cumberlandcountylibrary. org Facebook: @ cumberlandcountylibrary.org Hours:





# Conservation Connection

### "May is Clean Air Month"

Wanda J Gilbert Cumberland County Soil Conservation District

The Clean Air Act came into force in 1970. This Act has been successful in reducing air quality related health conditions and premature death.

Supported by the American Lung Association, Clean Air Month educates people about the impact clean air can have on their lives.

This observance also encourages people to take positive steps to help improve air quality.

What exactly is clean air?

Clean air, is air which has a natural balance of gases such as oxygen, nitrogen and carbon dioxide. Clean air does not contain pollutants or allergens.

Clean air does not harm the environment, nor is it a cause or trigger of health problems.

Consequences of poor-quality air

Poor quality air can harm the environment and can affect us all. Toxic air pollution is linked to serious conditions such as cancer and chronic bronchitis. Air pollution can exacerbate pre-existing conditions such as asthma.

Air pollution can also harm the environment. Certain gases react with other gases and water to create rain which is acidic.

Acid rain raises the acid levels of water and disrupts the natural balance of life in lakes and rivers; acid rain can also damage plants and trees

Pollutants Which Can Affect Clean Air & The Environment Include:

\*Acid Rain \*Ozone \*Toxic Air Pollution \*Lead \*Sulfur Dioxide \*Particulate Soot \*Carbon Monoxide

Clean Air Month is a time for many states to celebrate the impact the Clean Air Act has had on the way people think about the environment and on the overall health of its people. For example, in Wisconsin during 1986, the Clean Air Act influenced legislation which was passed to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions from state power stations; by 1990 sulfur dioxide emissions had fallen by 46 percent.

Clean Air Month is recognized in many states across America. Events are held throughout the month of May to promote awareness. These have included 'Ride Your Bike to Work Days' and 'Share A Car Days'. Some states offer Air Management Programs and timely reporting on state and federal air quality issues.

We can all make positive steps to improve the quality of our air. Ways we can improve air quality are often based around reducing our use of electricity and using transport more efficiently. We can also support legislation which improves air quality.

To receive a "Seeded Book Mark" and register for a "Plant" to be give away visit your Soil Conservation office located at 329 Keen Street, Burkesville, KY. on Wednesday, May 28th from 2:00pm - 3:00pm.



but more importantly, it should be appreciated because of why it is celebrated. Memorial Day was first observed in 1868 (known then as Decoration Day) and it was a day where people honored and decorated the graves of fallen Civil of June. I have attached a flyer of our programs.

Also, the CCES summer reading AR Goal is happening until August 14th. The goal is for students from 1st to 5th grade to receive 20 AR points. We encourage you to stop M-F: 8:30 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

\*Note: Library board meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month @ 3 PM and are open to the public.

#### INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The <u>Cumber land</u> County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 20 through June 5, 2025. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1,2025, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2025 will be due about September 15, 2025.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours  $\underline{8am}$  and  $\underline{4pm}$ .

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall **not** be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Property Valuation Administrator



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