

2026-2027 Kentucky fishing and hunting licenses available

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The 2026-2027 Kentucky license year for fishing, hunting, boating and more begins on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Outdoor enthusiasts are able to purchase all the licenses, tags and permits they need to enjoy Kentucky's outdoors through the end of February 2027.

Licenses and permits are sold online through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource's License Sales portal and the My Profile app, both searchable on the department's website at fw.ky.gov. Licenses and permits also are sold at agent locations across the state. A list of license agent locations by county is available on the depart-

ment's website.

The 2026-2027 license and permit fees will remain the same as the current license year ending Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026. License and permit fees for the 2025-2026 license year were increased slightly across the board in January 2026 following a new, inflation-based pricing system measured on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the national measure of inflation calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Federal Duck Stamp and application fees were exempt from CPI adjustments.

In Kentucky, a license covers basic hunting or fishing for many species, whereas additional state permits are required

when pursuing specific species, such as fishing for trout or hunting for migratory birds, deer, wild turkey or black bear. Sportsmen's-type licenses include multiple species permits as well as basic hunting and fishing privileges.

For newcomers to all the great outdoor opportunities that Kentucky has to offer, a reduced-cost sportsman's license is now available for resident first-time buyers. Only individuals who have not

purchased an annual Kentucky hunting or fishing license – or a combination license that includes an annual license – since 1996 are eligible. The \$37 license includes a resident hunting and fishing license, spring turkey permit, fall turkey permit, trout permit, state migratory bird and waterfowl permit and statewide deer permit.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife provides a number of resources to assist avid outdoor enthusiasts

In the know

For more information Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Licenses webpage or type "Licenses" into the search bar on the agency website (fw.ky.gov), or contact the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Information Center at **800-858-1549** or at info.center@ky.gov, weekdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Eastern), except holidays.

and newcomers alike with information on waterbodies, public lands, fishing and hunting education and all the regulations to help anglers and hunters make the most of their time outdoors via its website and the hunting and fishing guides it produces annually. This includes the new Fishing and Boating Guide available online and in print.

Another great resource is the Fish Boat KY app. Available free from the Apple App Store and Google Play, the app helps anglers find waterbodies, boat ramps and other water access from the palm of their hand. Users can also search by species of fish, store copies of their licenses, and much more using the smart-

phone app.

The department receives its primary funding through revenue raised by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and permits, as well as federal excise taxes generated by the sale of recreational firearms and ammunition, archery gear and fishing equipment.

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Harbor Freight announces Cynthiana store

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Harbor Freight announced it will be opening a new location in Cynthiana this Spring. The tool store will add approximately 25-30 jobs in the community, according to a press release from the company. The company held a hiring event in Cynthiana on March 3.

The store's location is planned for 111 Riverside Drive in Cynthiana, next to Ruler's.

The company started in 1977 in Southern California as a mail-order business and now has more than 1,600 stores. The company employs more than 26,000 people nationwide.



Workers renovate the location of soon-to-be Harbor Freight in Cynthiana.

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\$330K in road funding proposed for Harrison

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A joint resolution filed in the Kentucky House laying out Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) projects includes \$330,000 in funding for four projects in Harrison County.

The bulk of the funds are for relieving a hazardous condition on Duckworth Road, with

\$213,000 included for the project. The resolution also includes \$60,000 to resurface North Elmarsh Avenue, \$22,000 to resurface West Pike Street, and \$35,000 to resurface Hickory Court.

The resolution includes \$68.1 million in funding for LARP projects across the state, up from the current funding level of \$21 million.

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK



Jenny Lynn Hatter reads to students at Southside Elementary for Read Across America Week.

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Elementary schools celebrate reading

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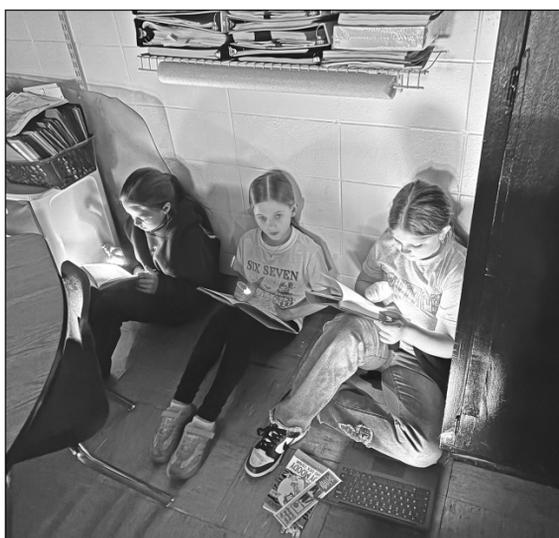
Students across Harrison County celebrated Read Across America Week.

At Northside Elementary, the week was highlighted by themed Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) times. On Monday, students were encouraged to bring a stuffed animal to read with a friend.

On Tuesday, the theme

was enjoying the beach, and on Wednesday, students received a finger flashlight to read in the dark. On Thursday, students were encouraged to bring a hat, and on Friday, students will receive a snack in honor of Library Media Specialist Darla Grob's birthday.

At Eastside and Southside, a variety of guest readers read to students throughout the week, including Jenny Lynn Hatter (top).



Northside students read 'under the stars' for Read Across America Week.

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March full of events at public library

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The Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library (CHCPL) has a crowded calendar of events in the next few weeks.

On March 9 and March 23, Homeschool Explorers will be invited to create a worm farm for the library at 11 a.m. both days.

Mellow Monday is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. on March 9, 23, and 30. The event takes place in the activity room and allows teens to hang out, chat, craft, play, and enjoy snacks.

On March 11 at 5 p.m., Civil War Spy Adventure takes place for ages 8-12. Attendees will learn about espionage during the civil war and the role of spies like Harriet Tubman, and will be given an opportunity to collect clues and solve a cipher.

March 13 will see the CHCPL Bookmobile make two stops, one at Clifton Village at 11 a.m., and the second at Federal Drive at 2 p.m.

On March 16, the CHCPL seed Library opens, with a variety of seed packs for flowers, fruits, vegetables,

and herbs available on a first come, first serve basis.

A paper making program for youth is scheduled for 5 p.m. on March 18 on World Recycling Day. Those attending will learn how to recycle paper scraps to create sheets of paper and learn about the process of paper making.

The Bookmobile will take a trip to the data center in Berry on March 19 at 3 p.m. Blooming with Beads is planned for March 26 at 5 p.m. The teen

event will allow teens to make a mini beaded plant. Registration is required. People can register by phone at 859-234-4881 or by visiting cynthianalibrary.org.

Mosby's Treasure Breakout Game is scheduled for March 28 at 10 a.m. The breakout game is based on the story of a Confederate captain named John Mosby who carried out a series of raids on Union troops, and may have collected a large fortune. No registration is required for the Tween/Teen program.

CHCPL is located at 104 N Main Street in Cynthiana.

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