



Community Resource Fairs

Bringing services to our patrons at the library through community partnerships

About Paducah & McCracken County: Located in far Western Kentucky. County Population 67,000 and City Population 28,000 as of 2020 census.



City of Paducah Demographics: White 72.8% Black or African American alone 21.2% American Indian and Alaska Native alone 0.8% Asian alone 1.2% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone 0.1% Two or More Races 3.0% Hispanic or Latino 2.9% White alone, not Hispanic or Latino 71.4%

McCracken County Demographics: White alone 84.9% Black or African American 11.1% American Indian and Alaska Native 0.4% Asian alone 1.0% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander 0.1% Two or More Races 2.5% Hispanic or Latino 2.9% White alone, not Hispanic or Latino 82.5

McCracken County Public Library Mission and Values:

The McCracken County Public Library empowers everyone to discover, grow, learn and play through our programs, services and resources. We enrich our community by providing innovative programs, a diverse materials collection, access to technology and exceptional customer service.

Core values:

We are welcoming to **all**.

We are helpful and professional.

We are innovative.

We are responsible stewards of public resources.

We treat our patrons and each other with respect, dignity and kindness.

More info at www.mclib.net/policies

Mission and values adopted in 2017.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT HOUSING PROFILE



DISTRICT-LEVEL RENTER STATISTICS

	Total Renter Households	Severely Burdened Households*	% with Severe Burden		Affordable and Available Rental Units Per 100	Surplus/ (Deficit) of Affordable and Available Rental Units
Income at or below 30% of AMI	22,310	15,001	67%	Income at or below 30% of AMI	38	-13,785
Income between 31% and 50% of AMI	16,158	3,840	24%	Income at or below 50% of AMI	71	-11,205
Income between 51% and 80% of AMI	17,934	738	4%	Income at or below 80% of AMI	100	-226
All Renter Households	86,679	19,612	23%			

Renters make up 31% of all households in the District

Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2013-2017 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data

STATE-LEVEL RENTER STATISTICS

	Total Renter Households	Severely Burdened Households*	% with Severe Burden		Affordable and Available Rental Units Per 100	Surplus/ (Deficit) of Affordable and Available Rental Units
Income at or below 30%** of AMI	167,110	103,632	62%	Income at or below 30%** of AMI	54	-77,701
Income between 31%** and 50% of AM	91,072	15,778	17%	Income at or below 50% of AMI	81	-49,074
Income between 51% and 80% of AMI	113,563	3,557	3%	Income at or below 80% of AMI	107	24,486
All Renter Households	574,492	123,040	21%			

Renters make up 33% of all households in the state

Source: NLIHC tabulations of 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS)

McCracken County is one of 33 Counties in Kentucky's 1st Congressional District.

In the 1st Congressional District, there is a deficit of available and affordable homes for rent, especially for people with the lowest incomes.

In McCracken County, the hourly wage required to afford the average Fair Market Rent (FMR) 2 BR home is \$15.48, while the average renter wage is \$13.54.

More info available here:

<https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Housing-Profiles/Congressional-District-Housing-Profile-KY.pdf>

We began this program in June, inviting partner agencies to the library once a month. The Program has grown, with 16-20 organizations participating each month. (I had to buy more tables!) The local chapter of the United Way has been instrumental in connecting us with other local organizations and contacts, and helping to get the word out.

Community Resource Fair

Come to the library to find out about
resources for housing, food, employment
and wellbeing in our community.

The Third Mondays of the Month from 4 to 6 pm
In the 2nd Floor Meeting Room

June 20th
July 18th
August 15th
September 19th
October 17th
November 21st



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Ask me why this is important.



Healthy
Living Support
Group 5:30pm
1st Tues. each month
upstairs @ library
Free
Adult Focus
July topic
Sun Safety and
skin cancer

Colorectal Cancer Screening
Anthem
Medicaid

Save Your Skin
Sun Protection



Anthem
Medicaid



Focus Career for job seekers

- Browse available jobs
- Match your skills to job opportunities
- Create an effective resume
- Update your employment profile to generate additional job matches

Kentucky
Career Center
Career

Postsecondary

Opportunities

- Job marketability analysis
- Career exploration and interviewing workshops
- Networking and hiring events
- Job search assistance for military veterans
- Information on high-demand careers and job training grants
- Customized services and assistive technology for individuals with special needs

Kentucky
Career Center
Training

kentuckycareercenter.com

Focus Talent for employers

- Post your job openings at no charge
- Perform customized matches to identify qualified candidates
- Contact job seekers confidentially
- Receive applicant pre-screening assistance through a local career center

Kentucky
Career Center
Employer

focus.talent.ky.gov



Kentucky
Career Center

Community Partners that have participated include:

Paducah Cooperative Ministry
Four Rivers Behavioral Health
Anthem, Kentucky Medicaid Operations
Purchase District Health Department
Turning Point Recovery Services
KentuckyCare Health Clinic
Paducah/McCracken County Senior Center
Kentucky Career Center
Merryman House Domestic Violence Shelter
Housing Authority of Paducah
Kentucky Legal Aid
Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs
Lotus Sexual Assault Center
Wise Staffing
TempsPlus
The Zone Teen & Young Adult Drop-In Center
Western Kentucky Community & Technical College
LivWell Community Health
JobCorps
Family Services Society

Mental health services, crisis centers for domestic violence and sexual assault, job placement, and healthcare services are all well represented.

We have had 16-20 groups join us each month.

Getting the word out to people who need these services is my main focus right now. We moved to Tuesdays to avoid holidays, which were making it hard for community partners to attend on some dates. We also began offering food at these events. We have had Pizza donated by Little Caesars, and pans of pasta donated by Olive Garden. I reach out to a different local restaurant each month. Sometimes we just get a bit of a discount.

LEARN ABOUT

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McCRACKEN
COUNTY
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

RESOURCES!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR 4-6 PM
AT THE LIBRARY EACH 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH



Warming Center Collaborations

Community Warming Center open for the the season. Washington Street Baptist Church Warming Center opens 5:30 pm- 8:30 am when forecasted low is below 40 degrees.

McCracken County Public Library provides a safe and warm haven by day.

Salvation Army Paducah will also have a by-day, drop-in warming shelter during operating hours at its Irvin Cobb Drive location on the southside. Salvation Army will also pick up warming center guests in the morning, if they would like to spend time at its day drop-in shelter after the overnight stay.

For Immediate Release

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Community Partners Provide Safe, Warming Shelter

Beginning tonight (Friday night) at 5:30 PM, people needing shelter from the cold will have a place to stay in Paducah-McCracken County.

For the second year in a row, Washington Street Baptist Church hosts a seasonal warming center through March 2023. The church will house any person on nights when the low temperature is 40° or below at 739 Washington Street, a property next door to its main building. Those who need shelter can arrive between 5:30-10:00 PM on a first come, first serve basis. The Purchase Area District Health Department and Paducah Fire Department recommend a 20 person capacity. Individuals, those caring for children and unaccompanied youth are invited.

When checking in, guests can expect to give their basic information. The church encourages those who stay at the center to bring a photo ID for registration, but it is not required. Paducah Police Officers review registrations remotely to ensure public safety. Upon entry, the health department tests all guests for COVID-19. Thanks to community partner collaboration, those who test positive for the virus will have alternative shelter options and resources needed to recover.

Warming center volunteers provide guests with dinner and breakfast, shower and laundry facilities, and free Wi-Fi. Those who stay depart the warming center anytime from 6:30-8:30 AM.

The warming center depends upon volunteers and donations to run safely. Volunteers may contact the church at info@washingtonstreetbaptist.org or by calling 270.442.8033. Operating the center will increase the church's utility and security costs, as well. Those who wish to give financially may also contact the church.

Donated items can be dropped off at the McCracken County Public Library. Due to limited storage space, the warming center requests trial size products:

- Body Wash
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)

The library also accepts cleaning products on behalf of the warming center:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Clorox or Lysol Wipes
- Lysol Spray

Family Scholar House kiosk



CFSBank contacted us about hosting a Family Scholar House Resources Kiosk this winter, and we have this resource in our lobby now. You can view the resources listed by going to

www.myky.info

It is location specific, so it will probably not automatically work outside of Kentucky, but you can put in Paducah, KY for location on this site to see what we see.

Our community partners that have been participation in the resource fails were very excited to get added to this database of services in our area.

Contact Me!

I'd love to chat about library programs and services.

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