



Hello and Welcome to the 2017 Library Summer Media Camp!

Please do read all of the information provided. There are 2 forms to sign as well as details to know in advance. We promise to provide an action-packed week for the students that will teach them real-world 21st Century media and communication skills from a bunch of Louisville professional film makers, journalists, audio technicians, musicians, and graphic designers.

First off, the camp is Monday through Friday June 12 - 16 at the Main Library at 301 York Street in the Room "2 East". Enter through the South (York Street) entrance, and the classroom is on the second floor to your right. The class runs from 10 AM to 4 PM, although we request all students to be in the room ready to go at 9:45, so 10:00 can be "down to business" time. (The Library opens at 9:00 AM.) The Main Library is accessible by multiple Tarc bus routes, and area parking locations can be found on the Library's Web Site:

<http://lfpl.org/branches/main-parking.htm>

By June 2nd, we will send out the detailed camp schedule and description of each of the sessions. This would be a good time to point out that this program is a cumulative learning experience where students are expected to attend the entire camp. The students will be put in "production teams" of 5 or 6 students, and all students will be depending on each other to complete their own experience. Complete attendance respects the time of other students and presenters. All presenters are volunteering their time, equipment, and expertise.

We want to encourage the families and guardians of the students to keep up with work students produce in the camp. The closing session of the camp is open to families who would like to hear about upcoming activities and see the completed collective work of the students. There will also be daily emails forwarding links to videos students make during the day, and the web site <http://www.beargrassmedia.com/2017-summer-media-camp> will be updated daily. We will run all communications through group email lists from beargrassmedia@gmail.com. Please respond with the email addresses for the student and all parents/guardians.

Students will bring their own lunches for the camp. There will not be a lunch break long enough to run out and purchase fast food. There will be a refrigerator where the students can store their lunches. In order to keep the library carpets stain-free, please plan to pack colorless liquids to drink (for example, water, lemonade, Sprite, etc.). On Wednesday the 14th, the lunches should be portable, since we will be eating in between stops on our media tour of downtown Louisville. On Friday, June 16th, the camp will provide pizza for lunch and popcorn at the closing session at 2:30 PM.

All equipment at the camp will be provided by Beargrass Media; however, students may bring some of their own recording gear at their own risk. All videos produced by the camp will be suitable for all ages so they can be shared with all family members of all participants.

Added bonus to camp students: The Louisville Free Public Library is participating in the Louisville International Film Fest (LIFF) from September 14 - 17, 2017.

<http://louisvillefilmfestival.org/>

Students will be given special instructions on how to enter the Kentucky Youth Film Festival with their own creations: <http://www.lfpl.org/teen/kyff.htm>

And finally, we will point out that the Louisville Free Public Library has rules of behavior that all students will be asked to honor. Those rules can be found at:

<http://www.lfpl.org/pdf/rules-of-behavior.pdf>

To assist us in preparing for camp, please sign both forms and submit them (clear phone pictures of the documents are okay) by Wednesday, June 7th at noon. Also remember to list all email address of guardians or advocates to receive daily camp communications.

We are so looking forward to students attending the 2017 Summer Media Camp, learning new skills, meeting future collaborators, and creating great work.

See you Monday, June 12th at 9:45 AM at the Main Library.

Rachel Smith - Regional Programming Supervisor, Louisville Free Public Library

Patrick Fitzgerald - Director, Beargrass Media

