

Story Center: Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Story Center?

The Story Center is part of the Boyle County Public Library (BCPL) and supports the library's mission by inspiring our local community to engage with the history of the county through individual and community-led collecting and preservation efforts. The Story Center's objective is to collect, digitize, and make the county's history accessible through exhibitions, programming, and digital initiatives.

In December 2023, BCPL was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Mellon Foundation to create the Story Center. The Story Center was established to enhance BCPL's current local history services and to bring the community together to preserve and share stories of local life in Boyle County.

Where is the Story Center located?

The Story Center will have a temporary home at Grayson's Tavern, 105 E. Walnut Street, Danville, KY 40422.

Grayson's Tavern is located on Constitution Square and is owned by Boyle County. The Boyle County Public Library is currently assessing options for the Story Center's long term home.

When will the Story Center be open?

The Story Center at Grayson's Tavern will open in fall of 2024. Check back soon for the official opening date!

How can I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved with the Story Center!

Volunteer with the Story Center and help our team conduct research, scan and digitize historical records, and coordinate programs and events. Please visit our Volunteer page for more information, and note your interest in working with the Story Center.

You can also get involved with our Community Curators and Community Collections initiatives.

Please contact us to get involved at storycenter@boylepublib.org

Do I need a Library Card?

You do not need a library card to visit the Story Center at Grayson's Tavern or the Special Collections and Archives at the Boyle County Public Library, but you do need a library card if you would like to book an appointment for the Memory Lab or the Oral History Studio.

How do I use the Memory Lab?

To use the Memory Lab you need to have a library card and will need to book an appointment. The Memory Lab has two locations: at the Story Center, located at Grayson's Tavern and at the Boyle County Public Library. If this is your first time using the Memory Lab, you will need to attend a 30-minute training session that will give you an overview of how to use all of the equipment.

How do I use the Oral History Studio?

The Oral History Studio is coming soon! It will be available at the Story Center located at Grayson's Tavern. To use the Oral History Studio you need to have a library card and will need to book an appointment. If this is your first time using the Oral History Studio, you will need to attend a 30-minute training session that will give you an overview of how to use the equipment.