



Muskingum County Library System  
December 2022–January 2023

# *New* Mission & Vision



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Events Guide

# Library News You Can Use

This has been a great year! Perhaps our biggest and most important endeavor in 2022 is our new strategic plan. As part of this process, we held seven community meetings throughout the library system with over 100 attendees. We also created a community survey that over 600 community members completed. This process allowed us to hear priorities for our communities firsthand and to discuss our services. What we've learned is that our locations are truly the hub of each community they serve, and our staff are what makes MCLS so special. As a direct result of community and staff feedback, we have updated our mission and vision statements. I am excited to share even more outcomes of our planning process with you in the coming months.

**Updated Mission:** The library sparks curious minds, fosters a love of reading, encourages exploration and discovery, enables learning, and inspires creativity by connecting people with information, ideas, and each other.

**Updated Vision:** The library creates a vibrant and connected Muskingum County.

Over the next four to five years, we will focus on four strategic areas: Engagement - Create opportunities for us to make connections and inform. Literacy - continued focus on youth literacy and a renewed focus on adult literacy. Capacity Building - building the skills and abilities of our staff and our communities. Facilities - meeting the needs of our customers by creating engaging spaces where people connect with information, ideas and each other.

I love these strategic areas of focus. They overlap and give us goals that will move MCLS and our communities toward the future together. Our teams are working on SMART goals for each area that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-Bound. This will ensure that we are making progress towards our strategic areas of focus throughout the next several years and serving you well.

During this holiday season, our thoughts turn to the wonderful staff, customers, and communities we serve. We are grateful for those that have made our progress possible. Wishing you all good health, good times, and good fortune during the holidays and into 2023!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey L. Russell".

**Stacey L. Russell**  
Executive Director

## John McIntire Library

Monday–Thursday 10 AM–7 PM, Friday 10 AM–6 PM,  
& Saturday 10 AM–4 PM



### John McIntire Library

220 North 5th Street, Zanesville, OH 43701  
740.453.0391

## Branch Libraries

Monday–Thursday 11 AM–7 PM, Friday 11 AM–6 PM,  
& Saturday 10 AM–2 PM



### Dresden Branch Library

816 Main Street, Dresden, OH 43821  
740.754.1003



### Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library

222 Main Street, Duncan Falls, OH 43734  
740.674.7100



### New Concord Branch Library

77 West Main Street, New Concord, OH 43762  
740.826.4184



### Roseville Branch Library

41 North Main Street, Roseville, OH 43777  
740.697.0237



### South Branch Library

2530 Maysville Pike, Zanesville, OH 43701  
740.454.1511

All MCLS locations are closed on  
**December 24-26 & January 2.**



# Book Discussions

Please visit our online events calendar for full event listings, descriptions, and registration at [events.muskingumlibrary.org](https://events.muskingumlibrary.org).



SCAN ME



**The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig  
Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

**I Wish You All the Best** by Mason Deaver (LGBTQA+ Book Club)  
Saturday, December 17 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

**Pax** by Sara Pennypacker (Afterschool Adventures: Tween Book Club)  
Monday, December 19 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 10–14

**White Trash Warlock** by David R Slayton (LGBTQA+ Book Club)  
Saturday, January 21 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

**Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe** by Heather Webber (Cooking Is Murder Book Club)  
Thursday, January 26 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

**Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Owens  
Friday, January 27 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

**I Survived: The Children's Blizzard 1888** by Lauren Tarshis (Afterschool Adventures: Tween Book Club)  
Monday, January 30 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 10–14

**Run, Rose, Run** by Dolly Parton & James Patterson  
Monday, January 30 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

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# Staff Picks

## Winter Reads



**The Snow Child** by Eowyn Ivey



**Arika**  
Customer Service Associate | ★★★★★



**Christmas at Carly's Cupcakes** by Jessica Redland



**Suzanne**  
Adult Services Manager | ★★★★★



**Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott



**Bonnie**  
Office Assistant | ★★★★★



**Five Total Strangers** by Natalie D. Richards



**Elayna**  
Youth Services Assistant Librarian | ★★★★★



**All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr



**Alex**  
Customer Service Associate | ★★★★★



**Winter Street** by Elin Hilderbrand



**Leandra**  
Customer Service Assistant | ★★★★★



**Legends & Lattes** by Travis Baldree



**Nick**  
Youth Literacy Specialist | ★★★★★



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## Writing a Paper?

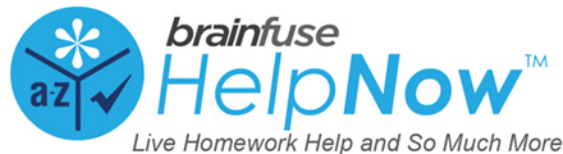
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# Top 5 ★★★★★ *Audiobooks of the Past Year*

To help you find your next great listen, we compiled top-five lists based on what other patrons have read over the last year.

## Top 5 In-Person Checkouts



## Top 5 Libby Checkouts (OverDrive)



## Top 5 hoopla Checkouts



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# DECEMBER 2022 LIBRARY EVENTS

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## Winter Reading Challenge

Throughout December | Virtual | All Ages

## Writing Group

Saturday, December 3 from 10 AM–12 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

## Dog (Man) Days of December

Monday, December 5 at 6 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6–11

## Let's Play: Library Edition Twitch Stream

Tuesday, December 13, 20, & 27 at 4 PM | mVirtual | Ages 10–18

## Genealogy Workshop: Christmas Presents

Tuesday, December 6 at 6 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Friends of the New Concord Library Meeting

Wednesday, December 7 at 10 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

## After School at the Library

Wednesday, December 7, 14, & 21 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6–18

## Crafternoon

Wednesday, December 7 at 4 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## The Book Was Better: YA Book Club for Adults

Wednesday, December 7 & 14 from 4:30–6 PM | OU Zanesville/Zane State | Ages 18+

## STORYTIMES

### Family Storytime

Tuesday, December 13 at 11:30 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0–11

Tuesday, December 6 & 20 at 11:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0–11

### Toddler Storytime

Monday, December 5 & 12 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2–3.5

Tuesday, December 6, 13, & 20 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2–3.5

### Baby Storytime

Wednesday, December 7, 14, & 21 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 0–2

### Preschool Storytime

Thursday, December 1, 8, 15, & 22 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5–5

## Holiday Bingo

Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Adventure Guild: D&D @ the Library

Thursday, December 8 from 4–6 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6–18

## Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 8 from 5–6:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 10 from 10 AM–1 PM | South Branch Library | All Ages

## Inkblots Writers Group

Saturday, December 10 from 11 AM–1 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 12–18

## Gingerbread Man Decorating Contest

Saturday, December 10 from 1–3 PM | John McIntire Library | All Ages

## Deck the Halls with Westview

Saturday, December 10 from 4–7:30 PM | Westview Park | All Ages

## A Seussified Christmas Carol

## Children's Theatre of Cincinnati

Sunday, December 11 at 2 PM | Secrest Auditorium | All Ages

## Crafternoon

Monday, December 12 from 1–3 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Ugly Holiday Sweaters

Monday, December 12 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 8–18

## Movie Night: *White Christmas*

Monday, December 12 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## Winter STEAM Project with The Works

Tuesday, December 13 at 5:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6–11

## Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, December 14 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

## Nailed It! Nail Art for Teens

Wednesday, December 14 at 5 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 12–18





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### **Make It, Take It Gingerbread Birdhouses**

Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6–11

### **MCLS Board of Trustees Meeting**

Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

### **Book Swap**

Thursday, December 15 at 3:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

### **Learn to Play: *Magic the Gathering***

Thursday, December 15 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 6–18

### **Fundamentals of Estate Planning**

Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

### **Make It, Take It Gingerbread House**

Thursday, December 15 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6+

### **Homeschoolers Explore: Winter Holidays**

Friday, December 16 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 5–12

### **Holiday Open House**

Friday, December 16 from 3:30–5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | All Ages

### **POUND Fitness Class**

Saturday, December 17 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

### **Teen Gaming Weekend**

Saturday, December 17 at 12 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12–18

### **Science Tots: Winter Science**

Monday, December 19 at 11:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0–5

### **Jammie Jamboree: Storytime**

Thursday, December 22 at 6 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 0–5

### **Noon Years Eve Party**

Saturday, December 31 at 11 AM–12:15 PM | John McIntire Library | All Ages

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# JANUARY 2023 LIBRARY EVENTS

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## Winter Reading Challenge

Through January 3 | Virtual | All Ages

## Let's Play: Library Edition Twitch Stream

Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 12-18

## Genealogy Workshop: Maps & Atlases

Tuesday, January 3 at 6 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Friends of the New Concord Branch Library

Wednesday, January 4 at 10 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

## After School at the Library

Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 3-4:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-18

## Writing Group

Saturday, January 7 from 10 AM-12 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

## Crafternoon

Monday, January 9 from 1-3 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Cut the Cord

Monday, January 9 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Teen Tuesday: Video Games

Tuesday, January 10 at 4:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 12-18

## STORYTIMES

### Family Storytime

Tuesday, January 3, 17, & 31 at 11:30 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Tuesday, January 10 & 24 at 11:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-11

### Toddler Storytime

Monday, January 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2-3.5

Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2-3.5

### Baby Storytime

Wednesday, January 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 0-2

### Preschool Storytime

Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5-5

## Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, January 11 & 25 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

## The Book Was Better: YA Book Club for Adults

Wednesday, January 11, 18, & 25 from 4:30-6 PM | OU Zanesville/Zane State | Ages 18+

## Ohio Wildlife with Deerassic Park

Wednesday, January 11 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6+

## Introduction to Grant Writing

Thursday, January 12 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

## Adventurer's Guild: D&D @ the Library

Thursday, January 12 from 4-6 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 6-18

## Bigfoot: A Firsthand Account

Thursday, January 12 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6+

## Introduction to Toddler Children's Theater

Friday, January 13 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-5

## Introduction to Children's Theater

Friday, January 13 at 12 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-11

## Mock Caldecott

Friday, January 13 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 12+

## Inkblots Writers Group

Saturday, January 14 & 28 from 11 AM-1 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 12-18

## Teen Gaming Weekend: Nintendo Switch

Saturday, January 14 at 12 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12-18

## Kids & Canvas

Saturday, January 14 from 1-3 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-18

## Family Movie Night: *Minions: Rise of Gru*

Monday, January 16 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## Small Business Class: Accounting

Tuesday, January 17 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+



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## **Crafternoon**

Wednesday, January 18 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Owl Encounter: Ohio School of Falconry**

Wednesday, January 18 at 5 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6+

## **Authors of Ohio History Series**

### **Road to Wapatomica with Bob Hunter**

Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

## **Make Fake Snow**

Wednesday, January 18 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6-11

## **Trivia Night @ Weasel Boy Brewing**

Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30 PM | Weasel Boy Brewing Company | Ages 18+

## **Lunch & Learn: Buckeye Tailgate**

Thursday, January 19 at 11:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

## **Jammie Jamboree: Storytime**

Thursday, January 19 at 6 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 0-5

## **Homeschoolers Explore: Vincent Van Gogh**

Friday, January 20 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 5-12

## **Bubble Tea DIY**

Friday, January 20 at 4:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 10-18

## **POUND Fitness Class**

Saturday, January 21 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

## **Owl Encounter: Ohio School of Falconry**

Monday, January 23 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6+

## **Cut the Cord**

Monday, January 23 at 5:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Anime Cooking Club**

Monday, January 23 at 6 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 12-18

## **Owl Encounter: Ohio School of Falconry**

Wednesday, January 25 at 5 PM | W.H. Barker Community Center, Roseville | Ages 6+

## **It Happens Here: Human Trafficking**

Thursday, January 26 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

## **STEAM Engineering**

Friday, January 27 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 8-18

## **Owl Encounter: Ohio School of Falconry**

Saturday, January 28 at 11 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6+

## **Owl Encounter: Ohio School of Falconry**

Saturday, January 28 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 6+

## **To the Stars: A NASA Exploration**

Monday, January 30 at 3 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-11

## **Monday Movie Night: *The Journey Home***

Monday, January 30 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6-18

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