



Muskingum County Library System

December 2023 - January 2024

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Author Visit with
Erik Weihenmayer

Thursday, December 14 at 9:30 AM
Secrest Auditorium



Library News You Can Use

As we approach the holidays, I often find myself reflecting on the past year. 2023 has been good to the MCLS! We began the year with a new Strategic Plan that will guide us until December 2026. Here are some of the highlights from the past year:

Total checkouts and visitors across all locations have increased by over 15% compared to 2022.

The Family Reading Festival had over 50 community organizations participating and over 1,250 attendees in 3 hours.

Our community read over 2.6 million minutes during this year's Summer Reading program, an increase of over 500,000 minutes.

Our Outreach Department increased services to children, seniors, and the underserved in our community by over 200%.

We hired an Adult Literacy Specialist to build literacy skills among adults.

We added a new easy-to-use Kid's Catalog to empower families and children to browse our children's collection.

The Friends of the Library renovated their bookstore and supported the Summer Reading Program.

We built relationships with community organizations such as the Buckeye Valley Family YMCA, Muskingum County Center for Seniors, Community Gardens, and SNAP-Ed with our Charlie Cart, a mobile kitchen, provided to us through a grant from the United Way of Muskingum, Perry, and Morgan Counties.

Our staff is committed to serving our communities, and I am proud to be on their team. We look forward to continuing to work toward our vision of a vibrant and connected Muskingum County in the coming year. We wish you all a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy 2024!

Stacey 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 Fifth 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 will be closed

December 25 & 26 and January 1 & 15



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Book Discussions

Please visit our online events calendar for full event listings, descriptions, and registration at events.muskingumlibrary.org.




No Barriers by Erik Weihenmayer
Saturday, December 9 at 1 PM | John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room | Ages 12+


Check Please: vol. 1 & 2 by Ngozi Ukazu (LGBTQA+ Book Club)
Saturday, December 9 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

 **Christmas Every Day** by Linda Byler
Monday, December 11 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+


The Last Ballad by Wiley Cash
Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+


 **Death by Dumpling** by Vivien Chien (Cooking is Murder Book Club)
Thursday, December 28 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+


Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
Wednesday, January 10 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

 **The Book of Lost Names** by Kristin Harmel
Monday, January 15 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+


The Secret History of Wonder Woman by Jill Lepore (LGBTQA+ Book Club)
Saturday, January 20 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

 **Bring Your Own Book**
Thursday, January 25 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

 **All Good People Here** by Ashley Flowers
Friday, January 26 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

 **Soups!** (Cookbook Club)
Saturday, January 27 at 1 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

Spare by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex
Monday, January 29 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

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New Database!



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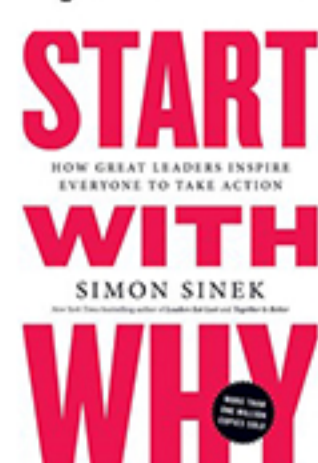
Northstar Digital Literacy tests your computer skills. You can build skills in key areas, and demonstrate your knowledge by earning certificates and badges. Prepare for your future now!

We can help.



Staff Picks

2024 is the year of YOU! Here are some self improvement titles that caught our eye. Check out what our staff is recommending!

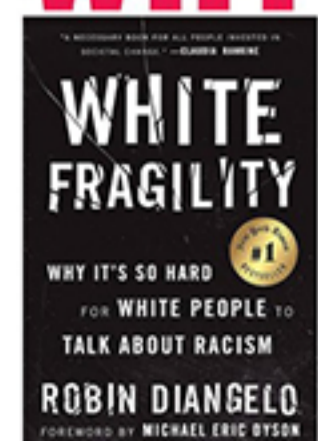


Start with Why by Simon Sinek



Stacey Executive Director

"This book is a leadership game-changer, providing insights into the power of starting with the purpose to redefine success."

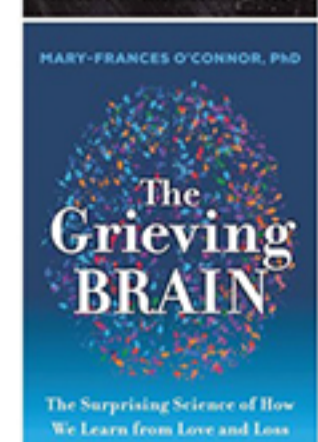


White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo



Stephanie Assistant Director

"An accessible starting point for those new to conversations about race and privilege."

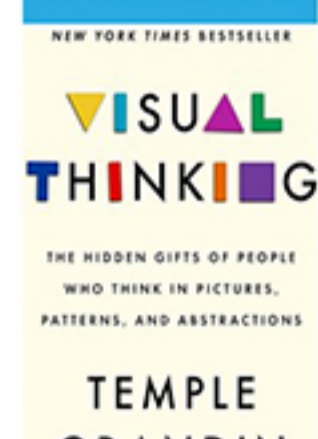


The Grieving Brain by Mary-Frances O'Connor, PhD.



Sean Marketing & Community Relations Director

"Learn about the neuroscience behind the universal experience of grief and mourning."



Visual Thinking by Temple Grandin



Rob PR & Marketing Assistant

"Fascinating read that reveals, celebrates, and advocates for the wonderful minds and contributions of visual thinkers."

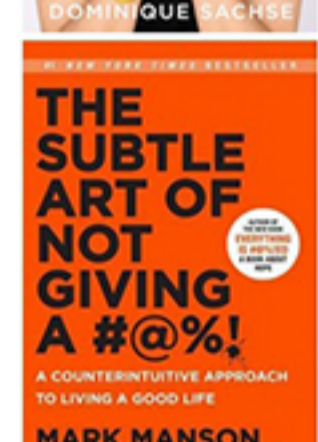


Life Makeover by Dominique Sachse



Juanita Customer Service Specialist

"Delivers a powerful call to embrace your outward beauty as the first step in living with internal boldness, confidence, and renewed joy."



The Subtle Art of Not Giving a #@\$! by Mark Manson



Monica Adult literacy Specialist

"Introduces an alternative way of looking at life and encourages readers to embrace the fact that our lives will never be problem-free."



The Nesting Place by Myquillyn Smith



Hootbert Mascot

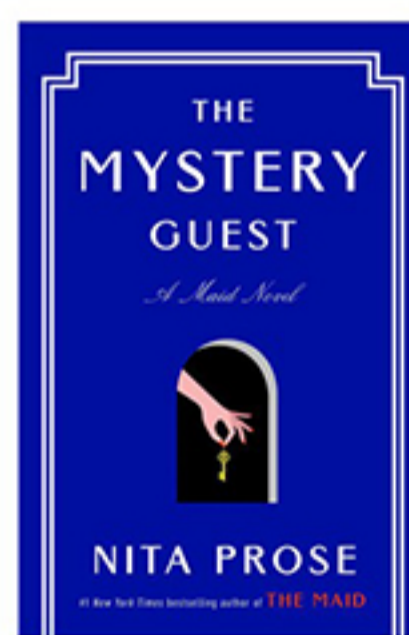
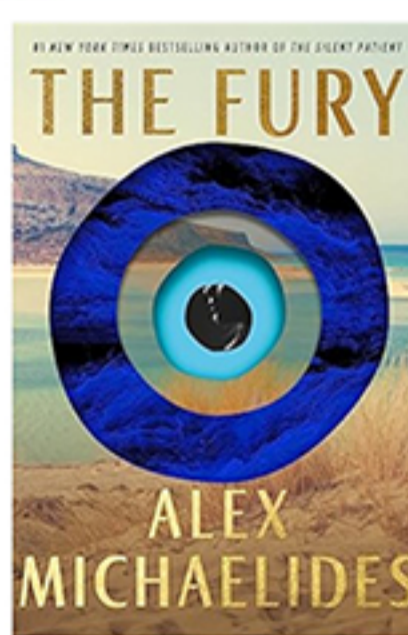
"Hoot hoot hooty hoo hoot. Hooty hoot Hygge hoo hoot hooty hoo."



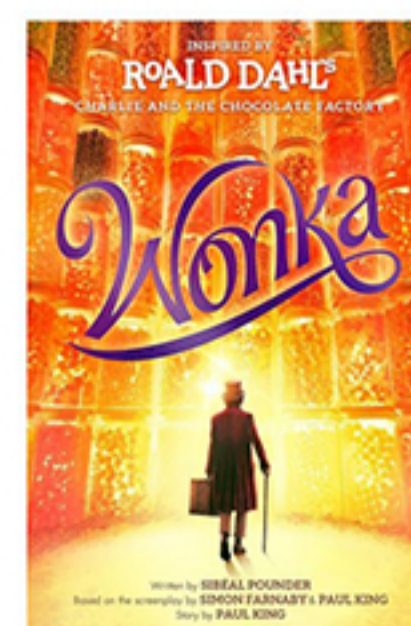
HOT New Titles

Look for these HOT new titles coming out in December and January. Place your holds today to be first in line to enjoy these great books once they become available.

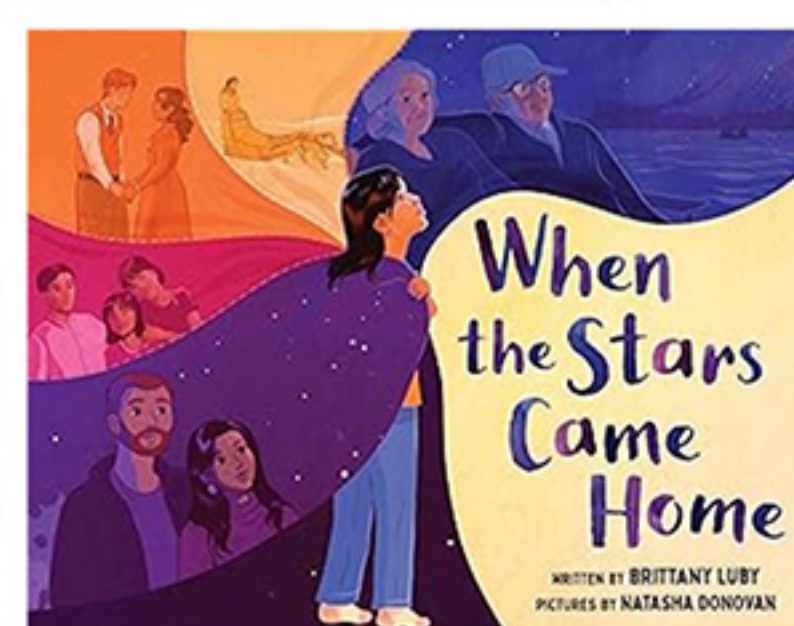
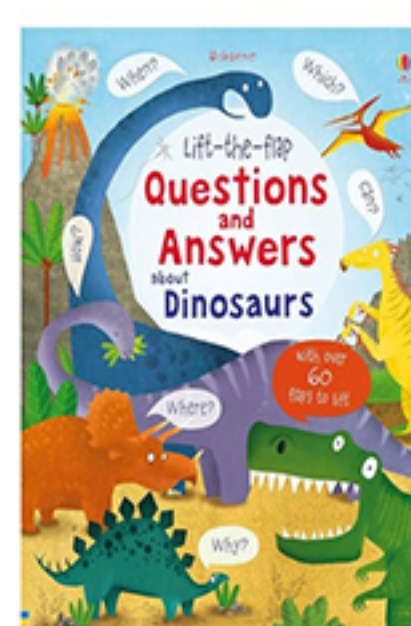
New Adult Titles



New Teen/Tween Titles



New Children's Titles



Download the MCLS App or visit our website to find these titles and more.
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Please visit events.muskingumlibrary.org for event descriptions and registration.

Events with the sign-up icon  require online registration.

MCLS Staff & Family Art Display

Throughout December | John McIntire Library, Carnegie Wing Gallery | All Ages

Winter Reading Beanstack Challenge

Throughout December | All Locations | All Ages

Writing Group

Saturday, December 2 from 10 AM - 12 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Eating Healthy on a Budget

Monday, December 4 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

Animal Crossing Meet-Up

Tuesday, December 5 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 12-18

Friends of the New Concord Branch Library

Wednesday, December 6 at 10 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

YA Book Club for Adults

Wednesday, December 6 & 13 from 4:30 - 6 PM | OU Zanesville/Zane State | Ages 18+

South Branch Library Technology Fair

Thursday, December 7 from 11 AM - 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6+

Holiday Open House & Kids' Costume Contest

Thursday, December 7 from 5 to 6:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

Tea's the Season

Thursday, December 7 from 5 - 6:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

Mystery Bingo

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

Winter is Here StoryWalk

Self-guided tours available daily beginning December 8 | Downtown Zanesville | All Ages

Crochet Circle

Saturday, December 9 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

Inkblots Writers Group

Saturday, December 9 & 23 from 11 AM - 1 PM | John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room | Ages 12-18

Countdown to Christmas - Holiday Crafts

Monday, December 11, All Day | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Crafternoon

Monday, December 11 at 1 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

Let's Play Library Edition: Twitch Stream

Tuesday, December 12 & 19 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 12-18

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, December 13 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

Afterschool Movie - *Elf*

Wednesday, December 13 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-18

Art in Action: Piet Mondrian

Wednesday, December 13 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 8+

Exploding Christmas! - Seasonal STEM Fun

Wednesday, December 13 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6-11

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime

Monday, December 4, 11, & 18 at 10:30 AM

| John McIntire Library | Ages 0-11

Monday, December 4 & 18 at 10:30 AM

| Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Thursday, December 7 & 21 at 11:30 AM

| Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Thursday, December 7, 14, & 21 at 11:30 AM

| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Baby Storytime

Wednesday, December 6, 13, & 20 at 10:30 AM

| John McIntire Library | Ages 0-2

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesday, December 20 at 6 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 0-11

| John McIntire Library | Ages 0-11

Preschool Storytime

Thursday, December 7, 14, & 21 at 10:30 AM

| John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5-5

Toddler Storytime

Tuesday, December 5, 12, & 19 at 10:30 AM

| John McIntire Library | Ages 2-3.5



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Author Talk with Erik Weihenmayer

Thursday, December 14 at 9:30 AM | Secrest Auditorium | Ages 12+

John McIntire Library Technology Fair

Thursday, December 14 from 3 - 6 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 6+

Library Adventurers Guild: D&D @ the Library

Thursday, December 14 from 4 - 6 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 10+

Adventures with Clay

Thursday, December 14 at 4:30 PM | Duncan Falls/ Philo Branch Library | All Ages 6-11

Gingerbread Building - Trains

Thursday, December 14 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-18

Self-Care for Success

Thursday, December 14 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

Making Gingerbread

Friday, December 15 from 11 AM - 1 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | All Ages

Gingerbread House Decorating

Friday, December 15 at 1:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-5

MCLS Comic Con

Saturday, December 16 from 10 AM to 4 PM | John McIntire Library | All Ages

Family Movie Night: *While You Were Sleeping*

Monday, December 18 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

Holiday Open House

Monday, December 18 at 5:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | All Ages

Eating Healthy on a Budget

Monday, December 18 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

Sticker Swap

Wednesday, December 20, All Day | South Branch Library | Ages 0-18

MCLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, December 21 at 7:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Board Room | Ages 12+

Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 21 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/ Philo Branch Library | All Ages

Erik Weihenmayer

Free Community Presentation

Thursday, December 14
at 9:30 AM
Secrest Auditorium





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Winter Reading Beanstack Challenge

Throughout January | All Locations | All Ages

Read to Win a Cozy Basket

Throughout January | Roseville Branch Library
| Ages 18+

Animal Crossing Meet-Up

Tuesday, January 2 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 12-18

Friends of the New Concord Branch Library

Wednesday, January 3 at 10 AM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 18+

Writing Group

Saturday, January 6 from 10 AM - 12 PM | John
McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room
| Ages 18+

Animal Adventures with the Columbus Zoo

Saturday, January 6
Dresden Branch Library at 11:30 AM
John McIntire Library at 2:30 PM

Crafternoon

Monday, January 8 at 1 PM | Dresden Branch
Library | Ages 18+

Eating Healthy on a Budget

Monday, January 8 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire
Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

New(s) Readers Circle

Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM
| John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B
| Ages 18+

Lunch & Learn: Downsizing on a Timeline

Tuesday, January 9 at 11:30 AM | South Branch
Library | Ages 18+

Let's Play Library Edition: Twitch Stream

Tuesday, January 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 4 PM | Virtual
| Ages 12-18

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, January 10 & 24 at 10 AM | John
McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

Library Adventurers Guild: D&D @ the Library

Thursday, January 11 from 4 - 6 PM | John McIntire
Library, Storytime Room | Ages 10+

Introduction to American Sign Language & Deaf Culture Series

Thursday, January 11, 18, & 25 at 5:30 PM
| John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Create a Vision Board

Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 PM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 18+

Toddlers and Dragons - D&D Fun

Friday, January 12 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
| John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 3-5

Inkblots Writers Group

Saturday, January 13 & 27 from 11 AM - 1 PM
| John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting
Room | Ages 12-18

Puzzle Race

Saturday, January 13 from 11 AM to 1 PM | South
Branch Library | Ages 12+

Small Business Class: Selling on Facebook & Instagram

Tuesday, January 16 at 5 PM | John McIntire
Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime

Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 11:30 AM
| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Thursday, January 11 & 25 at 11:30 AM
| Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Monday, January 8 at 2 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo
Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Monday, January 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 10:30 AM
| John McIntire Library | Ages 0-11

Baby Storytime

Wednesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31
at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 0-2

Preschool Storytime

Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 10:30 AM
| John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5-5

Toddler Storytime

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

Bedtime Storytime

Wednesday, January 17 at 6 PM | South Branch
Library | Ages 0-11



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Internet Browsing and Safety

Wednesday, January 17 at 2 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 12+

Learn to Play: Chess

Wednesday, January 17 at 4:30 PM | John
McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-18

YA Book Club for Adults

Wednesday, January 17, 24, & 31 from 4:30 - 6
PM | OU Zanesville/Zane State | Ages 18+

Crystals "R" Us - Intro to Crystal Therapy

Thursday, January 18 at 5 PM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 12+

Homeschoolers Explore: All About Space

Friday, January 19 at 11 AM | John McIntire
Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 6-11

Family Movie Night: *Oceans 8*

Monday, January 22 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch
Library | Ages 6+

First Time Home Buying with Park National Bank

Monday, January 22 at 5 PM | John McIntire
Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

History of Duncan Falls/Philo

Tuesday, January 23 at 4:30 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 12+

D&D 101 - Dungeon Master Tips

Wednesday, January 24 at 4 PM | John McIntire
Library, Storytime Room | Ages 8+

Make It in a Mug

Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 PM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 18+

It Happens Here - An Honest Look at Human Trafficking

Thursday, January 25 from 5:30 - 7 PM | John
McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

Eating Healthy on a Budget

Monday, January 29 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire
Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+



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Animal Adventures with the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium

Enjoy an up-close look at some of the Columbus
Zoo & Aquarium's animal ambassadors at this fun,
hands-on program.

Dresden Branch Library

Saturday, January 6 at 11:30 AM

John McIntire Library

Saturday, January 6 at 2:30 PM

Roseville Branch Library

Saturday, January 20 at 10:30 AM

Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library

Saturday, January 20 at 1 PM

New Concord Branch Library

Saturday, January 27 at 10:30 AM

South Branch Library

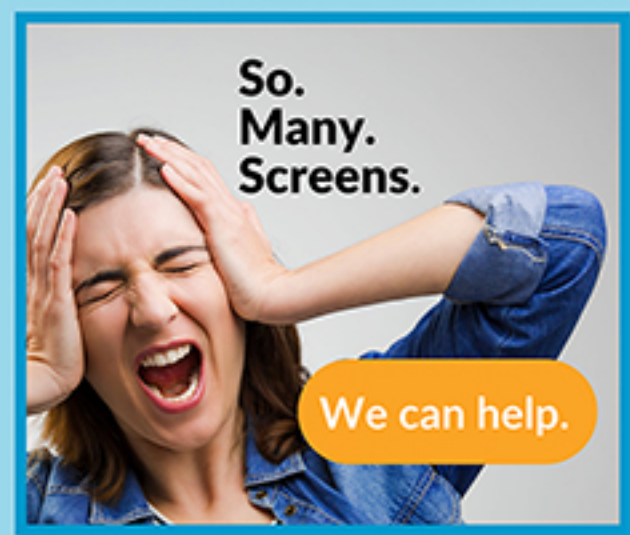
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