



Muskingum County Library System  
Winter 2020–2021 Newsletter

**Winter Reading  
Challenge**

**Exciting Online  
Events**



## A Letter from the Executive Director

It has been a privilege to serve Muskingum County residents as the Interim Director of the library system over the last year and I am very excited to have been named as Executive Director and fill this role in a more permanent way. For those that do not know me, I have served as the Fiscal Officer of MCLS for the last 26 years. I am a Muskingum County native and active in many local organizations, including United Way of MPM, Muskingum County 4-H and Coburn United Methodist Church. My husband Matt and I live in Zanesville with our daughter Madeline, a junior at OSU.

MCLS has risen to the challenge of our mission of “connecting people with information, ideas, and each other.” Never has this been more important than the last 8 - 9 months during the COVID-19 pandemic. The MCLS staff have focused on providing connections and engagement throughout our community in a multitude of ways.

In the next two months, we will offer a variety of new ways to stay connected and engaged. These include Zoom Family Feud, Girls Who Code, Afterschool Snack Giveaways at all branch locations, book clubs, mental health tips with area professionals and many more opportunities. We continue to offer Dial-a-Story, the Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Partnership and at our John McIntire Library, 1,000 Books before Kindergarten. At MCLS, there is something for everyone! Check us out – literally and figuratively at [www.muskingumlibrary.org](http://www.muskingumlibrary.org) and click on Events for a full listing of programs and activities.

MCLS team members will continue to adapt to meet the needs of our community. The challenges we’ve experienced have not and will not stop the MCLS team from working hard to provide for our customers. Always at the core of the changes we make is our mission of “connecting people with information, ideas, and each other.”



Stay Well,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Stacey L. Russell".

Stacey L. Russell  
Executive Director & Interim Fiscal Officer

## Visit any MCLS Location

Monday–Thursday 1–7 PM, Friday 1–6 PM  
& Saturday 10 AM–2 PM

The first hour of each day is reserved for high risk patrons.

All locations will be closed  
December 24–25 and January 1 & 18.



### John McIntire Library

220 North 5th Street, Zanesville, OH  
740.453.0391



### Dresden Branch Library

816 Main Street, Dresden, OH  
740.754.1003



### Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library

222 Main Street, Duncan Falls, OH  
740.674.7100



### New Concord Branch Library

77 West Main Street, New Concord, OH  
740.826.4184



### Roseville Branch Library

41 North Main Street, Roseville, OH  
740.697.0237



### South Branch Library

2530 Maysville Pike, Zanesville, OH  
740.454.1511

**Contactless Curbside Pickup**

at all locations during open hours



# A Storybook Christmas

# December Event Highlights

All library events are virtual. Please visit us online at [muskingumlibrary.org](http://muskingumlibrary.org) to see a full list of upcoming programs. Follow us on social media to watch fun and informative events!



## StoryWalk® Guided Tours

**Friday, December 11 from 1–4 PM**

Register online for one of four tours. Space is limited.

All are welcome to explore our StoryWalk unguided anytime!

<https://events.muskingumlibrary.org/events>

Learn more and register for virtual events online at [www.muskingumlibrary.org](http://www.muskingumlibrary.org)



### Guess Who? - Christmas Movie Characters Through December

Think you know your Christmas movie characters? Guess who your favorites are by matching the character to their silhouettes all through the month of December.



### Afterschool Snack - Grab and Go! All Branch Locations at 3 PM Weekdays

Stop by any branch library on weekdays (not at the John McIntire Library) for a free snack provided by the Children's Hunger Alliance! Ages 18 and under.



### Exploding Christmas - Holiday Science Experiments Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 9–10 AM

Make your holiday explode with joy by doing these fun Christmas science experiments with us! Register today to get your kit. Ages 3–12.



### A Storybook Christmas - Ornament Take & Make November 30–December 10

Stop by the library to pick up a holiday ornament take & make kit and join the Zanesville Museum of Art for a virtual crafting session!



### The Art of Storytelling - with Darryl Graves Tuesday, December 15 at 6 PM

Explore the art of storytelling with Darryl Graves as he teaches you how to weave an engaging spur of the moment tale in this virtual event. Register today!



### Christmas with Cricket Monday, December 21 at 4 PM

Cricket is an ambassador animal for Wild at Hart Wildlife Rehabilitation. Join us to learn more about Cricket and hear a delightful holiday story.

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## Challenge Your Creativity

Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 4:30 PM

Challenge yourself to explore your creative side. Join us weekly for a fun art challenge, then submit your final artwork for the chance to win a prize! Register today.



## Animal Crossing Meet Up

Tuesday, January 5 at 4 PM

Come visit our island for a chance to get free DIYs, items, and play some games together! Please add us as a friend before the event (SW-3968-6743-2583).



## Bullet Journaling 101

Tuesday, January 12 at 5:30 PM

Get organized in 2021 with the art of bullet journaling! The bullet journaling method allows you to track your physical & mental health & set goals.



## Homeschoolers Explore - Sight Word Fun

Friday, January 15 at 2 PM

Engage your littler learner with exciting and proven methods for teaching vocabulary words with simple games that you can play and learn at home.



## Documentary Film & Discussion

**What Matters: The Fight for Racial Equality in Zanesville**  
Saturday, January 16 at 6 PM

Join our moderator, the filmmaker Doug Swift, and a panel of key individuals including Mayor Don Mason.



## Zoom Trivia - Name that Anime

Thursday, January 21 at 4 PM

Do you enjoy watching anime? Test your anime knowledge with this Zoom trivia program! Ages 13-18. Register online today.

# Winter Reading Challenge

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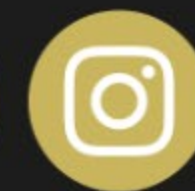
## January 1–31, 2021

Muskingum County Library will participate in Beanstack's Fourth Annual Winter Reading Challenge, "Book Like Us," sponsored by Simon and Schuster. We challenge you to read at least 24 hours during the month. Thousands of libraries and schools across the nation are participating.

Additionally, there will be opportunities for everyone to enter into our raffle for more prizes by completing activities.

Happy Reading, Muskingum County!

Follow us on social media @MuskingumLib



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#BooksLikeUs



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