

## **Letter from the Executive Director**

Welcome to 2021! I am sure all of us are happy to be moving into a new year & hopefully toward a new normal.

At MCLS we are excited about 2021 – we have some great plans! We are adding a new resource called Brainfuse. Brainfuse will provide online homework help and a writing lab among many other opportunities for students of all ages. We are updating our outdoor spaces for use in programming when temperatures warm up. The Muskingum County Commissioners provided CARES Act money for our Outreach department to purchase iPads for those living in senior housing. During this time when we are still staying physically apart, this will help seniors connect to our resources in addition to friends and family.

As we move into 2021, it is a good time to think about learning a new skill, a craft, or to start that new exercise routine. We can help! We have resources for almost anything you'd like to learn or try either in our buildings or through our digital content. We offer books, audiobooks, music, movies, television shows, and more for the whole family. Lynda.com includes over 12,000 video courses free to you ranging from using social media to photography to job readiness skills. Be sure to check out our website for all these resources and programming we have planned. There is something for everyone!

Please stop in if you've not been in our buildings recently. We'd love to see you. We have updated facilities to include touchless options making our buildings more accessible and safe. We continue to do all we can to ensure the safety of staff and library customers.

The MCLS Team is optimistic for all the good that 2021 will bring. We look forward to continuing to find new ways to serve and engage our community.



/ 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 Monday, February 15 for Presidents Day



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

# **Event Highlights**

All library events are virtual. Please visit us online at muskingumlibrary.org to see a full list of upcoming programs.

Learn more and register for virtual events online at www.muskingumlibrary.org



## Take & Makes for Adults February & March

At the beginning of each month, pick up a kit from your library and try out a new hobby! Kits are first come, first serve for ages 18+.



### ScienceTots Online

Snow Science – Wednesday, February 3 at 10 AM Winter Wonders – Wednesday, February 10 at 10 AM Spring into Science! – Wednesday, March 17 at 10 AM Egg-cellent Experiments – Wednesday, March 31 at 10 AM A virtual series that focuses on STEM for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Take and makes avaliable.



## Teen Diversity Discussion about Biases Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 PM

Bias can cause harm to others even if unintentional. This discussion will explore bias as a term and its impacts on people. Ages 10-18. Please register online.



## DIY Valentine Cards Saturday, February 6 at 12 PM

Surprise someone you love with a DIY pop-up card for Valentine's Day! Take and makes avaliable.

# **Black History Book Club**

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly Saturday, February 6 at 11 AM

The ABCs of Black History by Rio Cortez Saturday, February 13 at 11 AM

Spider-man: Spider-Verse - Miles Morales by Brian Bendis Saturday, February 20 at 11 AM

Kindred: A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia E. Butler Saturday, February 27 at 11 AM



# Documentary Film & Discussion: Black Men in White Coats

February 9 from 6 - 8 PM

Less black men applied to medical school in 2014 than in 1978. Join us to view a new film that explores the barriers black men face in pursuing a medical degree and a discussion on what we can do.



#### The Art of Nature

Tuesday, February 16 & Monday, March 15 at 6 PM
Join Muskingum Soil & Water for a monthly Nature
Journaling Club. Nature Journaling integrates art,
science, math, and writing to connect people with nature.



## **MCLS Board of Trustees Meeting**

Thursday, February 18 & Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 AM The Board of Trustees is the legal policy-making body of the library. These regular monthly meetings are open to the public. Please register online.



## **Homeschoolers Explore**

Ohio Learning Standards – Friday, February 19 at 2 PM Question-Answer-Relationships – Friday, March 19 at 2 PM Learn about these important skills to help you be prepared to help your homeschooler succeed.



## Educator Open House Week February 22 – 26 from 4 – 6 PM

Calling all area PreK-12 educators! Visit the John McIntire Library and learn more about all the ways the library is supporting you and your students.



# Reading with My Peeps Diorama Contest March 1 – April 3

Submissions accepted at John McIntire Library March 1– 20. Voting takes place March 22–April 3.



# StoryWalk® Self Guided Walking Tour March 1 – April 4

This is a fun way for your family to build literacy skills and enjoy the outdoors! This StoryWalk® features the title *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann.

# **Library Material Quarantining**

All returned items are guarantined for four to seven days before being checked in and will remain on your account during that time. Once quarantine is over, the check-in date will be rolled back to the day that items were physically returned. Please disregard overdue notices for returned items during the quarantine period. If you believe

> you have received an overdue fine in error, please call the location where your items were returned.



Q: I returned all my items on the exact day they were due. Why do I see late fines on my account?

A: You will see late fines add up on your account while the items are in guarantine. Once the items are out of quarantine and checked in, the late fines accrued during quarantine will be taken off your account.

**Q**: Is the library charging any late fines on items?

A: Yes, but only for the number of days you kept the item(s) past the due date. None of the days spent in quarantine will stay on your account once items have been quarantined and checked in.

**Q**: How long are items kept in quarantine?

A: All returned materials will not be checked in and remain in quarantine for 4-7 days.

# New Library Podcast A little about libraries and a lot about books!

Looking for your next favorite read? Introducing Reread, Rewrite, Recommend, a new podcast from Muskingum County Library System! Every episode, a guest will stop by with three book recommendations and talk about their role at MCLS.

## What type of books are we talking about?

Reread: A book that we go back to again and again

Rewrite: A book that we would change in some way

Recommend: A book we think you will love

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month for a new episode. First episode is available on Wednesday, February 17. Listen to Episode .5 now! Available for streaming or download on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to podcasts. More streaming information available at muskingumlibrary.org.

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