



Muskingum County Library System
December 2021–January 2022 Newsletter

Visit

**The Friends
Book Store!**

Tues. 4 – 6 PM
Wed. 11 AM – 1 PM
Sat. 10 AM – 12 PM



www.muskingumlibrary.org

**Holiday
Events**

&

**Popular Book
Recommendations**



A Letter from *Stacey*

As this year comes to a close, it is an excellent time to reflect and look forward to the future. 2021 has been busy for MCLS, and we continue to look for ways to “connect people with information, ideas, and each other.”

In 2021, we implemented a consortium that provides access to over 60 million physical items, including popular reads, movies, and textbooks! From April through October, over 4,000 items were circulated from the consortium. It is amazing to me that I can request an item from libraries around Ohio, and in most cases, have the item in my hands within three business days! Implementing the consortium required many hours of work by our staff to ensure the process was easy and seamless for library customers.

We also had successful Summer Reading and CommUNITYread programs. In addition, we added Brainfuse, a database that provides learning help for all ages, including one-on-one live tutoring for young students and adults. Beyond these successes, we had many behind-the-scenes projects, including HVAC replacements and IT infrastructure upgrades.

In 2022, MCLS will embark on a strategic planning process as we look to the next five years. This process will include feedback from our community, reviewing technology capabilities, and facility needs. We are always looking for ways to better serve Muskingum County. As a result, 2022 is shaping up to be a busy year of serving Muskingum County residents and providing excellent customer service to you and your family.

From the MCLS Team, we wish you a very happy holiday season and a peaceful and prosperous New Year!



Stacey L. Russell

Stacey L. Russell
Executive Director

Cover Image: A few of the Friends of the Library in their Bookstore at the John McIntire Library.

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
December 24–25 & January 1**

Book Discussions

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



Victories Greater than Death

by Charlie Jane Anders
(LGBTQA+ Book Club)

Saturday, December 18 at 2 PM |
John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

The Children's Blizzard

by Melanie Benjamin
Wednesday, January 12 at 5:30 PM |
New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Cemetery Boys

by Aiden Thomas
(LGBTQA+ Book Club)

Saturday, January 15 at 2 PM |
John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

by Kim Michele Richardson
Friday, January 21 at 4 PM |
Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

Riders of the Purple Sage

by Zane Grey
(At the National Road-Zane Grey Museum)
Saturday, January 22 from 1–3 PM |
National Road-Zane Grey Museum | Ages 18+

Daddy's Girls

by Danielle Steel
Monday, January 31 at 5:30 PM |
Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

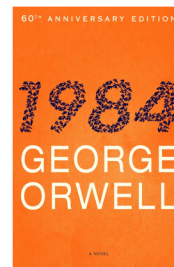
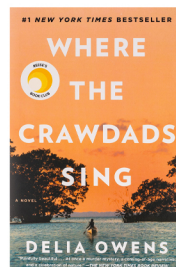


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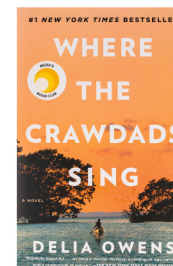
Top 5 Library Books of 2021

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

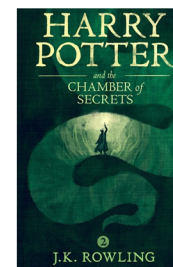
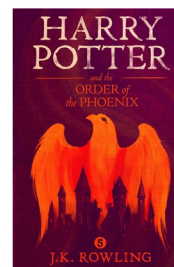
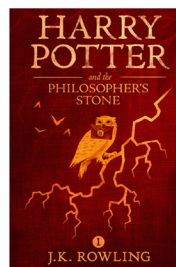
Top 5 In-Person Checkouts



Top 5 Libby Downloads (OverDrive)



Top 5 hoopla Book Downloads



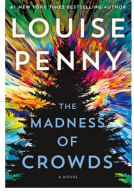
Staff Picks – Best Read of the Year



As Good As Dead by Holly Jackson



Alyssa
Youth Services Assistant Librarian
John McIntire Library



The Madness of Crowds by Louise Penny



Amy
Reference Librarian
John McIntire Library



Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley



Jennifer
Youth Services Assistant Librarian
John McIntire Library



Scritch Scratch by Lindsay Currie



Katie
Youth Services Assistant Librarian
John McIntire Library



Dear Girls by Ali Wong



Kerrie
Youth Services Librarian
John McIntire Library



Prince and Knight: Tale of the Shadow King by Daniel Haack



Kyle
Outreach Service's Assistant
John McIntire Library



Flamefall by Rosaria Munda



Lauren
Circulation Services Coordinator
John McIntire Library

Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly



Leandra
Customer Service Specialist
South Branch Library



Harrow the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir



Rachel
Customer Service Associate
John McIntire Library



The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune



Sean
Marketing & Community Relations Director
John McIntire Library



The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett



Stephanie
Assistant Director
John McIntire Library



It Happened One Summer by Tessa Bailey



Suzanne
Adult Services Manager
John McIntire Library



Perestroika in Paris by Jane Smiley



Toni
Customer Service Assistant
Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library



All That We Carried by Erin Bartels



Trudy
Customer Service Associate
John McIntire Library





DECEMBER 2021 LIBRARY EVENTS

Please visit our online events calendar for event descriptions and registration.

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Events with the sign-up symbol  require online registration.

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, December 1, 8, & 15 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

The Book Was Better: YA Book Club for Adults

Wednesday, December 1 & 8 from 4:30–6 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Animal Crossing Twitch Stream

Monday, December 6 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 10-18

Animal Crossing Meet-Up

Tuesday, December 7 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 10-18

Genealogy Workshop: Christmas Presents

Tuesday, December 7 at 6 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Annual Friends of the Library Meeting

Wednesday, December 8 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 13-18+

Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 9 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 3.5-12

Homeschoolers Explore: Grinchmas

Friday, December 10 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 5-9

Holiday Gift Wrapping & Bow Making

Saturday, December 11 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Holiday Open House: Fun for the Whole Family!

Saturday, December 11 from 5–7 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

Reindeer Games: Gingerbread Man Decorating

Monday, December 13 at 4:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 2-12

Crafternoon: Snow Globes

Tuesday, December 14 from 5:30–7 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 5-12

BLAM! Comic Club

Wednesday, December 15 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 10-18

There's No Gnome Like Gnome

Thursday, December 16 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Community Education Series:

Understanding Race, Culture, and More

Thursday, December 16 from 6–7:15 PM | Virtual | Ages 13-18+

Reindeer Games: Cookie Decorating

Monday, December 20 at 4:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 3.5-12

'Tis the Season for Catching Gingerbread Men

Tuesday, December 21 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 5-9

Book Swap

Monday, December 27 at 4:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Movie Matinee:

The Boss Baby, Family Business

Wednesday, December 29 from 3–5 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 5-18

Noon Year's Eve Party!

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

Storytimes

Baby Storytimes

Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15, & 29 from 10:30–11:15 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 0-2

Toddler Storytimes

Tuesday, December 7, 14, & 28 from 10:30–11:15 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2-3.5

Preschool Storytimes

Thursday, December 2, 9, 16, & 30 from 10:30–11:15 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5-5

Family Storytimes

Tuesday, December 7 & 28 from 11:30 AM–12:15 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-7

Tuesday, December 14 from 11:30 AM–12:15 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-7

StoryWalk®

Self-Guided Walking Tour Available Daily

Riverside Park (Kidzville Playground)

A StoryWalk® is a fun way to read together, build literacy skills, and enjoy the outdoors!

Under the Snow StoryWalk®

December 10 – January 28



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JANUARY 2022 LIBRARY EVENTS

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Animal Crossing Twitch Stream

Monday, January 3 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 10-18

Animal Crossing Meet-Up

Tuesday, January 4 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 10-18

Genealogy Workshop:

Using Maps and Atlases with Land Records

Tuesday, January 4 at 6 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

The Book Was Better: YA Book Club for Adults

Wednesday, January 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 4:30–6 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Teen Tuesday: How to Selfie

Tuesday, January 11 at 4:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Sew a Quilt Square

Wednesday, January 12 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, January 12 & 26 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Computer Class Series:

Use Google Tools for Everyday Tasks

Thursday, January 13, 20, & 27 at 2:30 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Fitness in Five Minutes

Thursday, January 13 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

ScienceTots: Dinosaur Camp

Thursday, January 13 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2-5

Women's Self-Defense Class

Saturday, January 15 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Lunch & Learn: The Life of Zane Grey

Tuesday, January 18 from 11:30 AM–1 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Accelerated Reader Night:

Frazeysburg Elementary

Tuesday, January 18 from 5–7 PM | Ages 5-12

Calling All Water Warriors!

Tuesday, January 18 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 5-9

Book Bags to Go

Starts January 19 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Author Visit: Kate Hoefler

Wednesday, January 19 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5-9

Arm Knitting Demonstration

Wednesday, January 19 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Community Education Series:

Understanding Race, Culture, and More

Thursday, January 20 from 6–7:15 PM | Virtual | Ages 13-18+

Homeschoolers Explore: All About Zane Grey

Friday, January 21 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 5-12

Make it Snow!

Monday, January 24 at 6:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 5-9

Buying a Home: Are You Ready?

Tuesday, January 25 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

Life-Size Candy Land Board Game

Wednesday, January 26 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 3.5-9

Trivia Night @ Weasel Boy Brewing

Wednesday, January 26 from 6:30–8 PM | Weasel Boy Brewing | Ages 18+

Giant Jenga

Monday, January 31 at 5 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 5-18

Storytimes

Baby Storytime

Wednesday, January 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 10:30–11:15 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 0-2

Toddler Storytimes

Tuesday, January 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 10:30–11:15 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2-3.5

Preschool Storytime

Thursday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 10:30–11:15 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5-5

Family Storytimes

Tuesday, January 4 & 18 from 11:30 AM–12:15 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-7

Tuesday, January 11 & 25 from 11:30 AM–12:15 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-7