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Welcome Spring! I don't know about you, but this winter seemed a little longer and a little colder this year. My daffodils and tulips are popping up, and I am happy to see them!

Your newsletter includes the 2021 Annual Report for the Muskingum County Library System. We had great successes in 2021. The Annual Report includes a lot of numbers, and sometimes, it is hard to see the impact of our work by just looking at the numbers. We returned in late summer to in-person programming. Our Summer Reading was done primarily virtually, and it was a huge success—thanks to you! We are proud to have 1.5 times the 2020 hours logged reading and over 2.5 times the number of participants from 2020. Customers entering the library increased by over 13.5% as compared to 2020, and computer use sessions increased by over 12%. Research database use increased over 14% over 2020.

We had many infrastructure upgrades, including HVAC projects at John McIntire Library and Duncan Falls Branch Library, removal and preservation of the art tile and wall at John McIntire Library, in addition to IT improvements such as software upgrades and server replacements. In addition, we implemented a consortium which gives MCLS customers access to over 60 million physical items and shifted materials throughout all locations to provide better accessibility.

April 3–9, 2022 is National Library Week. The theme this year is "Connect with your Library." Things are busy at MCLS. I invite you to find time to connect with us and experience everything that is happening. We are so much more than books! We have great opportunities for learning and entertainment. Our staff are always planning informative and engaging programming that will connect people with information, ideas, and each other!



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 **Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.** 

## **Book Discussions**

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





#### **P** Falling by T.J. Newman

Wednesday, April 13 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

**∠**The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid (LGBTQA+ Book Club)

Saturday, April 16 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

 ${\mathbb Z}$  Cottage by the Sea by Debbie Macomber

Monday, April 25 at 4:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library I Ages 18+

**Z**The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

**ZThe Library Book** by Susan Orlean

Friday, May 20 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

**Z** The Return by Nicholas Sparks

Monday, May 23 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

**Z**The Hospital by Brian Alexander

Saturday, May 28 at 1:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room | Ages 18+

Events with the sign-up icon Z require online registration.

## **Staff Picks** the Great Outdoors



Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr



Carla **Technical Services Supervisor** John McIntire Library





One Was Lost by Natalie D. Richards



Elayna Customer Service Associate I John McIntire Library





Beauty Queens by Libba Bray



Rachel Customer Service Associate III John McIntire Library





Be Not Far from Me by Mindy McGinnis



Sarah **Outreach Assistant** John McIntire Library





Devolution by Max Brooks



Sean Marketing & Community Relations Director John McIntire Library



The Hike by Drew Magary



**Stephanie Assistant Director** John McIntire Library





Once There Were Wolves by Charlotte McConaghy



Suzanne Adult Services Manager John McIntire Library



## 2021 Annual Report

Muskingum County Library System



**88,473** Digital Downloads

426,754

89,803

Items Checked Out

**Database Uses** 

## 147,726 Visits



**545**Events **11,113**Attendance

15,580
Computer Sessions
45,151
Wifi Sessions

**241,029** 

Website Visits

1,749 Summer Readers

1,484,858

Minutes Read

\$4.47

For every dollar invested in the library, the community saw a return of \$4.47.



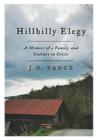
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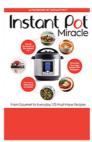
COVID-19 Test Kits were distributed to help our community during the pandemic.

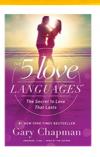
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To help you find your next great read, we compiled top-five lists based on what other MCLS patrons read the most over the past year.

#### **Top 5 In-Person Checkouts**



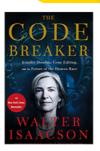


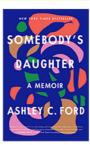






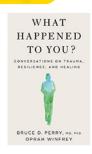
#### Top 5 Libby eBooks (OverDrive)





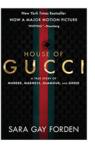






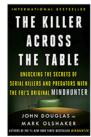
#### **Top 5 hoopla Audiobooks**











Download the MCLS App or visit our website to find these titles and more.

www.muskingumlibrary.org



### APRIL 2022 LIBRARY EVENTS

Please visit events.muskingumlibrary.org for event descriptions and registration.

Events with the sign-up icon  $\mathbb{Z}$  require online registration.

Saturday, April 2 at 11:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-18

 ${\Bbb Z}$  Genealogy Workshop: Exploring Newspapers Tuesday, April 5 at 6 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

#### Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, April 6 & 20 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

**Dealing** with Difficult People in the Workplace Thursday, April 7 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

 $\mathbb{Z}$  Easter Egg Hunt in the Park Saturday, April 9 at 11:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Saturday, April 9 at 11:30 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-18

Movie Night: The Greatest Showman Monday, April 11 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library

Monday, April 11 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6-18

Make Your Own Rainsticks

Wednesday, April 13 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6-11

#### **Indigenous Americans**

Wednesday, April 13 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

∠ Homeschoolers Explore: All About Zane Grey Friday, April 15 from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-18

#### **Teen Game Night**

Friday, April 15 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library

#### Anime Day Paint Party

Friday, April 15 at 4:30 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 13-18

Saturday, April 16 at 11:30 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6-18

A Good Time with the Bad Guys Tuesday, April 19 from 5:30-7 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-11

Trivia Night @ Weasel Boy Brewing Wednesday, April 20 from 6:30-8 PM | Weasel Boy Brewing | Ages 18+

Lunch & Learn: Dresden & Company Thursday, April 21 from 11:30 AM-1 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

Mushroom Hunting Walk & Talk Saturday, April 23 at 1 PM | OUZ | Ages 18+

Buying a Home: Closing Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

Native American Leaders of Ohio Country Wednesday, April 27 from 5:30-7 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

∠ Waffle Iron Cooking Class

Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

**Let's Go Fly a Kite** 

Friday, April 29 at 5:00 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 6-11

South Branch Friends Book & Bake Sale Saturday, April 30 from 10 AM-1 PM | South Branch Library | All Ages

 ${\Bbb Z}$  Elevate Your Gardening Game — Raised Beds Saturday, April 30 at 12 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **STORYTIMES**

#### Baby Storytimes

Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 10:30-11:15 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-2

#### **Z** Toddler Storytimes

Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 10:30-11:15 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 2-3.5

#### **Properties** Family Storytimes

Tuesday, April 5 & 19 from 11:30 AM-12:15 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-7

Tuesday, April 12 & 26 from 11:30 AM-12:15 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-7



#### MAY 2022 LIBRARY EVENTS

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Events with the sign-up icon 💆 require online registration.

#### **Animal Crossing Meet Up**

Tuesday, May 3 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 10-18

#### **Z** Genealogy Workshop:

#### **County Histories**

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

#### Friends of the New Concord Branch Library **Board Meeting**

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

#### Mother's Day Craft

Wednesday, May 4 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6-18+

#### A Flower for Mother's Day

Friday, May 6 at 4:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-18

#### **Family Reading Festival** & Summer Reading Registration

Saturday, May 7 from 11:00 AM-3 PM | John McIntire Library | All Ages

#### Crafternoon

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

#### **Animal Crossing Twitch Stream**

Tuesday, May 10 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 10-18

#### **Z** Teen Movie Night:

#### Jungle Cruise

Tuesday, May 10 from 4:30-6 PM | Duncan Falls/ Philo Branch Library | Ages 13-18

#### Managing Anger & Frustration

Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room | Ages 18+

#### Coffee & Crafts

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

#### Science Tots:

#### **Sensory Activities for Babies**

Wednesday, May 11 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-5

#### Friends of the Library Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 11 from 4-5:30 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

#### Canva Basics

Thursday, May 12 & 19 at 2:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room | Ages 18+

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Saturday, May 14 at 1 PM | Yan Sun Art Museum | Ages 18+

#### Watercolor Painting

Monday, May 16 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 13+

#### Let's Play: Library Edition Twitch Stream

Tuesday, May 17, 24, & 31 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 13-18

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Wednesday, May 18 from 6:30-8 PM | Weasel Boy Brewing | Ages 18+

#### MCLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, May 19 from 7:30-10 AM John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

#### Friends of the South Branch Library **Board Meeting**

Thursday, May 19 at 5 PM | South Branch Library I Ages 18+

#### Homeschoolers Explore: Coding with Sphero Friday, May 20 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library,

Storytime Room | Ages 6-11

#### Guided Tour of Mission Oaks Gardens

Saturday, May 21 at 11 AM | Mission Oaks Gardens | Ages 18+

#### ∠ Bicycle Rodeo with the New Concord Police

Saturday, May 21 at 11:30 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 5-18

#### **Page to Stage:**

#### The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

Saturday, May 21 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room | Ages 18+

#### Arm Knitting Demonstration

Thursday, May 26 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

#### $\mathbb{Z}$ Buying a Home:

#### **Understanding Your Mortgage**

Tuesday, May 31 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room | Ages 18+