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Muskingum County Library System
February–March 2023

commUNITYread
2023 is here!
A Princess Found
by Sarah Culberson

Thursday, March 23 at 9:30 AM
Secrest Auditorium

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Library News You Can Use

We are excited to announce our 2023 commUNITYread, *A Princess Found: An American Family, an African Chiefdom, and the Daughter Who Connected Them All* by Sarah Culberson. We are partnering with the J.W. & M.H. Straker Foundation for this year's commUNITYread. I would like to introduce Susan Holdren of the Straker Foundation and a long-time library user and supporter, to talk about this year's book selection.

-Stacey Russell, MCLS Executive Director

The J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation supports life-enhancing projects in Muskingum County. Literacy, love of reading, and good writing were important to my mother, Mary Helen Straker; we are pleased to partner with the Muskingum County Library System on 2023's CommUNITYread selection: *A Princess Found* by Sarah Culberson.

The Foundation invites community members to Secrest Auditorium at 9:30 AM on March 23. Ms. Culberson—Princess Sarah—will speak and help distribute $500 prizes to school winners of our second Mary Helen Straker Award in Writing. This year, the competition is open to high school juniors and sophomores in Muskingum County. Princess Sarah will announce the $2,000 grand prize winner.

Although she struggled with identity as a bi-racial girl in a mostly white community, Sarah had a happy childhood in a loving adoptive home. Before connecting with her birth father, Sarah graduated from West Virginia University, earned an MFA in San Francisco, and started a career in education and entertainment in Los Angeles.

When Sarah made the commitment to find her father, things happened quickly. Soon she was on the phone with her uncle, who said, "Sarah, do you know who you are? You are a princess!" That revelation led her to Sierra Leone and her birth father, Joseph Kposowa; with her half-brother, Sarah started a foundation to benefit the people of Sierra Leone.

Please read and enjoy *A Princess Found*, and join us at Secrest Auditorium on March 23 to hear Sarah Culberson.

Susan Holdren, Guest Columnist
President and Executive Director
The J.W. And M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation

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 will open late at 1 PM on
March 10.

Book Discussions

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
Wednesday, February 8 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo (LGBTQA+ Book Club)
Saturday, February 18 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

✎ *Two Parts Sugar, One Part Murder* by Valerie Burns (Cooking Is Murder Book Club)
Thursday, February 23 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

✎ *It's the End of the World and I'm In My Bathing Suit* by Justin A. Reynolds (Afterschool Adventures: Tween Book Club)
Monday, February 27 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 10–14

The Heart's Invisible Furies by John Boyne
Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Beyond the Black Door by A.M. Strickland (LGBTQA+ Book Club)
Saturday, March 18 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

✎ *Lintang and the Pirate Queen* by Tamara Moss (Afterschool Adventures: Tween Book Club)
Monday, March 27 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 10–14

✎ *Bookplate Special* by Lorna Barrett (Cooking Is Murder Book Club)
Thursday, March 30 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

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Staff Picks

In honor of both Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March) our staff have selected their favorite books written by black women.

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Alex Customer Service Associate

"Beautifully written by the United States' first African American first lady."

White Smoke by Tiffany D. Jackson

Alyssa Assistant Teen Librarian

"A modern take on the classic haunted house story... an exciting YA psychological thriller."

Find Where the Wind Goes by Mae Jemison

Lana Customer Assistant

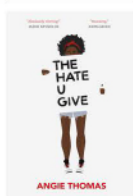"...an inside view of what it was like be a black woman going through the NASA astronaut program..."

Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi

Monica Adult Services Assistant Librarian

"...a vast range of human emotions and experiences, providing readers opportunities to learn from and connect..."

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Rachel Youth Services Assistant Librarian

"...a powerful, moving, and timely story with an engaging and sympathetic heroine."

Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

Samantha Human Resources Director

"A thought provoking read on race, privilege and being a twenty-something trying to find her own path."

Seven Days in June by Tia Williams

Stephanie Assistant Director

"This compelling story is one of the most cleverly written romances I've seen in a while!"
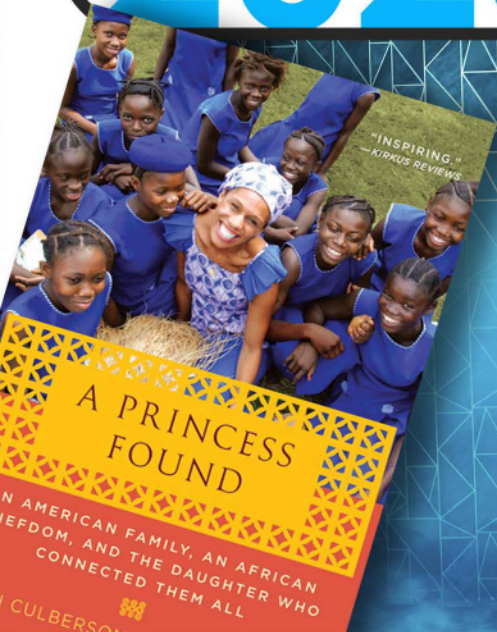
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commUNITYread Author Event with Princess Sarah Culberson

Author of *A Princess Found*
Thursday, March 23 at 9:30 AM, Secrest Auditorium

commUNITYread Book Discussions:
A Princess Found by Sarah Culbertson

South Branch Library, Tuesday, February 14 at 5:30 PM
Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library, Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 PM
New Concord Branch Library, Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30 PM
Dresden Branch Library, Friday, March 3 at 4 PM
Roseville Branch Library, Monday, March 6 at 5:30 PM
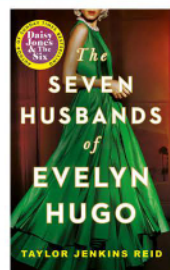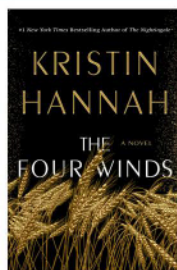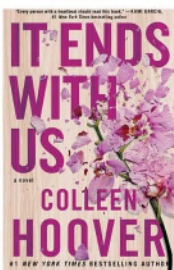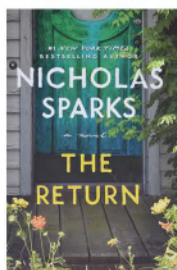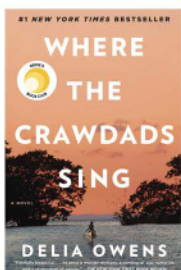John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B, Thursday, March 16 at 5:30 PM

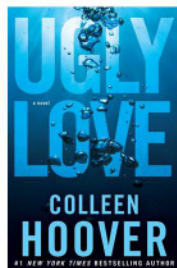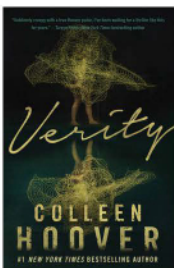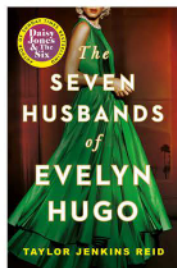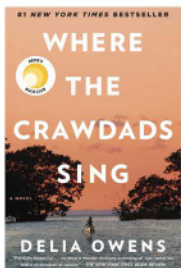This event is sponsored by the J.W. and M.H. Straker Charitable Foundation

Top 5 ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐
Books of the Past Year

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

Top 5 In-Person Checkouts

- **Where the Crawdads Sing** — Delia Owens (#1 New York Times Bestseller)
- **The Return** — Nicholas Sparks (#1 New York Times Bestselling Author)
- **It Ends With Us** — Colleen Hoover (#1 New York Times Bestselling Author)
- **The Four Winds** — Kristin Hannah (New York Times Bestselling Author of The Nightingale)
- **The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo** — Taylor Jenkins Reid (Daisy Jones & The Six)

Top 5 Libby Checkouts (OverDrive)

- **Where the Crawdads Sing** — Delia Owens (#1 New York Times Bestseller)
- **The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo** — Taylor Jenkins Reid (Daisy Jones & The Six)
- **Verity** — Colleen Hoover (#1 New York Times Bestselling Author)
- **Ugly Love** — Colleen Hoover (#1 New York Times Bestselling Author)
- **Run, Rose, Run** — Dolly Parton and James Patterson

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- **Ugly Love** — Colleen Hoover
- **The Woman in the Library** — Sulari Gentill (award-winning author)
- **Maybe Someday** — Colleen Hoover (#1 New York Times Bestselling Author of It Ends With Us)
- **The Messy Lives of Book People** — Phaedra Patrick
- **An Honest Lie** — Tarryn Fisher (New York Times Bestselling Author)

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Black History Month Reading Challenge
Throughout February | Virtual | All Ages

Friends of the New Concord Library Meeting
Wednesday, February 1 at 10 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

YA Book Club for Adults
Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 4:30—6 PM | OU Zanesville/Zane State | Ages 18+

✎ **Game Club**
Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, & 23 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 6-18

Writing Group
Saturday, February 4 from 10 AM—12 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

✎ **Family Movie Night: _Hidden Figures_**
Monday, February 6 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | All Ages

Coding Bracelets Craft
Monday, February 6 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 12-18

Animal Crossing Meet-Up
Tuesday, February 7 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 10-18

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

✎ **Coffee & Crafts**
Wednesday, February 8 & 22 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

STORYTIMES

✎ **Family Storytime**
Thursday, February 23 at 11:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-11

✎ **Baby Storytime**
Wednesday, February 1 & 22 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 0-2

✎ **Preschool Storytime**
Thursday, February 2 & 23 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5-5

✎ **Toddler Storytime**
Tuesday, February 21 & 28 at 10:30 AM
Monday, February 27 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2-3.5

✎ **Introduction to Toddler Children's Theater**
Thursday, February 9 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-5

✎ **Library Adventurer's Guild**
Thursday, February 9 from 4—6 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-18

3D Printing Basics
Thursday, February 9 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 12+

Jammie Jamboree
Thursday, February 9 at 6 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 0-5

Teen Games: Nintendo Switch
Saturday, February 11 at 12 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12-18

✎ **Valentine's Day Boxes**
Saturday, February 11 from 1—3 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-18

3D Printing and TinkerCAD Open Workshop
Saturday, February 11 from 1—4 PM | John McIntire Library, Lobby | Ages 12+

Crafternoon
Monday, February 13 from 1—3 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

Basic Self Protection
Monday, February 13 at 6 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

Let's Play: Library Edition Twitch Stream
Tuesday, February 14, 21, & 28 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 12-18

commUNITYread Book Discussion
A Princess Found by Sarah Culberson
Tuesday, February 14 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 12+

✎ **Authors of Ohio Series: _Dunmore's War_ by Dr. Glenn Williams**
Wednesday, February 15 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

Introduction to Genealogy
Wednesday, February 15 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

✎ **Trivia Night @ Weasel Boy Brewing**
Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 PM | Weasel Boy Brewing Company | Ages 18+

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✎ Lunch & Learn: African Culture
Thursday, February 16 at 11:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

History of West African Culture
Thursday, February 16 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12-18

✎ Homeschoolers Explore: Inventors
Friday, February 17 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 5-12

✎ POUND Fitness Class
Saturday, February 18 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

Introduction to the Nelson T. Gant Foundation
Saturday, February 18 at 11 AM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

✎ Lunch & Learn: Let's Throw Stories–African & African American Folktales
Tuesday, February 21 at 11:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

✎ Small Business Class: Understanding Your Financials
Tuesday, February 21 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

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Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

✎ Kids Craft Program: Lacing Hearts
Wednesday, February 22 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6-11

Bring Your Technology Questions to Us
Thursday, February 23 from 5—6:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

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Thursday, February 23 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 12+

✎ D&D 101: Character Creation
Friday, February 24 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-18

✎ Children's Theatre of Cincinnati presents *Cinderella Wore Cowboy Boots*
Saturday, February 25 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | All Ages

Family Movie Night: *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris*
Monday, February 27 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

✎ Eating Healthy on a Budget Series
Monday, February 27 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | All Ages

✎ Container Gardening
Tuesday, February 28 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

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Friends of the New Concord Branch Library
Wednesday, March 1 at 10 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Who Would Win? Ultimate Showdown
Wednesday, March 1 | South Branch Library | Ages 6-11

YA Book Club for Adults
Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 4:30—6 PM | OU Zanesville/Zane State | Ages 18+

✎ **Lunch & Learn: Women's Rights and the 1969 Miss America Pageant**
Thursday, March 2 at 11:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

✎ **Game Club**
Thursday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 6-18

commUNITYread Book Discussion
A Princess Found by Sarah Culberson
Monday, March 3 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12+

Writing Group
Saturday, March 4 from 10 AM—12 PM | John McIntire Library | Ages 18+

✎ **Adventurer's Guild: D&D @ the Library**
Monday, March 6 from 4—6 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-18

STORYTIMES

✎ **Family Storytime**
Thursday, March 2, 16, & 30 at 11:30 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-11
Thursday, March 9 & 23 at 11:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-11

✎ **Baby Storytime**
Wednesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 0-2

✎ **Preschool Storytime**
Thursday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 3.5-5

✎ **Toddler Storytime**
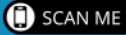Monday, March 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2-3.5
Tuesday, March 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library | Ages 2-3.5

commUNITYread Book Discussion
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Monday, March 6 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

Ohio 4-H Week
Tuesday, March 7 from 5:30—7 PM | All Locations | All Ages

Genealogy Workshop: Maps & Atlases
Tuesday, March 7 at 6 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Coffee & Crafts
Wednesday, March 8 & 22 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

✎ **Family Movie Night:** *Mulan*
Wednesday, March 8 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | All Ages

✎ **Five Ways to Make Childbirth Easier**
Wednesday, March 8 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

✎ **Adventurer's Guild: D&D @ the Library**
Thursday, March 9 from 4—6 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-18

✎ **MCLS Kids Community Cookbook**
Thursday, March 9 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6-18

✎ **Introduction to Toddler Children's Theater**
Friday, March 10 at 1:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-5

✎ **Introduction to Children's Theater**
Friday, March 10 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-11

✎ **Basic Email for Adults**
Saturday, March 11 at 11 AM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

Teen Games: Nintendo Switch
Saturday, March 11 at 12 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12-18

Pretty/Funny: Women Comedians and Body Politics
Saturday, March 11 at 1 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 6-11

✎ **MCLS Kids Community Cookbook**
Saturday, March 11 at 1 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-18

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✎ **D&D 101: Character Creation**
Monday, March 13 at 4 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6-18

✎ **Open Mic Night**
Monday, March 13 from 4—6 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | All Ages

✎ **Eating Healthy on a Budget**
Monday, March 13 & 27 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | All Ages

✎ **The Cloud for Beginners: Cloud Storage**
Monday, March 13 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

Let's Play: Library Edition Twitch Stream
Tuesday, March 14, 21, & 28 at 4 PM | Virtual | Ages 12-18

✎ **Library Ninja Warrior**
Tuesday, March 14 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6-11

✎ **TinkerCAD Basics**
Wednesday, March 15 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Second Level Meeting Room | Ages 12+

✎ **Scarf Dyeing**
Wednesday, March 15 at 5 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

✎ **Authors of Ohio History Series: *William Wells and the Struggle for the Old Northwest***
Wednesday, March 15 at 5:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

✎ **Kids Craft: Leprechaun Lookers**
Wednesday, March 15 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6-11

✎ **Trivia Night @ Weasel Boy Brewing**
Wednesday, March 15 at 6:30 PM | Weasel Boy Brewing Company | Ages 18+

Code Crackers: Unlock the Box
Thursday, March 16 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12-18

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✎ **Growing and Using Healing Plants**
Thursday, March 16 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | All Ages

✎ **Homeschoolers Explore: Cooking Class**
Friday, March 17 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 6-11

✎ **Wellness Redefined**
Saturday, March 18 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room A | Ages 18+

3D Printing and TinkerCAD Open Workshop
Saturday, March 18 from 1—4 PM | John McIntire Library, Lobby | Ages 12+

Family Movie Night: *Frozen II*
Monday, March 20 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

✎ **Small Business Class: Marketing 101 How to Get Your Business Noticed**
Tuesday, March 21 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

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✎ **POUND Fitness Class**
Saturday, March 25 at 10 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room B | Ages 18+

✎ **Pint-Sized Prom**
Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-5

✎ **Introduction to Genealogy**
Saturday, March 25 from 11 AM—12:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Carnegie Wing | Ages 18+

✎ **Genealogy Workshop**
Monday, March 27 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

✎ **Adventures in Art**
Friday, March 31 at 11:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-5

✎ **Adventures in Art**
Friday, March 31 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 0-5