



Muskingum County Library System

December 2024 January 2025

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Open Houses
&
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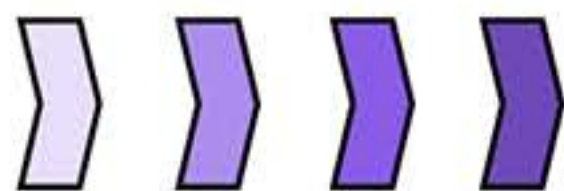
Suzanne Helms Library Operations Manager

When the year is winding down, we often find ourselves looking back, reflecting on how far we have come. This year, I am especially grateful to look back on my time here at John McIntire Library. When I started in 2019, I came in as the Circulation Services Coordinator. After earning my Masters degree in Library and Information Science, I took on the role of Adult Services Manager. I have enjoyed so many aspects of this role: working with community partners, serving patrons, planning programs, and learning more about the community every day. It has been a joy. Now I have been given the opportunity to be your Library Operations Manager, and I will carry everything I have learned into this new role.

John McIntire Library was originally built out of need. The first building that had served as the library was out of space, and it was clear the community needed more. My new position was born of the same need. Through planning for the remodel, just as our management team recognized that there were updates needed for our physical space, they also saw the opportunity for updating the way we service the community. I want to make our customer service the best it can be, from the moment items are selected for purchase to the moment they are in your hands. I want to bridge the gaps we found to better serve you.

As we approach the upcoming remodel and my transition into this new role, I am filled with hope for what lies ahead. Just as this season reminds us of renewal and the joy of giving, I believe the changes we are making will allow us to give even more to our patrons. The remodel will breathe new life into our beloved library, ensuring we continue to meet the needs of our community for many years to come. I look forward to seeing you in the new year as we embark on this exciting new chapter together. From all of us to all of you, our loyal patrons and friends, we wish you a joyous holiday season and a new year filled with reflection, hope, and bright possibilities.

Check out the latest information on the John McIntire Library renovation project and how you can be a part of its success! Scan the QR code or visit muskingumlibrary.org/jmlremodel



John McIntire Library

Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 7 PM. Friday 10 AM - 6 PM,
& Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM



John McIntire Library

220 North Fifth 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 be closed

December 24 and 25
& January 1 and 20

Book Discussions



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



Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club by Helen Simonson

Monday, December 9 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

A Book Club to Die For by Dorothy St. James

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

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Friday, December 13 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

Song For a Whale by Lynn Kelly (Teen Book Discussion Group)

Monday, December 16 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 14-18

The Last Ballad by Wiley Cash

Wednesday, January 8 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Book Talk Book Club

Friday, January 10 at 1:30 PM | The Barn Zanesville | Ages 18+

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Friday, January 10 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

Naturalist's Nature Book Club

Saturday, January 11 at 11 AM | Dillon State Park, Nature Center | Ages 18+

The House of Doors by Tan Twan Eng



Monday, January 13 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

 **Naturalist's Nature Book Club**

Saturday, January 25 at 11 AM | Dillon State Park, Nature Center | Ages 18+

 ***Fifty-four Things Wrong with Gwendolyn Rogers* by Caela Carter (Teen Book Discussion Group)**

Monday, January 27 at 4 PM

| Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 14-18

***Starry Night* by Debbie Macomber**

Monday, January 27 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

 ***A Page Marked for Murder* by Lauren Elliot (Crafting Up a Clue Book Club)**

Thursday, January 30 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

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Ho-Ho-Holiday Open Houses!

Start your holidays off right and plan on joining us for our festive open houses! There'll be refreshments, crafts, special guests, and so much more for you and your family. Attend all five!

New Concord Branch Library - Monday, December 2 from 5-6:30 PM

Roseville Branch Library - Thursday, December 5 from 5-6:30 PM

South Branch Library - Monday, December 9 from 3-6 PM

Dresden Branch Library - Wednesday, December 11 from 5-6:30 PM

Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library - Thursday, December 12 from 4-6 PM



Staff Picks

What great reads are our staff currently enjoying? Check them out for yourself. There something for everyone at your Muskingum County Library System. Enjoy!



What You Are Looking for is in the Library by Michiko Aoyama



Alyssa Assistant Teen Librarian

"This book's full of hope for people who aren't sure they are where they want to be in life. You're only a book recommendation away from changing your life."



Blood by Dr. Jen Gunter



Monica Adult Literacy Specialist

"Practical, science-based menstruation information summarized concisely."



A Sorceress Comes to Call by T. Kingfisher



Sean Marketing & Community Relations Director

"This captivating book kept me on the edge of my seat with every word. Filled with dark humor, magic, and a satisfying dose of revenge. Great read."



Sofi and the Bone Song by Adrienne Tooley



Kay Customer Service Associate I

"A beautiful stand alone character driven fantasy novel that examines the passion artists have for creating and finding one's own voice."



Stolen Tongues by Felix Blackwell



Skyler Adult Services Assistant Librarian

"A chilling horror novel that began as a viral story on Reddit's *r/nosleep*. It follows Felix and his fiancée, Faye, as they experience terrifying supernatural events during a mountain getaway."



Dark Matter by Blake Crouch



Jess Customer Service Specialist

"A brilliant, highly intelligent, and exciting story with a father's love for his wife and son at its heart. Blake Crouch is a master of his craft."



Don't Sweat the Small Stuff by Richard Carlson



Katie Youth Services Librarian

"Such an inspirational book. I took so many notes! I think anyone with stress, anxiety, or who over thinks should read this book."



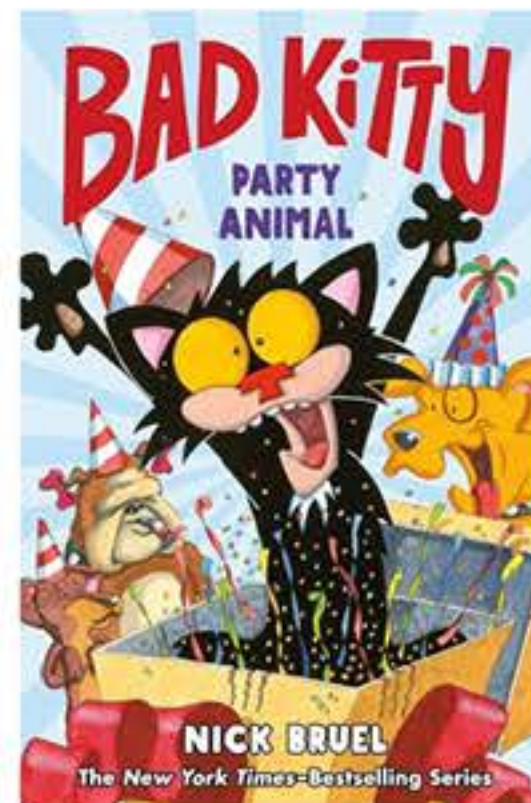
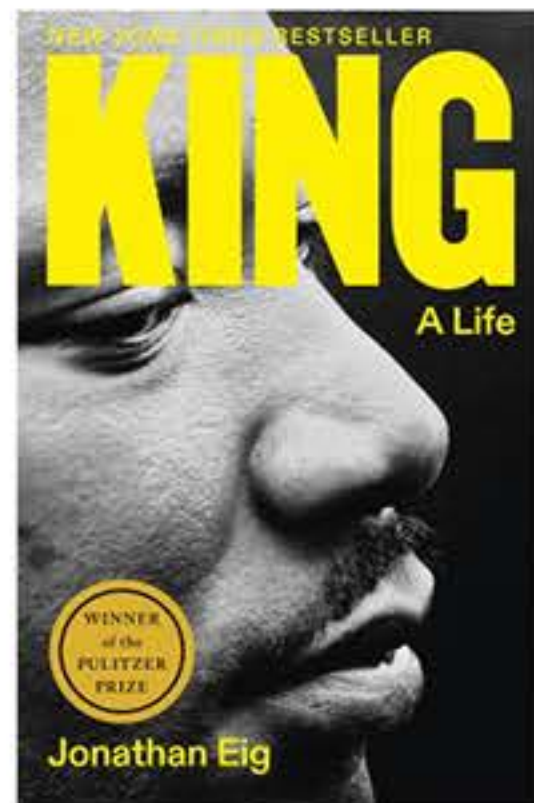
HOT New Titles

Look for these HOT new titles coming out in December and January. Place your holds today to be first in line to enjoy these great books once they become available.

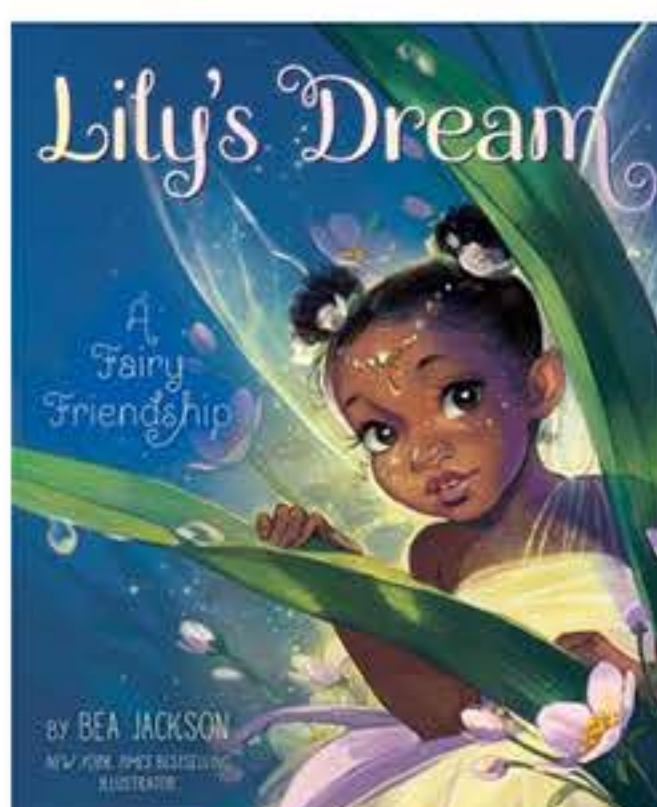
New Adult Titles



New Teen/Tween Titles



New Children's Titles



Download the MCLS App or visit our website to find these titles and more.
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DECEMBER 2024 LIBRARY EVENTS

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Events with the sign-up  icon require online registration.


Winter Reading Beanstack Challenge
Throughout December | Virtual | All Ages

**New Concord Branch Library
Holiday Open House**
Monday, December 2 from 5 - 6:30 PM | New
Concord Branch Library | All Ages

Teen Tuesday
Tuesday, December 3 & 10 at 2:30 PM | Dresden
Branch Library | Ages 12-18

**Genealogy with Debbie Deal
Exploring the Trails of Our Ancestors**
Tuesday, December 3 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Friends of the New Concord Branch Library
Wednesday, December 4 at 10 AM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 18+


 **Holiday Cookie Baking**
Wednesday, December 4 at 3:30 PM | OU
Zanesville/Zane State, Herrold Hall | Ages 12+

YA Book Club for Adults
Wednesday, December 4, 11, & 18 from
4:30 - 6 PM | OU Zanesville/Zane State | Ages 18+

STORYTIMES

 **Baby Storytime**
Wednesday, December 4, 11, & 18 at 10:30 AM
| Welcome Center | Ages 0-2

 **Preschool Storytime**
Thursday, December 5, 12, & 19 at 10:30 AM
| Welcome Center | Ages 3.5-5

 **Family Storytime**
Monday, December 2 & 16 at 10:30 AM
| Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Thursday, December 5, 12, & 19 at 10:30 AM
| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Monday, December 9 & 30 at 10:30 AM
| Dresden Branch Library | Ages 2-7


 **Toddler Storytime**
Tuesday, December 3, 10, 17, & 31 at 10:30 AM
| Welcome Center | Ages 2-3.5

OUTREACH STOPS


Mills Bulk Food & Deli
Monday, December 2, 16, & 30 at 3 PM
Colony Square Mall - Food Court
Thursday, December 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 11 AM-6 PM
Bethel Community Center
Monday, December 9 from 2:45-3:30 PM
James Singer Activity Center
Monday, December 9 at 4 PM
Eagle View Apartments
Tuesday, December 10 from 3:45-4:30 PM

Walk-In Reading Help for Adults
Thursday, December 5 from 11 AM -12:30 PM
| Colony Square Mall, Food Court | Ages 18+

Tech Help for Seniors
Thursday, December 5 & 19 from 12 - 2 PM
| Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

 **Artful Afternoon - Book Page Ornament**
Thursday, December 5 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo
Branch Library | Ages 18+


Holiday Open House
Thursday, December 5 from 5 - 6:30 PM | Roseville
Branch Library | All Ages


 **The Legend of the Christmas Star**
Friday, December 6 at 4:30 PM | New Concord
Branch Library | All Ages

Writing Group
Saturday, December 7 from 10 AM - 12 PM
| Galloping Horse Handcrafts | Ages 12-18

Crafternoon
Monday, December 9 at 1 PM | Dresden Branch
Library | Ages 18+

Holiday Open House
Monday, December 9 from 3 - 6 PM | South Branch
Library | All Ages

 **Eating Healthy on a Budget**
Monday, December 9 at 5:30 PM | James Singer
Activity Center | Ages 18+

 **Fa La La La Legos - Teen Night**
Tuesday, December 10 at 5:30 PM | South Branch
Library | Ages 12-18



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Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, December 11 at 10 AM | Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 11 from 5 - 6:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | All Ages

Stuffed Animal Hospital

Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 0-5

Tech Help Open Hours

Thursday, December 12 & 26 from 12 - 2 PM | Colony Square Mall, Food Court | All Ages

Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 12 from 4 - 6 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | All Ages

Needlework Circle

Thursday, December 12 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

Building with Gingerbread

Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-18

Gen X Games: Intergenerational Game Night

Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

Sourdough Basics

Saturday, December 14 at 12 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Holiday Book Swap

Monday, December 16 from 5 - 6:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

Family Movie Night - *The Family Man*

Monday, December 16 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6+

Stroke: A Community Education Forum

Tuesday, December 17 at 2 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, December 17 at 2:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12-18

Homemade Peppermint Sugar Scrub

Tuesday, December 17 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12-18

Ohio University Small Business Class - Succession Planning

Tuesday, December 17 at 5 PM | OHIO Zanesville, 189 Elson Hall | Ages 18+

Homeschoolers Explore: Winter Holidays

Wednesday, December 18 at 1 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6-11

Mystery Bingo

Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6+

All Day Gift Wrap Party

Thursday, December 19 from 11 AM - 7 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-18

Adventurer's Guild - D&D at the Library

Thursday, December 19 from 4 - 6 PM | Colony Square Mall, Food Court | Ages 6-18

Friends of the DF/Philo Branch Library

Thursday, December 19 at 4:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Family Story Pick and Swap

Thursday, December 19 at 5 PM | Colony Square Mall, Food Court | All Ages

Make It in a Mug

Thursday, December 19 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

Homeschoolers Explore: Winter Holidays

Friday, December 20 at 11 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6-11

It's a Confetti Popper Party!

Monday, December 30 at 3 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 0-11

30 Minute Mini Music Makers

 Celebrate a unique and joyful introduction to the world of music for children ages 0-11.

Dresden Branch Library

Monday, December 2 at 10:30 AM

Roseville Branch Library

Thursday, December 5 at 5 PM

New Concord Branch Library

Monday, December 9 at 4:30 PM

South Branch Library

Monday, December 16 at 10:30 AM

Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library

Friday, December 20 at 10:30 AM



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Winter Reading Beanstack Challenge

Throughout January | Virtual | All Ages

Read to Win a Cozy Basket

Throughout January | Roseville Branch Library
| Ages 18+

Walk-In Reading Help for Adults

Thursday, January 2 from 11 AM -12:30 PM
| Colony Square Mall, Food Court | Ages 18+

Tech Help for Seniors

Thursday, January 2, 16, & 30 from 12 - 2 PM
| Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

Artful Afternoon - Bird Feeder

Thursday, January 2 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo
Branch Library | Ages 18+

Writing Group

Saturday, January 4 from 10 AM - 12 PM
| Galloping Horse Handcrafts | Ages 18+

Teen Tuesday

Tuesday, January 7, 14, & 21 at 2:30 PM | Dresden
Branch Library | Ages 12-18

Genealogy with Debbie Deal - Civil War Records

Tuesday, January 7 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime

Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 10:30 AM
| Welcome Center | Ages 0-2

Preschool Storytime

Thursday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10:30 AM
| Welcome Center | Ages 3.5-5

Family Storytime

Monday, January 6 & 27 at 10:30 AM
| Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Thursday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10:30 AM
| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 2-7


Monday, January 13 at 10:30 AM

| Dresden Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Toddler Storytime

Tuesday, December 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 10:30 AM
| Welcome Center | Ages 2-3.5

Birds of a Feather Animal Experience

with the Ohio School of Falconry 

New Concord Branch Library

Saturday, January 4 at 11:30 AM

William Baker Community Center - Roseville

Saturday, January 11 at 11:30 AM

Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library

Saturday, January 18 at 11:30 AM

South Branch Library

Saturday, January 25 at 11:30 AM

Ohio University Zanesville

Wednesday, January 29 at 4:30 PM

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, January 8 & 22 at 10 AM | Muskingum
County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

Tech Help Open Hours

Thursday, January 9 & 23 from 12 - 2 PM
| Colony Square Mall, Food Court | Ages 12+

Managing Diabetes for Better Health

Thursday, January 9 at 12 PM | Colony Square Mall,
Food Court | Ages 12+

Needlework Circle

Thursday, January 9 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch
Library | Ages 12+

Basic Home and Furniture Repair

Thursday, January 9 at 5 PM | South Branch Library
| Ages 18+

After the Holidays - De-Stress Night

Thursday, January 9 at 5:30 PM | Dresden Branch
Library | Ages 18+

Make Your Own Snow Globe

Friday, January 10 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo
Branch Library | Ages 0-11

Family Movie Night - *You've Got Mail*

Monday, January 13 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch
Library | Ages 12+

Winter Driving Tips w/ the Ohio State Patrol

Tuesday, January 14 at 2 PM | South Branch Library
| Ages 15+

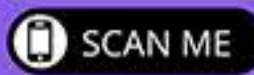
MLK Day Documentary Screening - *King in the Wilderness*

Tuesday, January 14 at 4:30 PM | Ohio University
Zanesville, 186 Elson Hall | Ages 12+



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Homeschoolers Explore: Winter Science

Wednesday, January 15 at 1 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6-11

Educator Open House

Wednesday, January 15 from 3:30 - 6:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

Quilting 101

Wednesday, January 15 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

YA Book Club for Adults

Wednesday, January 15, 22, & 29 from 4:30 - 6 PM | OU Zanesville/Zane State | Ages 18+

Adventurer's Guild - D&D at the Library

Thursday, January 16 from 4 - 6 PM | Colony Square Mall, Food Court | Ages 6-18

Pizza Making

Thursday, January 16 at 4 PM | Ohio University Zanesville, Herrold Hall | Ages 13+

Recycled Book Snowman Craft

Thursday, January 16 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

Homeschoolers Explore: Winter Science

Friday, January 17 at 11 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6-11

Let's Make Nachos!

Tuesday, January 21 at 3:15 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6-18

Ohio University Small Business Class

Tuesday, January 21 at 5 PM | Ohio University Zanesville, Elson Hall | Ages 18+

Make It in a Mug - Middle School Edition

Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 9+

Get Organized and Feel Refreshed in 2025

Wednesday, January 22 at 11 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

Teddy Bear Tea Party

Wednesday, January 22 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 0-11

The Tricky Max Comedy Magic Show

Wednesday, January 22 at 5 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-18

Minion Mania

Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 2-12

Let It Snow - Crafts, Music, & Fun

Thursday, January 23 at 11 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-5

Hooray, It's National Pie Day

Thursday, January 23 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6+

Make It in a Mug - Microwave Cooking

Thursday, January 23 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

Empowerment Through Self-Defense

Thursday, January 23 at 6 PM | Colony Square Mall | Ages 6+

Books & Bourbon - A Book Fair for Adults

Friday, January 24 from 6 - 8 PM | A Taste of Ohio | Ages 18+

Game Night

Monday, January 27 from 3:30 - 5 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-18

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 28 at 2:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12-18

Deep Relaxation Sound Bath

Tuesday, January 28 from 7 - 8:30 PM | 4th and Market | Ages 18+

Introduction to ASL and Deaf Culture

Thursday, January 30 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

OUTREACH STOPS

Mills Bulk Food & Deli

Monday, January 13 & 27 at 3 PM

Colony Square Mall - Food Court

Thursday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 from 11 AM-6 PM

Bethel Community Center

Monday, January 6 & 20 from 2:45-3:30 PM

James Singer Activity Center

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Eagle View Apartments

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