



Muskingum County Library System

December 2025 - January 2026



**Event guides
and remodel
photos inside.
Check it out for
yourself!**

Library News You Can Use

As we approach the holidays, I find myself reflecting on the past year. With the transition of the John McIntire Library to Mini Mac late last year for the renovation, our branch libraries have seen new faces and made many new friends. *Thank you* to our staff and the community for your continued support and patience as we work toward an improved John McIntire Library that will engage and excite the community in new ways. To that end, I would like to share some important service level updates with you.

December 3, 2025: Hours at our location in Colony Square Mall will increase to Wednesdays and Thursdays 11 AM to 7 PM, Fridays 11 AM to 6 PM, and Saturdays 10 AM to 4 PM.

January 5, 2026: John McIntire Library will be closed to the public for asbestos abatement.

Hours at our location in Colony Square Mall will increase to Mondays - Thursdays 11 AM to 7 PM, Fridays 11 AM to 6 PM, and Saturdays 10 AM to 4 PM.

January 12, 2026: John McIntire library will reopen as a curbside-only model. What does this mean? It means the public will not be able to access the building during this time as we finish preparation to reopen. We will be available to answer questions via email and phone. You may return items to the outside book drops, utilize our WiFi from the parking lot, and use our curbside services to pick up items you have on hold. Not sure what to put on hold? Give us a call and we will help you choose titles based on your interests!

Fortunately, during this time, our temporary Colony Square Mall location and all of our branches will offer the same services as John McIntire Library—from tech help to browsing collections to printing and photocopying. Our goal is to continue offering our great resources across the county.

As of this writing, we are right on schedule with the renovation and would kindly ask for your continued patience over the next few months. As you can see from the photos inside big changes are happening. We are beyond excited for you to see and experience the new and improved John McIntire Library coming in 2026!

Stacey Russell
Executive Director

John McIntire Library (curbside only beginning January 2026)

**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 & 25 and January 1 & 19

Book Discussions



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



The YA Book Club for Adults

Wednesdays, 12/3, 12/17, 1/14, 1/28 at 4:30 PM
| OU Zanesville, [Herrold Hall](#) | Ages 18+

One Day by Josie Silver

Friday, December 5 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch
Library | Ages 18+

Time of the Child by Niall Williams

Monday, December 8 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Eddie by Ken Osmond

Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 PM | New
Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

Friday, January 2 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch
Library | Ages 18+

Mailman by Stephen Starring Grant

Monday, January 12 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo
Branch Library | Ages 18+

The Silent Twins by Marjorie Wallace

Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30 PM | New
Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance

Monday, January 26 at 5:30 PM | Roseville
Branch Library | Ages 18+

Practical Magic by Alice Hoffman

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

Events with a sign-up icon  require online registration.

Staff Picks

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



Crunch the Shy Dinosaur by Cirocco Dunlap



Nick Youth Literacy Specialist

"Crunch is a very shy dinosaur. You will need to gently coax him out to make friends with him. This book is an excellent and subtle lesson in making friends."



Trials of the Jedi by Charles Soule



Elayna Assistant Librarian

"Stunning conclusion to the High Republic story - a masterpiece four years in the making. Follow Jedi Avar, Elzar, Burryaga, and all your favorites as they take on Marchion Ro, the leader of the Nihil."



My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett



Joshua Outreach Services Manager

"After a chance encounter with a stray cat, Elmer elevator learns about a baby dragon held captive and sets off to free it. My little one and I loved seeing how Elmer navigated each obstacle."

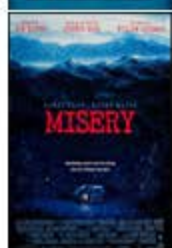


Don't Let Him In by Lisa Jewell



Suzanne Library Operations Manager

"For the record, I love Lisa Jewell and by the end of this one, I was hooked. It's just not my favorite Lisa Jewell, but it is definitely one of her most detestable antagonists."



Misery starring Kathy Bates and James Caan



Skyler Adult Services Assistant Librarian

"A slight obsession slowly builds until it reaches terrifying extremes. This iconic film captures a cold sense of hopelessness, set against the isolation of a remote house in winter."



Snowglobe by Soyoung Park



Alyssa Teen Assistant Librarian

"In a frozen world, the only safe haven is Snowglobe, a reality show society where you're either on screen or behind the camera. Dark, twisty, and impossible to put down."



Rules for Second Chances by Maggie North



Stephanie Assistant Director

"A surprising new favorite story about a woman who needs to find herself before she can love others. The writing at first is slow, but the story is well worth it!"

Renovation Check-In



Lower Level Corridor



Children's



Meeting Room



Meeting Room



Main Stacks



Main Stacks



Lobby



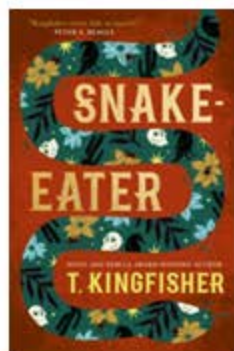
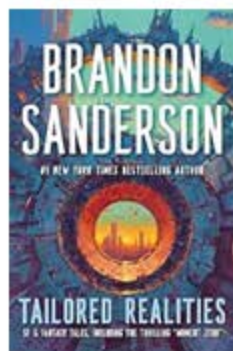
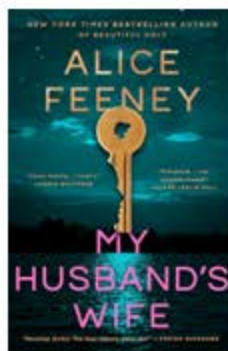
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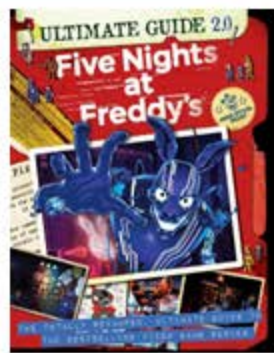
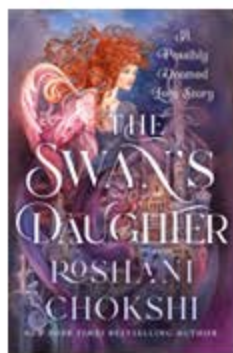
HOT New Titles

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.

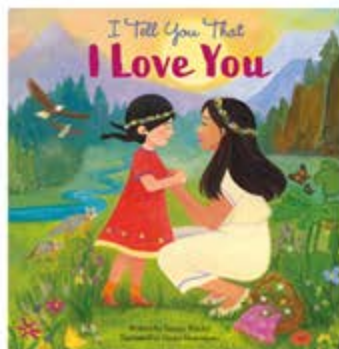
New Adult Titles



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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Winter Reading Challenge

Throughout December | Virtual | All Ages

Cozy Storytime | Ages 0-11

December 1 at 10:30 AM | DF/Philo Branch Library
December 3 at 10:30 AM | Roseville Branch Library
December 8 at 10:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library
December 10 at 10:30 AM | South Branch Library
December 11 at 10:30 AM | NC Branch Library

Annual Holiday Open House

Monday, December 1 from 5 to 6:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | All Ages

Ornament Decorating Craft

Monday, December 1 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

Sustainable Gift Giving with the OSU Extension Office

Monday, December 1, 8, & 15 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 12+

30-Minute Mini Music Makers | Ages 0-11

December 1 at 5:30 PM | NC Branch Library
December 4 at 5 PM | Dresden Branch Library
December 12 at 10:30 AM | South Branch Library
December 17 at 10:30 AM | DF/Philo Branch Library
December 23 at 4:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library

Baby & Me

Tuesday, December 2 at 11:30 AM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 0-5

Lunch & Learn – Stay Local w/ Old Town Pizza

Tuesday, December 2 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM | Old Town Pizza, Roseville | Ages 18+

Excel Basics – A Microsoft Excel Class

Tuesday, December 2 from 4 to 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

Senior Fitness

Tuesday, December 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

Holiday Hosting Hacks – Centerpiece Success

Tuesday, December 2 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 12+

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, December 3 from 10 to 11:30 AM | Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

Tech Help Open Hours

Thursday, December 4 & 18 from 12 to 2 PM | Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

Holiday Open House – Winter Wonderland

Thursday, December 4 from 5 to 6:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | All Ages

Breakfast with the Grinch sponsored by the Friends of the South Branch Library

Saturday, December 6 from 8 to 11 AM | Muskingum Lodge #368, Fultonham | All Ages

Writing Group

Saturday, December 6 from 10 AM to 12 PM | Zanesville Civic League | Ages 18+

The Naturalist's Learning Adventure

Saturday, December 6 at 6 PM | Dillon State Park, Nature Center | Ages 12+

Finals Week – Paws and Relax

Monday, December 8 & Tuesday, December 9 at 11 AM | Ohio University Zanesville, Library | Ages 12+

Creating Digital Holiday Cards

Monday, December 8 at 12 PM | Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

Sourdough Starters

Monday, December 8 from 4:45 to 6:15 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

Safe Driving Tips for Winter with the Ohio State Highway Patrol

Tuesday, December 9 at 1 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 16+

Identify and Manage Your Stress

Tuesday, December 9 from 4:30 to 6 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

A Very Grinchy Movie Night

Tuesday, December 9 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | All Ages

Genealogy with Debbie Deal

Tuesday, December 9 from 5:30 to 7 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Holiday Hosting Hacks – Gift Wrap Gurus

Tuesday, December 9 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 12+

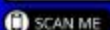
Friends of the Library Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 10 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+



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That's a Wrap! Gift Wrapping Workshop

Thursday, December 11 from 5 to 6:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Snacking and Diabetes with the OSU Extension Office

Friday, December 12 at 5 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

Homeschoolers Explore Holidays | Ages 6-18

December 15 at 1 PM | Dresden Branch Library
December 17 at 1 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library

Mini Puzzle-Piece Wreath Craft | All Ages

December 15 at 4:30 PM | South Branch Library
December 16 at 4:30 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library

Smartphone Basics Series – Android

Monday, December 15 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

Ohio University Small Business Class - Set Goals & Build a Business Strategy

Tuesday, December 16 at 5 PM | Ohio University Zanesville, Elson Hall | Ages 18+

Holiday Hosting Hacks – Charcuterie

Tuesday, December 16 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 12+

Holiday Open House

Wednesday, December 17 from 3 to 6 PM | South Branch Library | All Ages

The Brick Squad – LEGO Club

Wednesday, December 17 from 4 to 5:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-18

MCLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Board Room | Ages 18+

Cookies & Chill – After School Holiday Baking

Thursday, December 18 at 3:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-18

Library Adventurer's Guild – D&D at the Library

Thursday, December 18 from 4 to 6 PM | Colony Square Mall, Adventure Gaming | Ages 6-18

Open Art Studio – Winter Constellations

Thursday, December 18 from 4 to 6:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6+

Holiday Open House

Thursday, December 18 from 5 to 6:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

Holiday Open House – A Very Merry Occasion

Friday, December 19 from 4 to 6 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | All Ages

Excel Your Year – A Microsoft Excel Class

Tuesday, December 23 from 4 to 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

After School Movie

Friday, December 26 from 4 to 6 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6+

Family Movie Night – Fred Claus

Monday, December 29 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

Noon Year's Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31 at 11 AM | Dresden, Duncan Falls/Philo, New Concord, and South Branch Library locations | All Ages

OUTREACH STOPS

Colony Square Mall

Wednesday, December 3, 10, & 17 from 11 AM - 7 PM
Thursday, December 4, 11, & 18 from 11 AM - 7 PM
Friday, December 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 11 AM - 6 PM
Saturday, December 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 10 AM - 4 PM
| Colony Square Mall Food Court

Mills Bulk Food & Deli

Monday, December 1, 15, & 29 from 3 - 4 PM
| 5790 Dresden Adamsville Road, Adamsville

Frank Cook Senior Housing

Tuesday, December 2, 16, & 30 from 12 - 1 PM
| 450 Baker Street, Zanesville

James Singer Activity Center

Monday, December 8 & 22 from 3:30 - 4:30 PM
| 831 Matthews Street, Zanesville

Eagle View Apartments

Tuesday, December 9 & 23 from 3:45 - 4:30 PM
| 92 Eagle View Drive, Zanesville

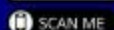
Seton Square

Wednesday, December 10 from 1 - 2 PM
| 516 Sheridan Street, Zanesville



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Read Your Socks Off – Beanstack Challenge

Throughout 2026 | Virtual | Ages 12+

Stress ReDUCKtion

Throughout January | All Locations | Ages 12+

Winter Reading – Beanstack Challenge

Throughout January | Virtual | All Ages

Teen Library Passport

Throughout January | Virtual | Ages 12-18

Make It in a Mug

Friday, January 2 at 5 PM | South Branch Library
| Ages 5-18

Writing Group

Saturday, January 3 from 10 AM to 12 PM
| Zanesville Civic League | Ages 18+

Tech Help – After-the-Holiday Tech Setup

Monday, January 5 from 12 to 2 PM | Muskingum
County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

Introduction to Numerology

Monday, January 5 from 5 to 7 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Senior Fitness – Strength & Balance

Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 4 PM
| Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

Coffee & Crafts

Wednesday, January 7 at 10 AM | Muskingum
County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

Snowstorm in a Jar – STEAM Activity

Wednesday, January 7 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 0-11

After School Journal Crafting

Thursday, January 8 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch
Library | Ages 12-18

DIY Fore-Edge Art

Thursday, January 8 at 5:30 PM | South Branch
Library | Ages 12-18

Paws & Pages with the Animal Shelter Society

Friday, January 9 at 11:30 AM | New Concord
Branch Library | All Ages

Adult Spoken Word After Hours

Friday, January 9 at 6:30 PM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 18+

Baby & Me

Saturday, January 10 at 10 AM | Duncan Falls/Philo
Branch Library | Ages 0-5

Hot Chocolate Challenge | Ages 12-18

January 12 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch Library
January 16 at 3:30 PM | NC Branch Library
January 30 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library

That's Good Soup!

Tuesday, January 13 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch
Library | Ages 18+

Genealogy with Debbie Deal

Tuesday, January 13 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

Dog Safety for Children & Teens

Tuesday, January 13 at 5:30 PM | South Branch
Library | Ages 6-18

2026 Vision Boards & Goal Setting | Ages 6-18

January 14 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch Library
January 28 at 4:30 PM | NC Branch Library

Tech Help Open Hours

Thursday, January 15 & 29 from 12 to 2 PM
| Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime

Wednesday, January 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 10:30 AM
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 0-2

Toddler Storytime

Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, & 27 at 10:30 AM
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 2-3.5

Preschool Storytime

Thursday, January 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 10:30 AM
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 3.5-5

Family Storytime

Monday, January 5 at 10:30 AM
| Dresden Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Wednesday, January 7 at 10:30 AM
| Roseville Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Thursday, January 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 10:30 AM
| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Monday, January 12 & 26 at 10:30 AM
| Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 2-7





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 **Library Adventurer's Guild D&D at the Library**
Thursday, January 15 at 4 PM | Colony Square Mall,
Adventure Gaming | Ages 6-18

 **Birds of a Feather – Animal Experience with the Ohio School of Falconry** | All Ages
January 17 at 12 PM | South Branch Library
January 24 at 12 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library
January 31 at 12 PM | Dresden Branch Library

Family Movie Night – Hitch
Monday, January 19 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch
Library | Ages 6+

 **Ohio University Small Business Class – Smart Tips to Tackle Tax Time**
Tuesday, January 20 at 5 PM | Ohio University
Zanesville, 189 Elson Hall | Ages 18+


 **Homeschoolers Explore – Invention Convention**
January 21 at 1 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library
January 26 at 1 PM | Dresden Branch Library


 **The Brick Squad – LEGO Club**
Wednesday, January 21 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch
Library | Ages 6-18

Natural Beekeeping
Wednesday, January 21 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+


 **DIY Welcome Mat Craft**
Wednesday, January 21 at 5:30 PM | South Branch
Library | Ages 18+


Muskingum 250 Genealogy Program – Faith of Our Fathers
Wednesday, January 21 at 6 PM | Ohio University
Zanesville, Elson Hall | Ages 18+


 **Designing New Year Bingo Cards with Canva**
Thursday, January 22 at 5 PM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 12+


 **Lattes & Literature with Author Jenna Mindel**
Friday, January 23 from 10 AM to 12 PM | New
Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+


Books & Bourbon – An Adult Book Fair
Friday, January 23 from 6 to 8 PM | Taste of Ohio
Wine, Bourbon, & Beer | Ages 18+

 **Baby & Me**
Saturday, January 24 at 10 AM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 0-5

 **Winter Wonderland – Oil Painting Basics**
Monday, January 26 from 4:30 to 6 PM | Duncan
Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6+

 **Cookie Decorating for Kids**
Tuesday, January 27 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch
Library | Ages 0-11

 **Winters of the Past – Local History**
Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30 PM | Dresden
Branch Library | Ages 12+

 **Patterned Possibilities – Upcycling Wallpaper**
Thursday, January 29 at 5:30 PM | Dresden
Branch Library | Ages 18+

 **Jigsaw Puzzle Race**
Saturday, January 31 at 10 AM | South Branch
Library | Ages 6+

Visit with Children's Author Tadgh Bentley
Saturday, January 31 at 12 PM | New Concord
Branch Library | Ages 6+

OUTREACH STOPS

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Eagle View Apartments

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| 92 Eagle View Drive, Zanesville

Mills Bulk Food & Deli

Monday, January 12 & 26 from 3 - 4 PM
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