



Muskingum County Library System

February - March 2026



Curbside service is back at John McIntire Library! Event guides and exciting updates inside.

# *Library News You Can Use*

2025 was a big year for MCLS! The remodel of John McIntire Library presented our team with many challenges and opportunities, with the opportunities far outweighing the challenges.

Our branch libraries welcomed new library customers accustomed to visiting the John McIntire Library for programming or resources. I heard from many community members that they appreciated the chance to visit other locations. Several community members even made it a mission to visit and attend programming at each of our branch libraries.

Our Outreach stop at the Colony Square Mall was very successful, and the use there has allowed us to increase hours there while we make the final push to finish the John McIntire Library remodel.

2026 will continue to be a time of big changes for MCLS. Some things you can look forward to:

In March, our bookmobile will arrive! This will allow us to expand Outreach throughout Muskingum County and with our schools.

Late Spring, the John McIntire Library will reopen. We cannot wait for you to see it. I know you are all excited. Before we open, there is still a lot of work to do for us to be ready to welcome you into the building.

We will refresh the landscaping at our New Concord Branch and update the meeting room.

The Dresden Branch Library meeting room will get a makeover.

The Duncan Falls/Philo Branch will update its interior paint.

The Reading Festival will be on September 26th at the Colony Square Mall. Save the date!

Thank you for your support over the past year. We are looking forward to making 2026 a great year for the library and our community!



**Stacey Russell**  
Executive Director

## **John McIntire Library** (curbside only)

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

**February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day**

# Book Discussions



SCAN ME

Please visit our online events calendar for full event listings, descriptions, and registration at [events.muskingumlibrary.org](https://events.muskingumlibrary.org).



📖 ***Black Cake*** by Charmaine Wilkerson  
Friday, February 6 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

📖 ***The Vanishing Half*** by Brit Bennett  
Monday, February 9 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

***Ordinary Grace*** by William Kent Krueger  
Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

***The YA Book Club for Adults***  
Wednesdays, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25 at 4:30 PM  
| OU Zanesville, Herrold Hall | Ages 18+

📖 ***The Correspondent*** by Virginia Evans  
Thursday, February 26 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

***The God of the Woods*** by Liz Moore  
Friday, March 6 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

📖 ***The Incredible Kindness of Paper*** by Evelyn Skye  
Monday, March 9 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

***We Begin at the End*** by Chris Whitaker  
Wednesday, March 11 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

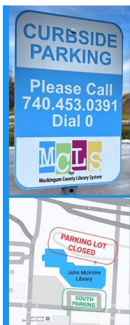
📖 ***The Widows*** by Jess Montgomery  
Thursday, March 26 at 2 PM | South Branch

Library | Ages 18+



**An Unfinished Love Story** by Doris K. Goodwin  
Monday, March 30 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

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**John McIntire Library**

## CURBSIDE SERVICES

**have reopened**



Curbside Services have reopened at John McIntire Library!  
You can use them Monday-Thursday, 10 AM-7PM;  
Friday, 10 AM-6 PM; and Saturday, 10AM-4 PM.  
Our building will remain closed until our grand reopening.

Please use the **south parking lot** located off of Shinnick Street. The north parking lot will be closed.

Hope to see you soon!

# EXTENDED HOURS

MCLS Location  
Colony Square Mall



**Monday**

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Tuesday**

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Wednesday**

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Thursday**

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Friday**

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**Saturday**

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

# 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!



## ***The Teller of Small Fortunes* by Julie Leong**



**Cassie** Customer Service Associate I

"A delightful read that balances a relaxing story with an exciting one. By the time you are lulled into a tale of small magics and found family, BAM! An intense story comes in full of action!"



## ***I'll Be Waiting* by Kelley Armstrong**



**Amber** Circulation Services Coordinator

"At her lake house, Nicola is hoping for closure after the death of her husband. This supernatural thriller will make you wonder if Nicola is truly a victim of circumstance or if there's more to the story."



## ***Femina* by Janina Ramirez**



**Kylie** Emerging Technology Assistant

"A brilliant look into the women of the Middle Ages and their effects on the world around them. These histories engage the reader in fast-paced, story-driven narrative."



## ***A Kids Book About Gratitude* by Ben Kenyon**



**Elayna** Assistant Librarian

"This book series tastefully explains difficult and unique topics in child-friendly, accessible terms. With sparse text, charming illustrations and unique storytelling it teaches the importance of gratitude."



## ***Within These Walls of Sorrow* by Amanda Barratt**



**Alex** Assistant Youth Librarian

"A haunting, intimate portrait of life in the Krakow Ghetto—both devastating and unforgettable."

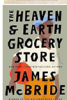


## ***The Graceview Patient* by Caitlin Starling**



**Ro** Adult Services Librarian

"Starling does mind bending horror so, so, so well. Take a claustrophobic trip with unreliable narrators, hospital psychoses, and a healthy dose of grotesque body horror. Top ten fav for sure!"



## ***The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride**



**Jess** Customer Service Specialist

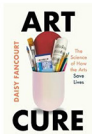
"A modern classic. It's a poignant and honest deep dive into race and religion in a small town, uncovering most importantly, a deep sense of community amongst its hodgepodge cast."



# *HOT* New Titles

Look for these HOT new titles coming out in February and March. 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.  
[muskingumlibrary.org](http://muskingumlibrary.org)



# FEBRUARY 2026 LIBRARY EVENTS

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## Black History Month Reading Challenge

Throughout February | Virtual | All Ages

## The Buzz About Beekeeping -

### Natural Beekeeping Series

Wednesday, February 4 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/  
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Game Changers: African American

### Football History

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

## Melted Crayon Jewelry

Friday, February 6 at 3:30 PM | South Branch  
Library | Ages 5+

## 30-Minute Mini Music Makers | Ages 0-5

February 7 at 10:30 AM | DF/Philo Branch Library  
February 9 at 11:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library  
February 12 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library  
February 23 at 11:30 AM | NC Branch Library  
February 27 at 5 PM | South Branch Library

## STEAM Snowman Building Challenge | All Ages

February 9 at 4:30 PM | NC Branch Library  
February 12 at 4 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library  
February 25 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library

## Painting with Echo

Monday, February 9 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

## Birds of a Feather: Animal Experience with the Ohio School of Falconry | All Ages

February 10 at 5 PM | W.H. Barker Comm. Center  
February 21 at 1 PM | OU Zanesville Elson Hall  
February 28 at 12 PM | NC Branch Library

## Genealogy Basics

Tuesday, February 10 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/  
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Baby & Me

Wednesday, February 11 at 10:30 AM  
| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-5

## Smartphone Basics Series - iPhones

Wednesday, February 11 at 1 PM | Roseville Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

## Tech Help Open Hours

Thursday, February 12 & 26 from 12 to 2 PM  
| Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

## February Feathers & Feeders

Thursday, February 12 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch  
Library | Ages 6-11

## Everyone Loves Chocolate - Making Treats

Thursday, February 12 at 4:30 PM | New Concord  
Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Y on the Fly

Thursday, February 12 at 5:30 PM | South Branch  
Library | Ages 6-11

## Silent Reading Club for Kids | All Ages

February 13 at 4 PM | South Branch Library  
February 20 at 4 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library  
February 23 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library

## Baby & Me

Saturday, February 14 at 10 AM | Duncan Falls/  
Philo Branch Library | Ages 0-5

## The Naturalist's Learning Adventure

Saturday, February 14 at 2 PM | Dillon State Park,  
Nature Center | Ages 12+

# STORYTIMES

## Baby Storytime

Wednesday, February 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 10:30 AM  
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 0-2

## Toddler Storytime

Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 10:30 AM  
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 2-3.5

## Preschool Storytime

Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 AM  
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 3.5-5

## Family Storytime

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

Wednesday, February 4 at 10:30 AM  
| Roseville Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Thursday, February 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 AM  
| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Monday, February 9 & 23 at 10:30 AM  
| Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 2-7

## Mall Storytime

Friday, February 27 at 11:30 AM  
| Colony Square Mall | Ages 0-5



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## **Blind Date with a Book - YA Edition** | Ages 12-18

February 17 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch Library  
February 27 at 4:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library

## **Ohio University Small Business Class - Mastering Your Elevator Pitch**

Tuesday, February 17 at 5 PM | Ohio University  
Zanesville, Elson Hall | Ages 18+

## **Sourdough 101: Making a Starter**

Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

## **Homeschoolers Explore Black Engineers & Bridge Builders** | Ages 6-18

February 18 at 1:30 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library  
February 23 at 2 PM | Dresden Branch Library

## **Troubleshooting & Pests - Natural Beekeeping Series**

Wednesday, February 18 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/  
Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Genealogy 101 with Debbie Deal**

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

## **Muskingum 250 - Fort Laurens:**

**The Only Revolutionary War Era Fort in Ohio**  
Wednesday, February 18 at 6 PM | Dresden Branch  
Library | Ages 6+

## **Winter Bird Watching with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources**

Thursday, February 19 at 2 PM | South Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

## **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

Friday, February 20 at 5 PM | South Branch Library  
| Ages 2-10

## **Baking with Sourdough Starters**

Monday, February 23 at 5 PM | New Concord Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

## **Flip Flops in February**

Tuesday, February 24 from 10:30 AM to 12 PM  
| Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-5

## **Black Out Poetry**

Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30 PM | New Concord  
Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Lunch & Learn - The Story of the Mosaic Tile Company**

Wednesday, February 25 at 11:30 AM | South  
Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Mandalas and Mindfulness - Crafting Hour**

Wednesday, February 25 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/  
Philo Branch Library | Ages 6-18

## **Albert Sears - Harbinger of the Rock & Roll Era**

Wednesday, February 25 at 6 PM | Dresden Branch  
Library | Ages 12+

## **Ask a Math Professor**

Thursday, February 26 at 3 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo  
Branch Library | Ages 12+

## **Diamond Art After Dark**

Thursday, February 26 at 5 PM | Dresden Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

## **Lunch & Learn - Muskingum Valley Garden Society**

Friday, February 27 at 11:30 AM | Dresden Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

# OUTREACH STOPS

## **Colony Square Mall**

Mondays - Thursdays from 11 AM - 7PM

Fridays from 11 AM - 6 PM

Saturdays from 10 AM - 4 PM

| Colony Square Mall Food Court

## **James Singer Activity Center**

Monday, February 2 from 3:30 - 4:30 PM

| 831 Matthews Street, Zanesville

## **Eagle View Apartments**

Tuesday, February 3 & 17 from 3:45 - 4:30 PM

| 92 Eagle View Drive, Zanesville

## **Frazeyburg Christian Church**

Wednesday, February 4 & 18 from 5 - 7 PM

| 87 W. 2nd Street, Frazeyburg

## **Mills Bulk Food & Deli**

Monday, February 9 & 23 from 3 - 4 PM

5790 Dresden Adamsville Road, Adamsville

## **Frank Cook Senior Housing**

Tuesday, February 10 & 24 from 12 - 1 PM

| 450 Baker Street, Zanesville

## **Seton Square**

Wednesday, February 11 from 1 - 2 PM

| 516 Sheridan Street, Zanesville



# MARCH 2026 LIBRARY EVENTS

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## **Women's History Month Reading Challenge**

Throughout March | Virtual | All Ages

## **Read Your Socks Off - Beanstack Challenge**

Throughout 2026 | Virtual | Ages 12+

## **Teen Library Passport**

Throughout March | Virtual | Ages 12-18

## **Greece: Land of History, Beauty, & Inspiration**

Monday, March 2 at 12 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Everyday American Sign Language**

Monday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 5:30 PM  
| OU Zanesville, Elson Hall 189 | Ages 6+

## **Senior Fitness - Strength & Balance**

Tuesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 4 PM  
| Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Coffee & Crafts**

Wednesday, March 4 at 10 AM | Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

## **Rooted - Plant Propagation & Potting**

Wednesday, March 4 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Scat's Where It's At - A Nature Storytime**

Thursday, March 5 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6-18

## **Writing Group**

Saturday, March 7 from 10 AM to 12 PM  
| Zanesville Civic League | Ages 18+

## **Storybook Forest - Costume Party Storytime**

Saturday, March 7 at 10:30 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 0-11

## **Crafting with Sue - Paper Wreath Craft**

Monday, March 9 at 4 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **The Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg -**

### **A Performance by Juliette Reigner**

Tuesday, March 10 at 11 AM | OU Zanesville | Ages 18+

## **One Dish Dinner Series | Ages 12+**

March 10 at 5:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library  
March 17 at 5:30 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library  
March 24 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library

## **Genealogy Basics**

Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Baby & Me | Ages 0-5**

March 11 at 10:30 AM | NC Branch Library  
March 14 at 10 AM | DF/Philo Branch Library

## **Memory Café with the OSU Extension Office**

Wednesday, March 11 at 2 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

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

Wednesday, March 11 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Late Winter/Early Spring Foraging Tips**

Wednesday, February 11 at 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6+

## **Tech Help Open Hours**

Thursday, March 12 & 26 from 12 to 2 PM  
| Muskingum County Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

## **Silent Reading Book Club | Ages 6-18**

March 12 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library  
March 26 at 4 PM | NC Branch Library

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## **Baby Storytime**

Wednesday, March 11, 18, & 25 at 10:30 AM  
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 0-2

## **Toddler Storytime**

Tuesday, March 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 10:30 AM  
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 2-3.5

## **Preschool Storytime**

Thursday, March 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 AM  
| Muskingum County Welcome Center | Ages 3.5-5

## **Family Storytime**

Monday, March 9 & 23 at 10:30 AM  
| Dresden Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Wednesday, March 11 at 10:30 AM

| Roseville Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Thursday, March 12, 19, & 26 at 10:30 AM

| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Monday, March 16 & 30 at 10:30 AM

| Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 2-7

## **Mall Storytime**

Friday, March 27 at 11:30 AM  
| Colony Square Mall | Ages 0-5



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## **The Naturalist's Learning Adventure**

Saturday, March 14 at 2 PM | Dillon State Park, Nature Center | Ages 6+

## **Homeschoolers Explore -**

### **Women in Mathematics** | Ages 6-18

March 16 at 1 PM | Dresden Branch Library

March 18 at 1:30 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library

## **Diamond Art Craft**

Monday, March 16 at 3 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Storytime with Author Bella Bankes**

Tuesday, March 17 at 10 AM | South Branch Library | Ages 0-11

## **Shake Your Shamrocks!**

Tuesday, March 17 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-18

## **Ohio University Small Business Class - Brand Storytelling**

Tuesday, March 17 at 5 PM | Ohio University Zanesville, Elson Hall 189 | Ages 18+

## **Friends of the Roseville Branch Library Meeting**

Wednesday, March 18 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Ruth Pangrace as Molly Pitcher**

Wednesday, March 18 at 6 PM | Putnam Presbyterian Church | Ages 6+

## **Library Adventurer's Guild - D&D at the Library**

Thursday, March 19 at 4 PM | Colony Square Mall, Adventure Gaming | Ages 6-18

## **Understanding Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

Thursday, March 19 at 4:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Canvases & Conversation**

Thursday, March 19 at 5 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Sketch & Snack**

Thursday, March 19 at 5 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Composting and Gardening Tips**

Thursday, March 19 at 6 PM | Mission Oaks Gardens | Ages 12+

## **Spring Has Sprung Sprouts** | Ages 12-18

March 20 at 4 PM | DF/Philo Branch Library

March 23 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch Library

## **Family Movie Night - How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days**

Monday, March 23 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

## **Discover the Joy of Art Journaling**

Tuesday, March 24 at 5 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

## **Basic Gardening Tips with Cindy**

Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **RoboQuest - Introduction to Robotics**

Tuesday, March 24 at 5:30 PM | Mid-East Career & Technology Center | Ages 6-12

## **Linking Colors, Celebrating Spring**

Wednesday, March 25 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 6-11

## **Spring Family Festival**

Thursday, March 26 from 4 to 6 PM | South Branch Library | All Ages

## **A Book ApART Book Discussion Series**

Thursday, March 26 at 6 PM | Zanesville Museum of Art | Ages 18+

## **Bouquets & Books -**

### **A Secret Garden Book Exchange**

Saturday, March 28 from 11 AM to 1 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Coexisting with Urban Wildlife**

Saturday, March 28 at 1 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | All Ages

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Fridays from 11 AM - 6 PM

Saturdays from 10 AM - 4 PM

| Colony Square Mall Food Court

## **Frazeysburg Christian Church**

Wednesday, March 4 & 18 from 5 - 7 PM

| 87 W. 2nd Street, Frazeysburg

## **Seton Square**

Wednesday, March 11 from 1 - 2 PM

| 516 Sheridan Street, Zanesville