



# **Muskingum County Reading Festival**

September 26, 10 AM - 1 PM  
*Colony Square Mall*



**August/September 2026**

# *Library News You Can Use*

August and September are busy months for our community and the library. Although summer is not quite over, back-to-school season is here, the Muskingum County Fair is just around the corner, and the Muskingum County Reading Festival returns to Colony Square Mall in September.

As families prepare for a new school year, MCLS is ready to help. A library card is one of the most useful back-to-school tools a family can have. It provides access to materials in our buildings and online, including downloadable books and audiobooks, research databases, and Brainfuse HelpNow!

Brainfuse offers learning support for all ages, including one-on-one live tutoring for students and adults. It also provides practice tests, homework assistance, writing feedback, career support, and foreign-language help. Best of all, you can access it from home for free with your library card.

You can also find us aboard the bookmobile at the Muskingum County Fair from August 16 through 22. Visitors can check out materials, use our WiFi hotspot, and sign up for a library card. And yes, the bookmobile is air-conditioned!

Then, on Saturday, September 26, join us at Colony Square Mall for the Muskingum County Reading Festival. Last year, more than 2,300 community members joined us for this wonderful annual event. The festival is a great opportunity to meet community partners, authors, and vendors. Favorite characters, including Bluey, will also make appearances alongside Bard and Hoobert for photos and hugs.

I hope to see you at the library, the fair, or the Reading Festival!

**Stacey 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 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

**September 7 in observance of Labor Day**

# Book Discussions

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



***All the Colors of the Dark*** by Chris Whitaker  
Friday, August 7 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library  
| Ages 18+

 ***Buckeye*** by Patrick Ryan  
Monday, August 10 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo  
Branch Library | Ages 18+

***The YA Book Club for Adults***  
Wednesdays, 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, & 9/23 | OU Zanesville,  
Herrold Hall | Ages 18+

***A Girl and Five Brave Horses*** by Sonora Carver  
Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 PM | New Concord  
Branch Library | Ages 18+

 ***For Richer For Poorer*** by Danielle Steel  
Thursday, August 27 at 2 PM | South Branch Library  
| Ages 18+

***First Lie Wins*** by Ashley Elston  
Friday, September 4 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library  
| Ages 18+

***North Woods*** by Daniel Mason  
Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30 PM | New Concord  
Branch Library | Ages 18+

 ***Of Women and Salt*** by Gabriela Garcia  
Monday, September 14 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo  
Branch Library | Ages 18+

***A Book ApART***  
Thursday, September 24 at 6 PM | Zanesville Museum



of Art | Ages 18+

***Where Coyotes Howl*** by Sandra Dallas

Monday, September 28 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch  
Library | Ages 18+

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## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation Party!

Saturday, August 22

11 AM to 1 PM

John McIntire Library

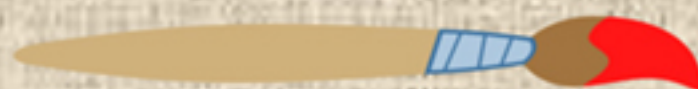


Children who have completed  
1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and their  
families are invited to attend a special party  
in their honor. Register online at  
[muskingumlibrary.org/events](http://muskingumlibrary.org/events).

1,000  
**BOOKS**  
before kindergarten



## Art Show



Join us in welcoming the talented senior artists from The Center  
as they share their latest works. The show runs August-September  
in the Carnegie Wing Gallery at John McIntire Library.

**Opening reception Friday, August 7 from 3:30-5:30 PM**

# Lights! Camera! Action!



Check out these fun, movie related programs at your MCLS!

## **Family Feature Film Fun - *A Minecraft Movie***

Thursday, August 13 at 5 PM

Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## **Movie Meetup - *The Bounty Hunter***

Monday, August 24 at 5 PM

Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **Family Movie Night - *An American Tail***

Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 PM

South Branch Library | All Ages

## **Muskingum 250 Movie Night - *The War of 1812* Documentary**

Friday, August 28 at 6:30 PM

OU Zanesville, Elson Hall Auditorium | Ages 12+

## **Book vs. Movie Summer Thriller Series - *Verity***

Thursday, September 10 at 5:30 PM

New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

## **John McIntire Library Remodel Documentary**

Saturday, September 12 at 2 PM

John McIntire Library, Auditorium | All Ages

## **Family Feature Film Fun - *LEGO Batman Movie***

Monday, September 14 at 5 PM

Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## **Movie Meetup - *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton***

Monday, September 21 at 5 PM

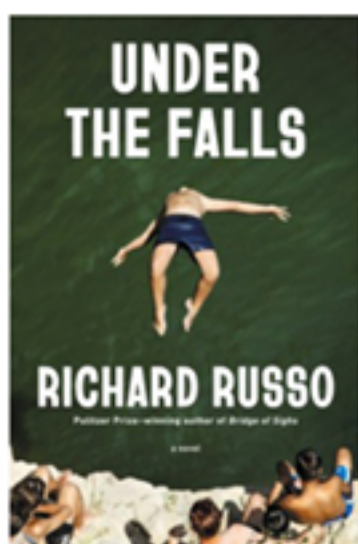
Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+



# ***HOT*** New Titles

Look for these HOT new titles coming out in August and September. 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)



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# AUGUST 2026 LIBRARY EVENTS

Please visit [events.muskingumlibrary.org](https://events.muskingumlibrary.org) for event descriptions and registration.

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**Back to School 2026 Beanstack Challenge**  
Throughout August | Virtual | Ages 5-18

## Writing Group

Saturday, August 1 from 10 AM to 12 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 3 | Ages 18+

## Last Splash of Summer

Monday, August 3 from 12 to 2 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## Senior Fitness

Monday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 at 4 PM  
Wednesday, August 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 4 PM  
| Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Youth Chess Club

Monday, August 3 & 31 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 7 | Ages 8-18

## Roseville Farmers Market

Tuesday, August 4, 11, 18, & 25 from 3 to 6 PM  
| Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## DIY Book Bricks

Tuesday, August 4 from 4 to 5:30 PM  
| Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Dresden Farmers Market

Tuesday, August 4 & 18 from 4 to 6:30 PM  
| Dresden Branch Library | All Ages

## Artful Afternoons

Wednesday, August 5 at 3 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Just Make It - Laser Engraved Pins

Wednesday, August 5 & 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM  
| John McIntire Library, Makerspace | Ages 12+

## Friends of the New Concord Branch Library Book Sale

Thursday, August 6 from 11 AM to 7 PM  
Friday, August 7 from 11 AM to 6 PM  
Saturday, August 8 from 10 AM to 2 PM  
| New Concord Branch Library | All Ages

## A Taste of Books - Teen Book Tasting

Thursday, August 6 at 5:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12-18

## Genre Jumpers Book Club - Graphic Novels

Thursday, August 6 at 5:30 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12-18

## Positive Affirmation Jars - Teen Craft

Friday, August 7 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12-18

## Just Make It -

### K-Pop Photocard Toppers & Stickers

Friday, August 7 from 11 AM to 1 PM & 3 to 5 PM  
| John McIntire Library, Makerspace | Ages 12+

## Uno Tournament

Friday, August 7 at 5 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 6+

## Bigfoot - Evidence & Encounters with Ohio Night Stalkers

Saturday, August 8 from 12 to 1:30 PM  
| New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6+

## Makers' Supply Exchange - Swap, Share, Create!

Monday, August 10 from 5 to 7 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

## All Abilities Club - Switch It Up!

Tuesday, August 11 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 3 | Ages 18+

## Splish, Splash, Snacks!

Tuesday, August 11 from 11 AM to 12:30 PM  
| Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-11

# OUTREACH STOPS

## James Singer Activity Center

Monday, August 3, 17, & 31 from 3:30-4:30 PM

## Goddard Avenue Park

Tuesday, August 4 from 11 AM-12 PM

## Eagle View Apartments

Tuesday, August 4 & 18 from 3:45-4:30 PM

## Merrick Park

Wednesday, August 5 from 11 AM-12 PM

## Adams Lane Park

Thursday, August 6 from 11 AM-12 PM

## Colony Square Mall

Thursday, August 6 from 3:30-5 PM

## Mills Bulk Food & Deli

Monday, August 10 & 24 from 3-4 PM

## Frank Cook Senior Housing

Tuesday, August 11 & 25 from 12-12:45 PM

## Seton Square

Wednesday, August 12 from 1-2 PM

## Zane Commons

Wednesday, August 12 from 2:30-3:15 PM

## Maple Terrace High Rise

Thursday, August 13 from 11:15 AM-12 PM

## Zanesville Farmers Market

Saturday, August 22 from 9 AM-12 PM



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## Intro to Babysitting

Tuesday, August 11 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Lower Level Meeting Room | Ages 11-16

## Dungeons & Dragons One Shot Adventures

Tuesday, August 11 from 4:30 to 7 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 7 | Ages 18+

## Ohio Railroad History with

the Zanesville & Western Scenic Railroad

Tuesday, August 11 at 5 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Needlework Learning Circle

Wednesday, August 12 at 3 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Bling Your Shades - Adult Craft

Wednesday, August 12 at 5:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Tech Help Open Hours

Thursday, August 13 & 27 from 12 to 2 PM | Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

## Family Feature Film Fun - *A Minecraft Movie*

Thursday, August 13 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## The Community Chair Project

Monday, August 17 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Baby Rave! Dance, Play, & Glow Together

Tuesday, August 18 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-5

## Google Calendar Basics

Tuesday, August 18 at 4 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12+

## So, You Want to be a Meteorologist? with WHIZ's Keaton Lewis

Tuesday, August 18 at 4 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6+

## Stretching Your Dollar - Budgeting Basics

Wednesday, August 19 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 3 | Ages 18+

## David Zeisberger & Schoenbrunn Village - The First Settlement in Ohio

Wednesday, August 19 at 6 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Library Adventurer's Guild - D & D @ the Library

Thursday, August 20 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Lower Level Meeting Room | Ages 6-18

## Stop Guessing at the Grocery Store - Nutrition Label Reading & Grocery Shopping

Thursday, August 20 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 3 | Ages 18+

## Superhero Training Academy

Friday, August 21 at 11 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 0-5

## Movie Meetup - *The Bounty Hunter*

Monday, August 24 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 18+

## DIY Barn Quilts

Monday, August 24 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Plan On It - Back-to-School Teen Workshop

Monday, August 24 at 5 PM | John McIntire Library, Teen Room | Ages 12-18

## After School LEGO Club

Wednesday, August 26 from 3 to 5 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 12-18

## After School Make & Munch - Oreo Moon Phases

Wednesday, August 26 at 3:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 6-18

## Family Movie Night - *An American Tail*

Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30 PM | South Branch Library | All Ages

## Homework Help for Adults

Thursday, August 27 at 4:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## After Hours Painting Party - Color Blending

Friday, August 28 from 6 to 8 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Muskingum 250 Movie Night -

*The War of 1812 Documentary*

Friday, August 28 at 6:30 PM | OU Zanesville, Elson Hall Auditorium | Ages 12+

## Snacking by the States

Saturday, August 30, All Day | South Branch Library | Ages 6-18



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## September Reset Kits - Grab-and-Go

Tuesday, September 1, All Day | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Roseville Farmers Market

Tuesday, September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 from 3 to 6 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## School Year Self-Care Lab

Tuesday, September 1 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6-11

## Dresden Farmers Market

Tuesday, September 1 & 15 from 4 to 6:30 PM | Dresden Branch Library | All Ages

## Artful Afternoons

Wednesday, September 2 at 3 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Create a Paper Airplane

Thursday, September 3 at 11:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Makerspace | Ages 6+

## 36th Annual Ig Nobel Prizes Watch Party

Thursday, September 3 from 1 to 3:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 12+

## Sewing Basics

Thursday, September 3 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Makerspace | Ages 18+

## Hemp Jewelry Making - with Angi Dailey

Thursday, September 3 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Just Make It - Laser Puzzle Workshop

Saturday, September 5 at 1 PM | John McIntire Library, Makerspace | Ages 18+

## Teen Escape Room

Tuesday, September 8 at 4:00 and 4:45 PM | John McIntire Library, Teen Room | Ages 12-18

## Needlework Learning Circle

Wednesday, September 9 at 3 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 12+

## Globetrotter Gourmet

September 9 - Indian Cuisine  
September 16 - Southeast Asian Cuisine  
September 23 - Mexican Cuisine  
5 to 6:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Makerspace | Ages 18+

## Tech Help Open Hours

Thursday, September 10 & 24 from 12 to 2 PM | Center for Seniors | Ages 18+

## The Aaron Burr Conspiracy - A Muskingum 250 History Event

Wednesday, September 9 at 6 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | Ages 18+

## Positivity Pins - Button Craft | Ages 6-18

September 10 | Dresden Branch Library at 4 PM  
September 21 | DF/Philo Branch Library at 4:30 PM  
September 24 | John McIntire Library at 4:30 PM

## Homework Help for Adults

Thursday, September 10 at 4:30 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Book vs. Movie Summer Thriller Series - *Verity* by Colleen Hoover

Thursday, September 10 at 5:30 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Just Make It - Design Your Own Dice Bag

Friday, September 11 at 11 AM and 3:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Makerspace | Ages 12+

## Fondue Frenzy!

Friday, September 11 at 4 PM | South Branch Library | All Ages

## STORYTIMES

### Baby Storytime

Wednesday, September 16, 23, & 30 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 0-2

### Toddler Storytime

Tuesday, September 15, 22, & 29 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 2-3.5

### Preschool Storytime

Thursday, September 17 & 24 at 10:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 3.5-5

### Family Storytime

Wednesday, September 9 at 10:30 AM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Monday, September 14 & 28 at 10:30 AM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Thursday, September 17 & 24 at 10:30 AM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 2-7

Monday, September 21 at 10:30 AM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 2-7



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## Foxes in Folklore

Saturday, September 12 at 12 PM | New Concord Branch Library | All Ages

## **John McIntire Library Remodel Documentary**

Saturday, September 12 at 2 PM | John McIntire Library, Auditorium | All Ages

## Homeschoolers Explore - Space Science

Monday, September 14 at 11:30 AM | John McIntire Library, Lower Level Meeting Room | Ages 6-18

## Grand Connections

Monday, September 14, 21 & 28 at 3 PM | John McIntire Library, Lower Level Meeting Room | Ages 0-5, 18+

## **Hispanic Heritage Month Reading Challenge**

September 15 through October 15 | Virtual | All Ages

## Book Folding Craft for Adults

Tuesday, September 15 at 11 AM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 3 | Ages 18+

## Junk Journaling - Your Story, Your Style

Tuesday, September 15 at 3 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12-18

## Online Grocery Shopping

Wednesday, September 16 at 4 PM | New Concord Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Laundry Basics

Thursday, September 17 at 3:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 7 | Ages 12+

## Colors of Fall Tiny Art Show

Thursday, September 17 at 4 PM | Duncan Falls/Philo Branch Library | Ages 6-11

## **LEGO Creations - Heroes vs. Villains**

Thursday, September 17 at 4 PM | Roseville Branch Library | Ages 6-18

## Library Adventurer's Guild - D & D @ the Library

Thursday, September 17 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Teen Room | Ages 6-18

## Frog and Toad Party

Friday, September 18 at 4:30 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 0-11

## Do Art Productions - Painting Workshop

Saturday, September 19 from 1 to 3 PM | John McIntire Library, Storytime Room | Ages 7-18

## **Make of the Month - Cardboard Airplanes**

Monday, September 21 from 3 to 6:30 PM | John McIntire Library, Makerspace | Ages 12+

## **A-Mazing - McDonald's Corn Maze Admission**

Tuesday, September 22 from 2 to 5 PM | McDonald's Greenhouse & Corn Maze | All Ages with library card

## Dungeons & Dragons One Shot Adventures

Tuesday, September 22 from 4:30 to 7 PM | John McIntire Library, Meeting Room 7 | Ages 18+

## Murder at the Castle -

### **A Murder Mystery for Seniors**

Wednesday, September 23 from 2 to 6 PM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Watercoloring the Season

Wednesday, September 23 from 5:30 to 7 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Lunch & Learn - Before Dillon

Thursday, September 24 at 11:30 AM | South Branch Library | Ages 18+

## Family Paint Party

Thursday, September 24 at 5 PM | Roseville Branch Library | All Ages

## Teens & Beans - National Coffee Day

Tuesday, September 29 at 4 PM | John McIntire Library, Teen Room | Ages 12-18

## **The Stories Behind the Barns**

Wednesday, September 30 at 12 PM | Dresden Branch Library | Ages 12+

## OUTREACH STOPS

### **Eagle View Apartments**

Tuesday, September 1, 15, & 29 from 3:45-4:30 PM

### **Colony Square Mall**

Thursday, September 3 from 3:30-5 PM

### **Frank Cook Senior Housing**

Tuesday, September 8 & 22 from 12-12:45 PM

### **Maple Terrace High Rise**

Thursday, September 10 from 11:15 AM-12 PM

### **James Singer Activity Center**

Monday, September 14 & 28 from 3:30-4:30 PM

### **Zanesville Farmers Market**

Saturday, September 19 from 9 AM-12 PM

### **Mills Bulk Food & Deli**

Monday, September 21 from 3-4 PM