

Our Mission Statement: We will serve our community by providing fun and educational experiences through our customer-focused staff and technology.

From the Director Borrow, Renew, Return



Licking County Library cardholders have borrowed nearly 1 million items in 9 months, an increase of 10% as compared to the same time last year. The majority of our materials check out for 4 weeks at a time, yet we offer the chance to **renew** your items if you are not quite

finished with that particular best-seller or that story your child wants to hear one more time.

Renewal can be defined as the action of extending the period of a contract. When you check out a book, you are in essence entering into a contract with the Library to borrow it for a period of four weeks. If no one else has placed a request for that book, you can renew it and keep it longer.

The staff of your Library have prided themselves in actively **renewing** their education and skills to help you with your tablets and smartphones, help you maneuver the web or one of our databases to seek out the answers to your questions. We network with our peers, participate in workshops and conferences to learn new ways to engage our customers, and share our resources along with a variety of educational experiences through our programs. Thus, in this context, **renew** means to restore to freshness or stay in-the-know so that we can better serve you.

Renewal is also defined as “to begin again” or repeat. The Licking County Library Board of Trustees and staff wish to express their sincere gratitude to the voters of Licking County for **renewing** the one mil operating levy on November 4. Your positive vote ensures that your public library will continue to promote literacy, boost lifelong learning and provide access and assistance with computers, eBooks, tablets and more.

Be sure to stop by one of our six locations, visit the bookmobile or view our website to borrow, **renew** and return your favorite book, DVD, video game, eBook, audio book and more.

This issue is also packed full of interesting programs for you and your family to enjoy. We look forward to serving you. Many, many thanks and have a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year.

Warmly,
Babette Wofter, Director



Licking County Library is successful because of the tireless efforts of the staff, board and levy committee to ensure that we continue to move forward and provide exceptional service. We all love the Library and understand the difference this work makes in many lives. The passage of this 1 mil renewal levy is a testament to a community that appreciates and understands our role as well. The passage of this levy ensures our ability to remain a strong, relevant, vibrant county-district library.”
Thank you.
—Babette Wofter, Director

Join Us for Our 2nd Annual Nutcracker Celebration

**Saturday, Dec. 13
Main Library, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**



Meeting Room B

Pearl Harbor – Extended Version. More material was added to our video on Licking County veterans who served at Pearl Harbor. We will show this free of charge every hour all day, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last showing begins at 4:00 p.m.

Pyle Reading Room, 1st Floor

Dollar-a-Bag Book Sale, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Proceeds of this sale go to our new Friends of the Library group, who will be on hand for the sale.



Under the Cupola

Denison University Suzuki program, 1:00 p.m. The university's music program for children will perform a concert of holiday music and other favorites.

Lyric String Duo, 2:30 p.m.

Relax to the enchanting sounds of the Lyric String Duo—Ginny Workman and Susan Larson— as they play selections from the Nutcracker along with other seasonal favorites.

Teen Zone

Sugar Plum Fairy Floss (cotton candy), 1:00 p.m. in the Teen Zone while supplies last.

Corn Hole with a Nutcracker Twist, 1:00 p.m. in the Teen Zone. Toss bean bags into the mouths of Nutcracker soldiers.



Lara Eckert, guitarist/singer, will perform, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Teen Art Walk Reception, 12:00-1:00 p.m. We will announce the winners of the 2014 Teen Art Walk at 12:45 p.m. Entries may be viewed throughout the Library during December. Refreshments available.

Children's Dept.

Make-It-and-Take-It, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Make your own Nutcracker themed mask and snowflake streamers.

Meeting Room A



The Central Ohio Youth Ballet
Performances at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
An Interactive Nutcracker Performance



FINALE: Signs of Christmas
Music and Sign Language Presentation, 4:00 p.m.

4th Annual Chocolate Fiesta

February 21, 2015

Main Library, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Programs are for ALL ages and are FREE

Upper Level

Licking Valley High School's Show Choir, 12:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Jessica Myers, LVHS will entertain us with a musical performance under the cupola that you are sure to enjoy.

Cake Decorating Demonstration, 2:30 p.m.

Watch the talented owners of McClain's Creations as they decorate a snowman cake and a more traditional round cake. Learn some of their secrets for beautiful cakes.



Main Level

Luis Carlos Montalván, 1:00 p.m.

Author Luis Carlos Montalván will read from his book *Tuesday Tucks Me In*. He and his service dog Tuesday will demonstrate parts of their daily routine, and Montalván will answer audience questions and sign copies of his books, which will be available for purchase.



Stan and Flo Hertz, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy the sounds of a hammered dulcimer and guitar while you enjoy sweet treats.

Stevens Puppets, 3:00 p.m.

Stevens Puppets will present "Aladdin" with marionette puppets. Their skilled puppeteers really bring the puppets and story to life.

Lower Level

Wonka Themed Photo Op!, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

A colorful background, paper top hats and Oompa Loompa hair.

Matinee @ the Library, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971) will be playing continually.
"That's Scrumdidilyumptious!"

Gumdrop Castle Building Competition, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Can you build the highest castle within the shortest time? Compete with friends for sweet glory in building the best gumdrop fortress. A timer will be provided for use.

Hot Chocolate River, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Attempt to cross a "Hot Chocolate River" by stepping on "marshmallows" and working with your team. If a team loses contact with a marshmallow, the marshmallow "dissolves" or is lost down the river.

Life-Size Candy Land, 2:00 p.m.

Do you love the board game Candy Land? Then you are sure to enjoy this life-sized version.



Chocolate!

A variety of chocolate will be available throughout the event.
Visit our [online Event Calendar](#) for more chocolate activities and fun.



Emerging Technologies and Digital Content



Featured eContent Service: OverDrive

OverDrive is a service that provides eBooks, audiobooks, music, and streaming videos for you 24/7. There have been some exciting changes recently, including:

- ◆ Renewing titles
- ◆ Automatic hold checkout
- ◆ Kids and Teen eReading Rooms

Have you always wanted to be able to renew your eBooks? Now you can if no one else has it on hold. Log in to your ohioebooks.org account within 3 days of the title expiring and you will see the "renew" option next to the title you would like to renew.

Do you sometimes forget to checkout your digital holds after being emailed about them and then have to go back on the hold list? Well, that's not a problem anymore. When you place an eBook or any other OverDrive title on hold, you have the option to automatically check it out when your hold becomes available. This change means you will never lose another hold again.

Our ohioebooks.org collection has now been divided into 3 parts: the main collection, which includes titles for all ages, a Kids and a Teen eReading Room. In the Kids and Teen eReading Rooms you will find titles for just kids or teens. You can also search by reading, Lexile and interest levels.

Basic Computer Classes @ Main Meeting Room B

Computer Basics, Dec. 3, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This class is great for beginners and gives information about computer hardware as well as skills that will help you become comfortable using the computer. *The skills learned in this class are necessary for all other classes.*

Internet and Web Searching, Dec. 10, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This class gives information on internet browsers, search engines like Google, Yahoo, Ask and Bing, and toolbar buttons. It also covers how to evaluate a web-site and briefly mentions social networking sites and YouTube. *Basic computer skills are required for this class.*

Exploring Google, Dec. 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This class will explore the most popular products that Google has to offer including Gmail, Drive, Earth and much more. *Basic computer skills are required for this class.*

These classes are free, but registration is required. Please call 740-349-5553 to register.



eContent Classes

Did you give someone a new device this holiday season? Did you receive one? The Library has some fantastic eContent services that you should check out. Learn more at one of our classes.

Mary E. Babcock Library Jan. 6, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Hervey Memorial Library Jan. 8, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Buckeye Lake Library Jan. 10, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Hebron Library Jan. 12, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Main Library Jan. 14, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Emerson R. Miller Library Jan. 19, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Main Library, Jan. 22, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

If none of these times works for your schedule, please call 740-349-5581 to set-up an individual appointment time.

Microsoft Office 2013 Classes Meeting Room B



Word Basics

Feb. 4, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

This class is an introduction to the basics of Word 2013. Basic computer skills are required for this class.

PowerPoint Basics

Feb. 11, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to create simple presentations including creating and editing a slide, inserting images, and saving, opening and playing a slideshow. Basic computer skills are required for this class.

Publisher Basics

Feb. 18, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn the basics of using desktop publishing to create flyers, greeting cards, brochures and other documents. Basic computer skills are required for this class.

Excel Basics

Feb. 25, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a basic spreadsheet and use basic formulas. You will also create charts and learn how to filter and sort your data. Basic computer skills are required for this class.

These classes are free, but registration is required. Please call 740-349-5553 to register or click on the event on our event calendar to register yourself online.

KIDS @ the Main Library

Upcoming Children's Activities & Events

All programs and activities are free. Be sure to check the events calendar on the Library's web site to find more great programs for children and families



Dec. 2 *A Visit with Santa Claus*, 6:00 - 7:45 in the Story Time Room. Ho, ho, ho. The man in red will read stories followed by time to sit on his lap and tell him what's on your wish list. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. For all ages.

Dec. 9 *Christmas Crafts*; a Homeschool Program, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the Story Time Room. Make a variety of Christmas crafts for yourself or give them as gifts. For school ages.

Dec. 22 *Wii Games*, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Story Time Room. Do you like to play Nintendo Wii games? Kick-off winter break by joining other kids at this gathering of school-age gamers. Grades 1 - 5.

Dec. 27 *Magic Show*, 2:00 - 2:30 p.m., Meeting Room A. Let's have a blast with magician Erica Carlson, who will perform magic tricks with her sidekick, Sedgewick the Hedgehog. This is a family program geared for ages 2 - 7.



Jan. 6 - 7 *Stuffed Animal Sleepover*, starts at 6:30 p.m. Drop off your favorite stuffed friend in the Children's Department for a night of fun and games, just for toys. We will send home pictures of your stuffed animal's adventures in the Library when you pick up

your special friend beginning at 11:00 a.m. the next morning.

Jan. 10 *BookVids*, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Story Time Room. Do you dream of being an actor? Join our group of budding film stars as we script, act and film our way to stardom depicting book plots—in just 90 seconds. Finished book trailers will be shown on the Library's Facebook page and YouTube channel. For grades 4 - 6. Lights, camera, action...

Jan. 13 *Apps & eContent for Students*; a Homeschool Program, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Story Time Room. Bring your iPad or other tablet or smartphone to this interactive presentation and learn about great FREE apps and eContent available for students. Information on library eResources will also be covered. For school ages.

Jan. 17 *Cabin Fever Movie*, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Story Time Room. Bring your pillows and blankets and join us to watch *How To Train Your Dragon 2* (rated PG) on the big screen. Popcorn provided. This is a family program for all ages.

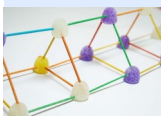


Jan. 19 *Wii Games* (see Dec. 22).

Jan. 24 *Let's LEGO*, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Story Time Room. Got cabin fever? Join other like-minded builders at this open LEGO play hour. Grades K - 5.



Feb. 10 *Movin' To Music*, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., Story Time Room. Sing, dance and move to the beat in this active musical adventure for the entire family. Get ready to play with rhythm instruments, scarves, bean-bags, bubbles, the parachute and more. For ages 2 - 6 with a caregiver.



Feb. 10 *Bridge Building Challenge*; a Homeschool Program, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in the Story Time Room. Are you up to the challenge of constructing the strongest bridge using toothpicks and gumdrops? Learn bridge building techniques, then it's time for the ultimate test—will your bridge survive? For school ages.

Feb. 14 *Valentine's Day Party*, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Story Time Room. Join us for crafts, food, games and fun. Make a special craft for your valentine. For grades 1 - 5.

Feb. 16 *Wii Games* (see Dec. 22).

Feb. 24 *Movin' To Music* (see Feb. 10).

Calling all collectors: Hey kids, do you have a special collection that you would like to share with the Library? We want to display your collection. Kids in grades K-5 can fill out an information form at the Children's desk in the Main Library, and we will display your collection for all to see.

There will be no Story Times in December or January

Active Family Story Time

For children ages 2 - 6 with their families. First and third Tuesdays Feb. 3 through April 21 at 6:30 p.m. Stories and lots of hands-on activity stations will give your toddler or preschooler plenty to explore. This is 45 minutes of a fun-filled family program.

Little Tots Story Time

Ages 6 - 36 months with a caregiver, Wednesdays from Feb. 4 through April 29 at 10:00 a.m. Toddlers and their caregivers will enjoy stories, songs and rhymes followed by special activities and playtime in this weekly story time.

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3 - 5 yrs., Thursdays from Feb. 5 through April 30, 10:00 a.m. Preschoolers and caregivers will enjoy stories, songs and rhymes followed by a craft in this weekly story time.

Teens @ the Main Library

Teen Calendar: Programs and Events for Grades 6 - 12 unless otherwise noted

It's a Tween Thing

4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Lower Level Meeting Room
For grades 4 - 8

- Dec. 17** Handcrafted Ornaments
- Jan. 21** Paper Roller Coasters
- Feb. 18** Maker Mania

Chocolate Fiesta

See page 3 for Teen activities during this annual event



Guitar Anatomy: Beginning to Play

Wed., January 7,
3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Teen Zone



Are you a note playing novice who wants to start

your journey to being a guitar guru? We can help you take those first steps. Bring your own guitar or share some of our new circulating instruments and learn the basics while having fun.

Pathfinder

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Upper Level Conference Room

Join us for adventure with other teens and play the world's most popular pen and paper RPG. No experience or materials required.
Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9



Teen Art Walk Reception

Saturday, December 13,
12:00-1:00 p.m., Teen Zone



Join us for a celebration of teen art. Winners of the 2014 Teen Art Walk will be announced at 12:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Art Walk entries will be available for viewing throughout the Newark Library during the month of December.

TLC: Teen Library Council
(formerly known as Teens LEAD)
Meets one Monday each month at 4:00 p.m.

Teen Library Council is the Teen Advisory Group for the Licking County Library. Join TLC and help plan teen activities while having fun with other teens.

Dec. 15 Nibble on some holiday cookies and meet new friends. Bring your favorite holiday recipes to share as we design a TLC Holiday Cookbook. Everyone will leave with a copy of their very own.

Jan. 26 Do you like listening to music, poetry, playing an instrument, singing or writing? Join us for an afternoon Open Mic session with a coffee house atmosphere as we sip on hot chocolate, cappuccino or tea. Take center stage by sharing poetry or music.



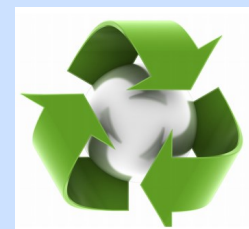
Feb. 23 Vote on one of our board games or bring your own to play. Enjoy visiting while popcorn and fruit are served before the competition begins.

Green Teens

Be green with other teens and make old stuff into new stuff

1st Tuesdays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Meeting Room A

- Dec. 2** Bags, Tags and Bows
- Jan. 6** Can Characters
- Feb. 3** Recycled Valentine Gift

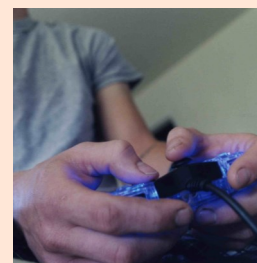


Teen Gaming Night

5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Teen Zone

Want to battle for gamer glory with other teens? Play Xbox 360, PS3, Wii & board games.

Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18



See page 9 for the Teen Book Club and our new Next Chapter Book Club.

Adults @ the Main Library

All programs and activities are FREE. Visit our Event Calendar for more details.
Unless otherwise noted, adult programs take place in Meeting Room A.

Movie Night for Adults



Come spend the night out and watch the hottest new movie releases. Must be 18 years or older and have photo ID.

All shows start at 6:00 p.m. The movie and popcorn are free.

Dec. 4
Jan. 8*
Feb. 5

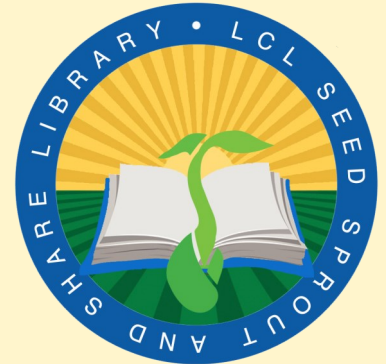
*Special date due to New Year's Day

LCL Seed, Sprout and Share Events

Every Thursday in February, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

It's Time to Get Your Garden Started!

Choose your seeds from the seed library, then plant them here at the library. Master Gardeners will be on hand for assistance. Containers and soil will be provided.



Feb. 5
Feb. 12
Feb. 19
Feb. 26

Hands on @ Your Library

December 2 and 3, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Main Level

The creative folks at Wilson's Garden Center will be demonstrating how to make decorative items with live greens for the holidays. Stop by and see how they design all those beautiful holiday home trimmings.



Resume Writing Workshop

Thursday, January 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting Room B

Looking to improve your resume for job searching? Work with professionals to create a personalized resume, and learn more about what Ohio Means Jobs has to offer for job seekers.



D.I.Y. Arm Knitting

Thursday, December 18, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



Join us for a crafty evening of arm knitting. In one hour, you can learn how to arm knit and walk out with a finished scarf. Bring your own bulky or super bulky yarn or use some of ours. Yarn is provided for the first twelve participants.

Online Dating 101

Thursday, February 12, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

You can find love anywhere—even online. Attend this session to learn more about the different dating sites, how to build a profile, online dating safety, taking a profile picture, and more.



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Funding Information Network (FIN) Events Introduction to Finding Funders

Monday, January 12
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
UL Conference Room,
Main Library

Learn how to find funders
for your nonprofit
with the Foundation Center's
comprehensive funding research tool,
Foundation Directory Online.



Proposal Writing Basics Workshop

Monday, February 9
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Upper Level Conference Room,
Main Library

Learn the key components
of a proposal
to a foundation.

2nd annual
Oscar Movie Madness
Saturday, February 28, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.



Join us for the showing of four Oscar-nominated films. You can watch one or all four. Once the nominations have been announced, check our event calendar for the movies titles and show times.

Yoga @ Your Library



Take time to relax
with certified
yoga instructor
Lenise Alexander.

Meets the 3rd Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 20
Jan. 17
Feb. 21

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, January 22, 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Give the gift of life
by donating blood.

Visit
www.redcrossblood.org
or
call 1-800-RED CROSS
to secure a time.

Walk-ins are welcome.



Book Groups @ the Main Library

Booked to Death Mystery Book Club



Meets the 4th Wed., 6:30 p.m.
Upper Level Conference Room

Dec. 17 *Mrs. Jeffries and the Silent Knight* by Emily Brightwell
(special meeting night due to Christmas)

Jan. 28 *13 Hours* by Deon Meyer

Feb. 25 *Crossing Places* (a Ruth Galloway Mystery #1)
by Elly Griffiths

Fiction Discussion Group

Meets the 1st Wed., 6:30 p.m.
Upper Level Conference Room

Dec. 3 *Landline* by Rainbow Rowell

Jan. 7 *Ordinary Grace*
by William Kent Krueger

Feb. 4 *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes



Paranormal Romance and Urban Fantasy Group



Meets the 3rd Sat., 2:30 p.m.
Upper Level Conference Room

Dec. 20 *Clockwork Angel*
by Cassandra Clara

Jan. 17 *Storm Front* by Jim Butcher

Feb. 21 *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

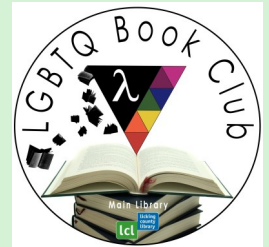
LGBTQ Book Club

Meets the last Thur., 6:30 p.m.
Upper Level Conference Room

Dec. 19 *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt

Jan. 29 *When You Are Engulfed in Flames* by David Sedaris

Feb. 26 *Two Boys Kissing* by David Levithan



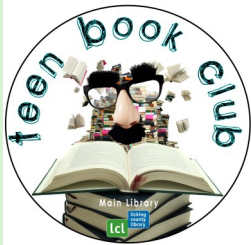
Teen Book Club

Meets the 1st Thur.,
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Upper Level Conference Room

Dec. 4 *Harry Potter Party*
(special time, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.)

Jan. 8 *In a Handful of Dust* by Mindy McGinnis.

Feb. 5 "Blind Date" with a book.

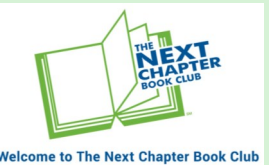


Next Chapter Book Club

1st & 3rd Tues.,
1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Teen Zone

We are currently reading *Lucky Dogs*, *Lost Hats*, and *Dating Don'ts: Hi-Lo Stories about Real Life* by Thomas Fish and Jillian Ober.

We will vote on future books to read. For more information, call 740-349-5552 or go to www.nextchapterbookclub.org.



Audiobook Club

Are you an audio book enthusiast? Do you enjoy the art of listening to recorded books? Then this is the group for you. We will start this new group in January 2015.

Please contact the Adult Services Department at the Main Library for more information: 740-349-5520.



Hear Me Out (Audiobook Club)

Last Mon. monthly at 6:30 p.m.
Upper Level Conference Room

Jan. 26
Bossypants by Tina Fey

Feb. 23
Wild by Cheryl Strayed

Book Groups @ the Branches

Hebron Bookmark Book Club

Meets the last Thursday, 2:00 p.m.



Dec. 18* *The Snow Child*
by Eowyn Ivey

Jan. 29 *The Auschwitz Escape*
by Joel Rosenberg

Feb. 26 *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*
by Jennifer Chiaverini

*special date due to
Christmas

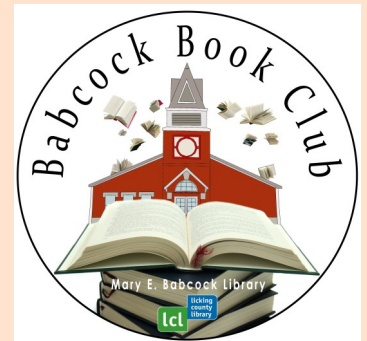
Babcock Book Club

Just read the month's selection and fill out a brief survey

Dec. Select from Christmas
books on display

Jan. *The Orphan Train*
by Christina Baker Kline

Feb. *The Book Thief*
by Markus Zusak



Buckeye Lake



Inspirational Fiction Book Club

Meets the 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 16* *Naomi's Gift* by Amy Clipston

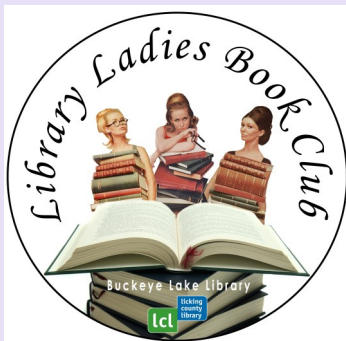
Jan. 6 *All Things New* by Lynn Austin

Feb. 3 *Leota's Garden* by Francine Rivers

*special date due to scheduling conflict

Library Ladies Book Club

No meetings—just read the current month's selection
and fill out a brief survey card.

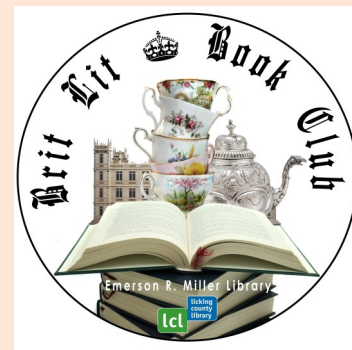


Dec. *A Christmas Carol*
by Charles Dickens

Jan. *What I Know for Sure*
by Oprah Winfrey

Feb. *Cinder*
by Marissa Meyer

Miller Branch



Brit Lit Book Club

Meets the 3rd Wednesday 6:00 p.m. at Miller Branch

Dec. 17 *The Queen's Christmas* by Karen Harper

Jan. 21 *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey*
by The Countess of Carnarvon

Feb. 18 *Lady Catherine, the Earl and the Real Downton Abbey*
by The Countess of Carnarvon

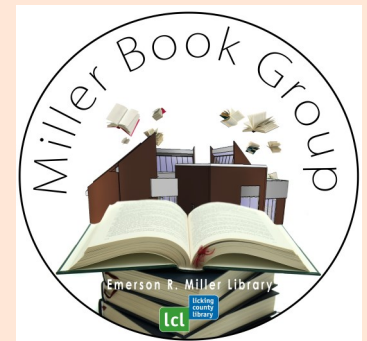
Miller Book Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 10 *Mr. Ives' Christmas*
by Oscar Hijuelos

Jan. 14 *The Kept*
by James Scott

Feb. 11 *Sisters of Treason*
by Elizabeth Fremantle





Children's and Family Programs

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. from Feb. 4 through Apr. 8. Children ages 3 - 5 are invited to join us for a story, snack and craft.

Dec. 9 Santa Claus Is Coming to Buckeye Lake Library, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. The entire family is invited to see Santa and enjoy some cookies and juice.



Dec. 15 Buckeye Lake Homeschool Program, 1:00 p.m.
Art for Everyone: You will learn about different types of art and have the opportunity to create your own.



Jan. 19 Buckeye Lake Homeschool Program, 1:00 p.m.
Put your skills to the test. Join us for our ultimate skills challenge. This will be fun for the whole family.

Feb. 16 Buckeye Lake Homeschool Program, 1:00 p.m.
Arctic Animals: Join us for a fun and entertaining afternoon filled with facts about animals that live and thrive in cold climates.

Adult Programs

Holiday Movie & Cookie Exchange

Thursday, Dec. 4
from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Come enjoy a traditional holiday movie and bring your favorite cookies to share with others. Don't forget to bring a copy of the recipe.



DIY Cookies In a Jar

Join us at the Buckeye Lake Library on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Create your own unique cookie recipe. We will have all of the basic supplies available at the Library.

eContent Classes

Jan. 10, Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Did you give someone a new device this holiday season? Did you receive one? The Library has some fantastic eContent services that you should check out. Learn more at one of our classes.

Teen & Tweens Programs

Teen Art Maker Space

Wednesday, December 10 – Monday, January 5
Teens in grade 6 - 12 are invited to come to the Library any time during our regular business hours from Wed., Dec. 10 through Mon., Jan. 5. We will transform our conference room into a teen art maker space. We will have various types of art supplies and materials; all you need to bring is your creativity.



Valentine's Day Party for Teens & Tweens

Thurs., Feb. 12 from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Students in grades 4 - 8 are invited to the Library for a fun afternoon of crafts and snacks. We will have a cookie decorating contest, a crazy card contest, and of course some delicious snacks for everyone to enjoy while supplies last.

Children's and Family Programs

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. from Feb. 3 through April 7.
Children ages 3 - 5 are invited to join us for a story and craft.

Challenge Accepted

On Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 3:00 p.m., accept various challenges by using household items in ways you never imagined. For grades K - 5.



Chess for Kids: a Beginner's Group

Local chess player Michael Spaul will be teaching kids ages 8 - 13 the basics of chess on Thursdays from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Any parents who want to learn how to play with their kids are also welcome to join in the learning. The program will run for six weeks on Jan. 15, 22, 29, and Feb. 5, 12 and 19.

Everything is AWESOME

Saturday, Feb. 28, noon to 2:00 p.m. Come and use your imagination. Hang out with us and have fun with Legos. ®
For all ages.

Adult Programs

DIY Not? Inspiration for Creative Entrepreneurs

First Monday monthly, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Love to craft? Thinking of starting a business? Already have a creative small business? Join us for a meet-up to craft, learn, brainstorm and enjoy the company of other creative people. Winter meeting dates:

- Dec. 1 Seasonal craft night: holiday snow globes.
- Jan. 5 Logo design: how to design and create a logo for your business.
- Feb. 2 Craft night.

eContent Classes

Jan. 19, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Did you give someone a new device this holiday season? Did you receive one? The Library has some fantastic eContent services that you should check out. Learn more at one of our classes.



Downton Abbey Discussion Group

Meets every Wednesday in January and February at 6:30 p.m. The group discusses each episode and shares our thoughts.

We also have tea and English treats. Fun for everyone interested in Downton Abbey.

Teen Programs

Teen Japanamania Club

Join us the third Thursday of each month from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for all things anime. Grades 6 - 12 welcome with parental permission slip.

Winter meeting dates: Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19.



Teen Doctor Who Club

Meet with other Whovians on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. If you are a teen in grades 6 - 12 who loves a Wibbly Wobbly Timey Wimey

good time, then join us for a celebration of Doctor Who. Feel free to dress in your Doctor Who finest and be prepared to talk about episodes, make cool Who-related crafts and generally geek out.

Winter meeting dates: Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10.

Library After-Hours Teen Glow Party

Dec. 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
(special hours)

Get out your black light gear for this after-hours program at Miller Library. We will clear the Library floor for a DJ, dancing, games and fun, all under

the neon glow of black light. Before you spend the holidays with family, celebrate with your friends at this super special holiday party for teens in grades 6 - 12. Feel free to bring an extra white t-shirt to doodle on in glowing letters.



Children and Family Programs

Preschool Story Time

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. from Feb. 3 through April 7. Preschoolers ages 3 - 5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for story time and a craft.



Dec. 2

Santa Visits the Hebron Library, 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Ho, ho, ho. It's that time of year again. Bring the whole family for treats, crafts, music and more. Don't forget to bring your wish list to share with Santa.

Dec. 9 Homeschool Program: Cookie Party, 2:00 p.m.

Calling all homeschooling families. We will practice our measure-

ment skills as we make cookie mixes. Bring in your favorite holiday cookie recipe and samples to share. Registration is suggested. Please call 740-928-3923.

Jan. 20 Make Your Own Movie, 2:00 p.m., for Hebron Homeschoolers. Make your own still-movement movie creation. Learn new skills and strengthen old skills as you write and create your own short film.



Feb. 14 Be My Valentine Doll Tea Party, 11:00 a.m.

Get your fanciest outfit ready. Bring your favorite doll for this annual event, and share the special day with your friends by making crafts and sampling fancy treats. Registration is required. Please call 740-928-3923.



Feb. 17 Homeschool Program: Careers, 2:00 p.m. Attention Hebron area homeschoolers: Librarian Deirdre McIntyre is excited to share with you different career opportunities. Share your interests and learn about careers in different fields.



Teen and Tween Programs

Teen Board Game Night

Last Tuesday of the month from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

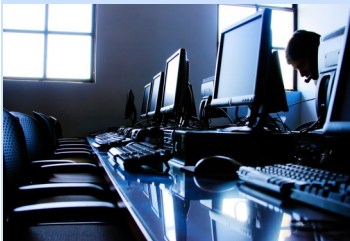
Do you love board games or want to try new ones with your friends? Come to the Hebron Library on the last Wednesday of each month to play board games and indulge in snacks and refreshments. Bring one of your own or play one of ours. If interested please contact the Hebron Library staff and let us know.



Adult Programs

Dec. 10

Tech Savvy Class, 5:00 p.m. Learn the basics of Hoopla. Did you know that you can access thousands of movies, television shows, music and audiobook titles for free?



Jan. 6

Tech Savvy Class, 5:00 p.m. Explore the Licking County Library website and learn about its helpful features.

Jan. 12

eContent Classes, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Did you give someone a new device this holiday season? Did you receive one? The Library has some fantastic eContent services that you should check out. Learn more at one of our classes.

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Children's and Family Programs



Preschool Story Time

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 from Feb. 4 to April 8. Children ages 3 - 5 will enjoy stories, songs and simple crafts during a 45 minute session. Come join the fun, and don't forget to bring your imaginations.

Dec. 3 Village of Utica Christmas Walk on Main, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Join the fun in Utica. Santa will be here as well as all kinds of fun and goodies. Be sure to stop by the Library and decorate a cookie.

Dec. 4 First Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. This program is for home schooled children who have not started their high school curriculum. Registration required.

Dec. 18 Family Evening Holiday Story Time, 6:00 p.m. Join in our holiday stories, songs and a craft. All ages.

Jan. 19 - Feb. 14 Guess the Valentine Candy. Guess how many pieces are in the jar. The closest guess wins it. One guess per book read. For ages 5 - 17.

Jan. 26 Family Movie Night, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun, family movie and refreshments. All ages.

Feb. 5 First Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (see Dec. 4).

Feb. 23 Family Movie Night, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun, family movie and refreshments. All ages.

Adult Programs

Jan. 5 - 31 Read a Cozy Mystery During a Cold Month. Pick a cozy mystery from our display, read it, and submit a review as an entry for a prize drawing. Also, pick up your packet of hot chocolate so you can have a warm drink while reading.

Feb. 14 Favorite Love Story Valentine Party, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Don't have anyone to spend Valentine's Day with? Come to the Library to celebrate. Bring your favorite love story to share. We will discuss the stories and have refreshments.

Teen and Tween Programs



Pathfinder RPG

Join us in playing the RPG that has become an instant classic. Use wits, determination, teamwork and a bit of luck to navigate dungeons, unravel puzzling stories and battle fierce monsters. This free program is for students in grades 6 - 12. Winter meeting dates: Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 2, Jan. 6 and Feb. 3.

Comic Book Teens

Comic Book Teens is a comic book discussion group for teens in grades 6 - 12. If you love to read comics and want to find some kindred spirits to discuss them with, come join us. Be sure you stop in the week before to check out a copy of this month's selection.

Winter meeting dates:
Mondays at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 8, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9.

Guess the Valentine Candy

The closest guess of how many pieces of candy are in the jar wins it. One guess per book read. For ages 5 - 17. The contest runs Jan. 19 through Feb. 14.

Tween and Teen Video Game Night

Join us for PS3 video games and snacks. For students in grades 4 - 12.

Winter meeting dates:
Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 22 and Feb. 19.

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Locations and Hours

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101 W. Main St., Newark • 740-349-5553
Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri., 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sat., 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun., 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sept. - April)

Buckeye Lake Library

4455 Walnut Rd., Buckeye Lake
740-928-0472
Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Emerson R. Miller Library

990 W. Main St., Newark • 740-344-2155
Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hebron Library

934 W. Main St., Hebron • 740-928-3923
Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Hervey Memorial Library

15 N. Main St., Utica • 740-892-2400
Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mary E. Babcock Library

320 N. Main St., Johnstown • 740-967-2982
Mon. - Thurs., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Fri., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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Meet Mandie Burns, Our New Children's Librarian

Please help us welcome Mandie Burns as our new Head of Children's Services. She is very excited to join the Licking County Library system. She spent the past twelve years working at the Westerville Public Library in a variety of roles including Marketing Assistant, Youth Services Librarian, Adult Services Reference Librarian and Assistant Manager of Customer Services. She also spent two years working at the Courtright Memorial Library at Otterbein University as an assistant in both Acquisitions and Government Documents. Mandie has an undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Library & Information Science.



A voracious reader, Mandie has been caught staying up past her bedtime reading on more than one occasion. When she's not at work, you might find her traveling the world or creating a vegetarian masterpiece in the kitchen. Some of her favorite things include sewing, crafting, knit and crochet and hosting multi-course dinner parties. Please stop by the Children's Department and say hello - Mandie wants to know what programs your child would love to see at the library.

Local History Corner

Our Children's Department

By Dan Fleming, Adult Services Librarian

A group of 30 prominent women in Newark attended a city council meeting in March 1908 to persuade them to support a truly public library. The women had been operating a subscription library since 1876 in a couple of homes, and for awhile in the courthouse basement. By September 1908 they had their public library, this time housed in one room of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, later called the Auditorium Theater.

A second room was added in 1910, but it was not until 1912 that a third room provided space specifically for children. In 1914 the city schools furnished story-tellers as an experiment, which turned out to be a great success.

The Newark Public Library became a school-district library in 1924 and opened up branches inside Lincoln and Roosevelt junior high schools. This is about when summer reading programs began for children. The library had moved into a house at 105 W. Church Street in 1920, but by 1928 Director Mary Pierce complained that their greatest need was a new building. It took until 1946 before a levy was passed to build it, and it was completed by August 1950.

In this third location, the Children's Librarian was Edna Griffith. She was the third in that position. Edna retired in 1964 and was replaced by a new college graduate named Margaret (Peggy) Rust. Peggy married Carl T. Grimm in 1971 and resigned in January 1972. Following her was Pam Wheeler who held the position until 1976 when she became the Assistant Director. Then came Susan Carr, Jan Andrews and Nancy McKenzie, all for relatively short terms. In December 1985 Sadie Smith became the ninth Head of the Children's Department, staying on until her retirement in September 2014. Mandie Burns (see above) is now the tenth.

In May 2014 the Children's Department, spearheaded by Children's assistant, Kathy Jordan, organized a centennial celebration to remember 100 years of story-telling in the Library. They designed a banner, which was hung outside the building. Many staff members wore buttons that day in honor of the great tradition of story-telling to children.

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