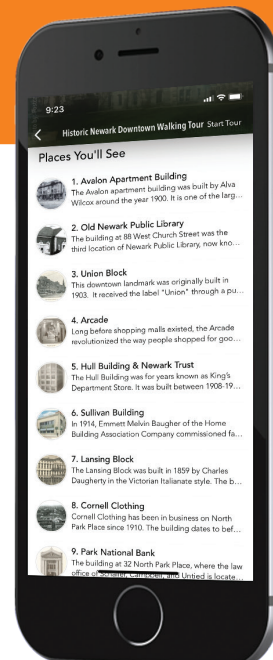
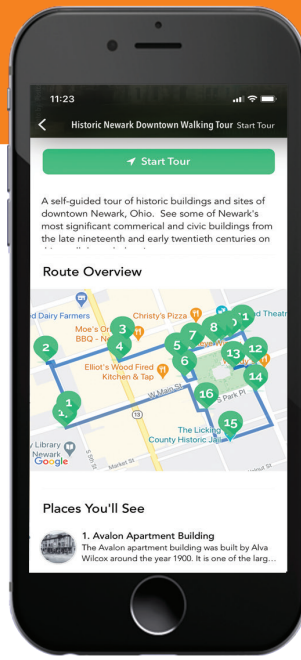
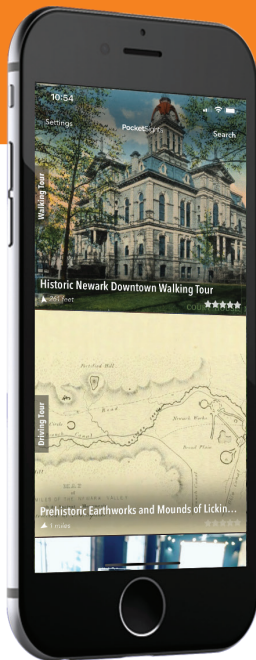


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# It Has Been A Privilege!

Dear Community of Licking County:

It was February of 1989. What started out as a part-time job as a children's librarian while I was student teaching 2nd graders turned into a full-blown career in a matter of months when I enrolled in the Kent State/Columbus program less than a year later to pursue a Master's degree in Library Science. Of my 31+ years in libraries, I have spent almost half of them with you and for that I am very grateful. Licking County is amazing and the people I have worked with both within the library and in the community have been an inspiration. I am turning the page and starting the next chapter and will retire as your Library Director effective April 30.

My time at Licking County Library has been an exciting journey that has included such things as the renovation of our West Newark location, a successful levy campaign, the formation of a Friends of the Library group, the implementation of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, two 24-Hour Kiosks, automated lockers to retrieve holds and a unique veteran's program.

We've led the way in the profession by implementing some big policy changes such as eliminating overdue fines, made ourselves known in the county through various collaborations and even won a few awards of recognition. I've peddled our book bike to the Canal Market District and walked alongside the bookmobile and tossed candy in parades. We've put on some pretty spectacular programs that have grabbed the attention and enthusiasm of thousands of our patrons.

Together, we have taken my "Why not? & Dream Big!" philosophy and made it a reality. To culminate my career by maneuvering through a global pandemic is not quite the perfect ending I had planned, but I could not have persevered without the support of our Board of Trustees, the can-do attitude of the dedicated staff and all of you. I have learned much, made many friends and have a wealth of memories to cherish. It has been my privilege to serve as your Director. Thank you for this opportunity.

I wish Licking County Library and my successor all the best as they continue to bend, flex and pivot to provide experiences, services and resources to enhance life-long learning.

Warmly,

*Rabette Wofter*





# Fall In Love With Our New Youth Space!

We spent much of 2020 remodeling the lower level of our Downtown Newark location. What resulted is a refreshed, open and inviting space that stimulates the senses, provides interactive play areas and sparks a child's imagination.

There are designated tutor rooms, gaming rooms, a large Discovery Center for programs and a play place. A Library Lab provides a space for smaller groups to explore new skills and try equipment that you may not easily be able to access. In addition, a family comfort room has been added as a much needed convenience. In the near future, the youth space will also provide public access to 3D printers, a top-of-the-line cricut and other tech resources.

We invite you to explore our collections arranged in convenient sections that are color and age-coded to help you navigate to your area of interest. Come visit and bring the kids in your life during Spring Break 2021!



## Convenience is Key!

LCL knows how important your time and safety are—and we value those things too. Our drive-up window at the Downtown Newark location has been very popular, increasing over 200 percent in traffic over the past year. We thought West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) is a perfect spot to add a second one for our community. Pick-up your holds from the convenience of your car anytime the Library is open. Current hours are Mondays through Thursdays, 11am - 6pm.



# EMPOWERED MINDS

Licking County Library 

Licking County Library is pleased to announce its newest signature program series, *Empowered Minds*. Members of the community that are of retirement-age have the opportunity to attend exciting lifelong learning classes on a wide variety of topics: history, technology, science, writing, art, business, and so much more. *Empowered Minds* is supported by a sustaining gift from Robert Trimble Jr., a lifelong learner.

Initially, regularly scheduled classes will be conducted virtually through Zoom. From the comfort of your home, you will be able to attend live interactive sessions, connecting with instructors and fellow learners. New to Zoom? Library staff are available for one-on-one, in-person sessions to help get you ready for your favorite *Empowered Minds* class. Call our dedicated and friendly Techsperts with any Zoom questions, or reserve a personal training session, at 740.349.5509.

As 2021 progresses, our goal is for all classes to be conducted in-person at three of our Licking County Library locations: Downtown Newark, Hebron and Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock).

Wherever we meet, we hope you will join us as we embark on an enriching journey over this coming year...and beyond. Learning should be an ongoing endeavor in each of our lives, as we seek out new personal adventures and tap into our creativity. The Licking County Library team is committed to growing something special for the retirement-age citizens of Licking County, and we are honored to serve you and your unique lifelong learning goals.



### **Android 101 • March 9 • 1pm**

Meet with Techsperts in our upcoming Zoom Virtual program on Android devices. They will introduce you to options common on many Android devices. Subjects include internal storage, battery usage, display options and online storage. *Techsperts classes are made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of Ohio.*

### **Plant This Not That • March 18 • 1pm**

Using native plants in backyard landscaping is growing in popularity. Anne Balogh, Program Coordinator for the Licking Park District, covers what it takes to be considered a native plant and their benefits for people and nature. She showcases the wide variety of Ohio native plants available to gardeners, explores the latest research and discusses where you can find native plants for purchase.

### **Story Writing • March 18 • 4pm**

Ever wonder if you can write or have a desire to write? You can do it—we all can do it! Learn a little about how to organize your thoughts and capture stories for family and friends to enjoy and pass down.

Melanie Garrabrant holds a Master of Arts in Writing and teaches college-level writing for Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) and Capital University. Melanie also belongs to a writing group through The Thurber House in Columbus.

### **Stress Management Works! • March 23 • 10am**

What exactly is stress? How does it affect us physically and mentally? How do we deal with it? In partnership with the Central Ohio Professional Education Council, Megan Amaya discusses tools and skills to help reduce and prevent daily stress and anxiety. This interactive presentation includes a PowerPoint presentation, handouts and external resources.

Megan Amaya, PhD, is the Director of Health Promotion and Wellness at The Ohio State University. Previous to her current role at Ohio State, she worked as the wellness coordinator for the City of Dublin.

### **Birds of Central Ohio • April 6 • 7pm**

Over 200 species of birds can be found in Central Ohio in a typical year. Some are year-round residents and others just pass through on their way to the Boreal Forests of Canada. Others fly across the Gulf of Mexico non-stop to have their babies in our backyards! Matt Valencic of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland provides a close up look at 100 of the most common residents, migrants and breeding birds of Central Ohio and shows us where and when to find them.

Matt is a member of The Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland with special interests in education, wild birds and habitat.

### **Cutting The Cord 101 • April 13 • 1pm**

Using the internet to stream TV and movies has become very popular over the past several years. Join our Techsperts and learn the basics of streaming, what equipment is needed, what services are available and how to get local channels. *Techsperts classes are made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of Ohio.*

### **Buckeye Book Club • April 15 • 10am**

In partnership with the Ohioana Library, the Buckeye Book Club explores fiction works by some of the best Ohio-based authors. Our April 2021 title is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. *Little Fires Everywhere* explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood—and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. Pick up a copy of the title at the Downtown Newark location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.

### **The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the Power of Black Ash Baskets • April 19 • 7pm**

The history of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi of Southwest Michigan is a tale of cultural innovation as well as the preservation of tradition. Professor John Low touches on the history of the Pokagon from pre-contact to the present, including the impact of the fur trade, U.S. government policies, and the band's federal recognition in 1994. He'll cover information on current Pokagon initiatives and activities. He also focuses on the black ash baskets of his community and the power of material culture.

Dr. John N. Low is an associate professor at The Ohio State University at Newark, a citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and an award-winning author.

### **Medicare and Social Security • April 22 • 10am**

Have you ever wanted to know the best time to begin Social Security payments; how spousal benefits work; what is included in Medicare benefits or how to navigate the many available options? In partnership with the Central Ohio Professional Education Council, Jerry Snyder presents an overview and addresses frequently asked questions relating to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and Long Term Care.

Jerry Snyder graduated from Ohio University with a B.S. degree in communications and a Minor in Business Administration. He is the founder of Retirement Strategies, Ltd. and secretary of COPEC.

**Register for these virtual *Empowered Minds* programs through our online events calendar at [lickingcountylibrary.org](http://lickingcountylibrary.org)**

# ADULT

REGISTER FOR THESE VIRTUAL ZOOM PROGRAMS ON OUR ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR

## Winter Reading Challenge

ALL AGES

THROUGH MARCH 6

Winter Reading Challenge is back again for all ages! We want to challenge you to discover new authors, titles and genres. Complete a reading ticket for every book you read for a chance to win prizes. We will share what everyone is reading through engaging displays and Facebook posts. This program is happening across all LCL locations and drawings are held throughout the challenge.

## Free Tax Preparation

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS, MARCH 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 & APRIL 5, 6, 12, 13  
11AM - 4PM | DOWNTOWN NEWARK

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program uses IRS-certified volunteers to prepare and e-file federal, state and school district tax returns for income-eligible citizens, at no cost. Most taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$57,000 or less are eligible. Taxpayers can call Licking County Coalition for Housing at 740.345.1970, ext. 200 to schedule an appointment.



## Fiction Discussion Group

MARCH 3 & APRIL 7 | 6:30PM

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Great fiction and stimulating conversations await! Pick up a copy of the title at the Downtown Newark Library or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.  
March: *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi  
April: *A Good Neighborhood* by Anne Fowler



## Brit Lit Book Group

MARCH 17 & APRIL 21 | 5:30PM |

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

British-themed reads that can't be thamed! Pick up a copy of the title at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.  
March: *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware  
April: *Anna of Klevve* by Alison Weir



## Booked To Death

MARCH 24 & APRIL 28 | 6:30PM |

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Calling all armchair sleuths! Pick up a copy of the title at the Downtown

Newark Library or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.  
March: *Fair Warning* by Michael Connelly  
April: *The Guest List* by Lucy Folley

## Volunteer Orientation

MARCH 25 & APRIL 22 | 3PM |

DOWNTOWN NEWARK

Interested in volunteering at the library? We have opportunities to share with you. This orientation is required in order to begin volunteering. Contact Volunteer Coordinator: 740.349.5502 or [tgroves@lickingcountylibrary.org](mailto:tgroves@lickingcountylibrary.org).



## LGBTQ Book Group

MARCH 25 & APRIL 29 | 6:30PM |

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Everyone is welcome to engage in fun, respectful dialogue. Pick up a copy of the title at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) Library or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.  
March: *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes* by Tony Kushner  
April: *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson

## Friends of the Licking County Library Book Sale

APRIL 23 | 3:30 - 5:30PM | PREVIEW SALE

APRIL 24 | 9AM - 3PM | PUBLIC SALE

DOWNTOWN NEWARK

Support YOUR library while adding to your personal collection! The sale is held in the white garage adjacent to the Downtown Newark location. Books are sold for \$5 per bag. The bags are distributed at the door. Clearance sale begins at noon on Saturday.

Interested in getting first dibs on all the great books? Become a member and attend the sale on Friday evening! Memberships are sold at the door: \$10/ students and seniors; \$20/individual; \$30/ families; and \$150/lifetime membership. Bonus: new members receive a \$5 coupon to be used at the book sale.

Due to social distancing guidelines, occupancy will be limited to 20 members at a time and an hour of browsing. Face masks are required and hand sanitizer will be provided at the door.

# Book Sale Downtown Newark

Friends Preview | April 23 | 3:30-5:30pm

Public Sale | April 24 | 9am - 3pm

Friends  
of the Licking County  
Library

# TEEN

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## Teen Manga Discussion

MARCH 10 & APRIL 14 | 4:30PM |

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

All teens are welcome! Pick up a copy of the title at the Downtown Newark location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.

March: *My Hero Academia* by Kohei Horikoshi

April: *Demon Slayer* by Koyoharu Gotouge



## Tween Fiction Discussion

MARCH 24 & APRIL 28 | 4:30PM |

VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM

Discuss a high interest, fast-paced book series with other tweens. Pick up a copy of the title at the Downtown Newark location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.

March: *The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud

April: *Into the Wild* (Book One of Warrior Cats) by Erin Hunter

# EARLY LEARNERS

REGISTER FOR THESE VIRTUAL ZOOM PROGRAMS ON OUR ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR

PICK UP AN EARLY LITERACY KIT AT ANY LCL LOCATION TO ENHANCE YOUR FAMILY'S STORY TIME.





# GUIDE TO AGE GROUPS

Please note: Programs are designed with the indicated age group in mind.

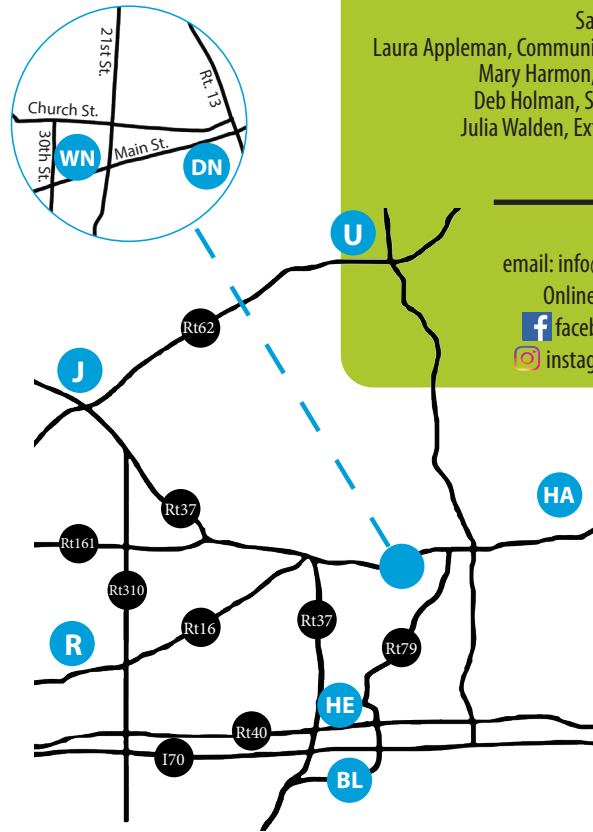
- Early Learners:** Birth through 5 years old
- Elementary:** Kindergarten through fifth grade
- Teens:** Sixth through twelfth grade
- Adults:** 18 years of age and older

# KEY TO LOCATIONS

Visit our website for location hours: [lickingcountylibrary.org](http://lickingcountylibrary.org)

\* Includes a drive-up window for your convenience

- DN** **Downtown Newark\***  
101 West Main Street, Newark | 740.349.5550
- BL** **Buckeye Lake**  
4455 Walnut Road, Buckeye Lake | 740.928.0472
- HE** **Hebron**  
934 West Main Street, Hebron | 740.928.3923
- J** **Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)**  
320 North Main Street, Johnstown | 740.967.2982
- WN** **West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)\***  
990 West Main Street, Newark | 740.344.2155
- U** **Utica (Hervey Memorial)**  
15 North Main Street, Utica | 740.892.2400
- B** **Bookmobile (Housed at Downtown Newark)**  
Call for location: 740.349.5560
- R** **24-Hour Kiosk • COTC Pataskala Campus**  
8660 West Broad Street, Reynoldsburg
- HA** **24-Hour Kiosk • Legacy Park Hanover**  
2018 West High Street, Newark



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# REGISTRATION

All programs at Licking County Library are free and virtual via Zoom! There are three ways to register:

**Online Events Calendar:** [lickingcountylibrary.org](http://lickingcountylibrary.org)

**Phone:** 740.349.5500

**email:** [info@lickingcountylibrary.org](mailto:info@lickingcountylibrary.org)



Meet with Techsperts one-on-one for help with technology issues including social media, virtual meetings, laptops, smartphones, tablets, e-readers and other software in a socially distanced setting. Onsite appointments are available at both Downtown Newark and Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock) locations. For dates and times, check our online events calendar: [lickingcountylibrary.org](http://lickingcountylibrary.org).

Call or email your questions to 740.349.5509 or [info@lickingcountylibrary.org](mailto:info@lickingcountylibrary.org). Zoom appointments are available too!



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