

# CHECK IT OUT

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*Winter*

## READING CHALLENGE

January 3 - March 26

Designed for ALL AGES! Details on our website or at any location.

# ADULTS

DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE 18 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

## ALL LOCATIONS

### Winter Reading Challenge

JANUARY 3 THROUGH MARCH 26

Want to cuddle up with a cozy romance? Fantasizing about a brave new world? Wild about westerns? Challenge yourself to discover new authors, titles and genre with the help of great online Library resources such as *Your Next Favorite Read* or *Novelist*. Complete a reading ticket for every book you read for a chance to win prizes. Watch our social media pages to see what everyone is reading!

## BUCKEYE LAKE

### Escape the Crate

JANUARY 12 | 6PM

Can you Escape the Crate? Work as a team to solve puzzles, crack codes and uncover mysteries in 90 minutes or less.

### AARP Tax Assistance

THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY | 10 - 4PM

AARP professionally trained volunteers prepare federal, state and local tax returns for low and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those sixty and older, by appointment only. Bring a photo ID, Social Security card, a copy of last year's tax return, and all other 2021 paperwork. To schedule an appointment, call 740.641.2387, 8:30am - 4pm, Monday through Friday.

## DOWNTOWN NEWARK

### Busy Bag Workshop

JANUARY 11 | 4:30PM

Busy bags are helpful activities packaged conveniently for those empty blocks of time when your hands are full, but your child is in need of some entertainment. Make a selection of busy bags to take home, including felt pockets to button and unbutton, clothespins with alphabet letters to clip onto a string and popsicle sticks of every color.

### Apple iPhone Basics

JANUARY 12 | 1PM

Get to know the basics of your Apple iPhone, as well as how to navigate the App Store and download apps for your device. Participants should bring their own iPhone to the class as well as their iCloud and email passwords.

### Android Smartphone Basics

JANUARY 19 | 1PM

Techsperts walk you through the basic features and apps found on the average Android smartphone.

### Free Income Tax Preparation

JANUARY 24, 31 | 12 - 6PM

FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28 | 12 - 6PM

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 the Licking County Coalition for Housing at 740.345.1970, ext. 200 to schedule an appointment.



### Booked to Death

JANUARY 26, FEBRUARY 23 | 5:30PM

Calling all armchair sleuths! Download a copy through the Ohio Digital Library. January: *Breaking Creed* by Alex Kava  
February: *Two Nights* by Kathy Reichs

### VIRTUAL: Introducing Android 11

FEBRUARY 9 | 10:30AM

Techsperts walk you through the latest version of the Android OS via Zoom.

### Cutting the Cord 101

FEBRUARY 16 | 1PM

Using the internet to stream TV and movies is very popular. Our Techsperts introduce the basics of streaming, what equipment is needed, what services are available, and how to get local channels.

## JOHNSTOWN (MARY E. BABCOCK)



### Babcock Book Club

JANUARY 13, FEBRUARY 10 |

5:30PM

Copies of the book selection are available at the Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock) location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.

January: *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert

February: *Educated* by Tara Westover

### The Art of Book Folding

JANUARY 18 | 6PM

Diana from Kicks Mix Bookstore demonstrates how to transform an old book into a unique display piece. You create the silhouette of an image by folding the book pages. Your project will not be finished in one hour, but you'll learn everything you need to finish at home. All materials provided.

### Introduction to Smart Homes

FEBRUARY 2 | 4PM

Techsperts discuss what a smart home entails and then how to begin to incorporate smart devices into your home without breaking the bank. Some devices include smart lightbulbs, plugs, thermostats and cameras.

### The Bees' Needs: Conserving Ohio's Native Pollinators

FEBRUARY 22 | 5PM

Dr. Karen Goodell, Professor of Evolution, Ecology and Organismal Biology at The Ohio State University Newark, presents the diversity and habits of native bees and insights about their ecology that she has learned through her research in natural, reclaimed and agricultural systems that will help us to protect bees and their habitats.

## WEST NEWARK (EMERSON R. MILLER)



### Brit Lit Book Club

JANUARY 19, FEBRUARY 16 | 5:30PM

British-themed reads that can't be Themed! Copies are available at the West Newark location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.

January: *The Bookseller's Secret* by Michelle Gable

February: *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear

### BFF: Book Friends Forever

JANUARY 25 | 5:30PM

American writer Irving Stone said "there are no faster or firmer friendships than those formed between people who love the same books." Bring your favorite book to our one-on-one speed friending event, and be prepared to discover new reads and meet new people. Attendees will be entered to win a \$25 Kick Mix gift card.

### Historical Drama Group

JANUARY 26 & FEBRUARY 23 | 5:30PM

A little history...the big screen. Copies are available at the West Newark location.

January: *The Glenn Miller Story* (1954)

February: *Jackie* (2016)



### LGBTQIA+ Book Group

JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 24 | 6PM

Everyone is welcome to engage in fun, respectful dialogue. Copies are available at the West Newark location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.

January: *Frankissstein* by Jeanette Winterson

February: *A Beautiful Crime* by Christopher Bollen

### Heart Wreath Craft

FEBRUARY 2 | 5:30PM

Deck out your door with a one-of-a-kind heart wreath, perfect for Valentine's Day. If you have a glue gun, please bring it.

### Valentine's Day Trivia

FEBRUARY 14 | 5:30PM

Who created the first Valentine's Day box of chocolates? Why are chocolates given? Bring a team, a date, or join a table for a sweet time as you compete for chocolate prizes!

# TEEN

DESIGNED FOR TEENS, SIXTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE

## HEBRON

### Empower Yourself: Safety Training

JANUARY 20 | 5PM



Are you eager to have more freedom, but lack some knowledge necessary to keep you safe? Receive safety training from Dave Martin of the Hebron Police department and make your own weapon-free Self-Defense keychain, as popularized on TikTok. The keychain includes a personal safety alarm with flashlight, wrist strap and car escape tool.

## UTICA

### Book Bingo

JANUARY 3 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28

Participating in the Winter Reading Challenge? Up your game by playing Book Bingo! Choose your books from an assortment of reading challenges on our Bingo card and turn in your completed card for a small reward.

## WEST NEWARK (EMERSON R. MILLER)

### Cookies and Canvas Painting Party

FEBRUARY 17 | 5:30PM

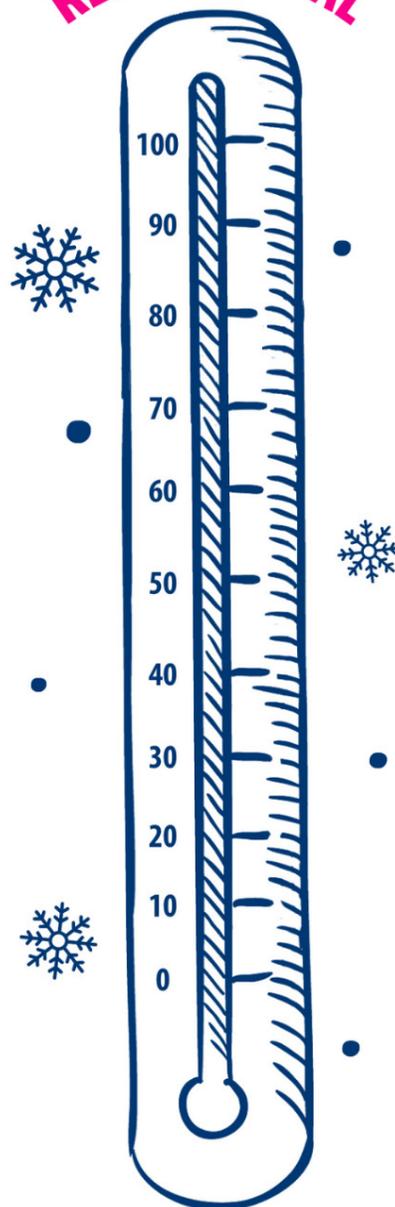


Nibble on cookies and dabble with art. We provide the canvases, paints, and a collection of templates if you need ideas for what to create. Or you can let your imagination go wild.



## READING CHALLENGE

WHAT'S YOUR  
READING GOAL



# ELEMENTARY

DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN, KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

## ALL LOCATIONS

### Read with Rue

DOWNTOWN NEWARK | JANUARY 8 | 1PM

WEST NEWARK | JANUARY 11 | 4PM

BUCKEYE LAKE | JANUARY 24 | 4:30PM

HEBRON | FEBRUARY 1 | 5:30PM

UTICA | FEBRUARY 8 | 5:30PM

JOHNSTOWN | FEBRUARY 15 | 5:30PM

Drop-in and read to Rue, a very friendly and happy Golden Doodle, who would ruff to meet you! All ages are welcome to enjoy this positive reading experience.

## BUCKEYE LAKE

### Wii-nter Olympics

FEBRUARY 8 | 3PM

The Winter Olympics are here and Wii™ want you to prove you're an Olympian! Play a variety of winter Wii™ games, including Mario & Sonic at the Winter Olympics and Winter Sports: The Ultimate Challenge. Team up with other players to compete for the gold!

## DOWNTOWN NEWARK

### Tinkercad 101: 3D Printing

JANUARY 13 & FEBRUARY 10 | 5:30PM

Create a 3D design using the free web-based program, Tinkercad, then print your design on one of the Library Lab's 3D printers.

### Tunes & Tales with the Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra

JANUARY 22 & FEBRUARY 19 | 10:30AM

Join members of the Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra and listen to musical renditions of timeless tales. The Music 4U! Tales and Tunes concert series is made possible by a generous grant from PNC Bank.

### Winter Olympics

FEBRUARY 21 | 10:30AM

Spend your day off from school at the library, where we'll explore favorite Winter Olympics events like hockey and ice skating.

## HEBRON

### Family Night: Build Like a Master!

FEBRUARY 17 | 6PM

Family teams of LEGO enthusiasts compete to be crowned the most talented amateur LEGO builders. We provide the theme and materials for the build and your family provides the talent.

## JOHNSTOWN (MARY E. BABCOCK)

### Battle Bots Robotics Workshop

JANUARY 20 | 4PM

In this workshop, RoboThink teaches you how to design and build a robotic battle bot. Then prepare for some crashes as you compete in challenges and attempt to knock out the competition.

## UTICA (HERVEY MEMORIAL)

### The Great Book Character Hunt

JANUARY 3 - 28

Can you find and identify the 10 picture book characters hiding around the library? If you succeed, you get to choose a free Scholastic book for your home library!



# EARLY LEARNERS

DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN, BIRTH THROUGH 5 YEARS OLD

## DOWNTOWN NEWARK

### Kindergarten Kickstart Preschool Story Time

THURSDAYS | 10:30AM

Using the Kindergarten Readiness standards from the Ohio Department of Education, we use elements of story time to develop language, motor, math and social skills. Let's get ready for Kindergarten! Designed for ages 4 to 5.

### Toddler Art: Art to Music

JANUARY 7 | 10:30AM

Be amazed as toddler artists create and explore different media while listening to a variety of music.

### Pre-K Art Play: Collaborative Tile Painting

JANUARY 21 | 10:30AM

Decorate tiles with paint and odds and ends for a surprising and fantastic end result during this early introduction to collaborative art.

### 1,2,3 Yoga with Me

JANUARY 26 & FEBRUARY 23 | 10:30AM

Kids combine simple stretches, poses and breaths as they explore stories and songs in this interactive movement-filled experience. Comfortable clothing is encouraged. Designed for ages 2 to 5.

### Playdate at the Library

JANUARY 28 | 10:30AM

Your Library is a place for babies and toddlers to interact with each other and explore their world in a safe and fun way. There's something for everyone, from sitting with a board book to sensory play and a ball pit.

### Toddler Art: Finger Painting from the Heart

FEBRUARY 11 | 10:30AM

Enjoy finger painting fabrics and paper. Pieces will be used to create a gigantic Valentine's collage for display.

### Pre-K Art Play: Petal Detectives

FEBRUARY 25 | 10:30AM

What should we do with all those leftover Valentine's Day flowers? Let's take them apart to examine the petals and leaves, then draw them or paint them. We'll wrap up with creating our own spectacular paper and tissue paper flora as a group.

## HEBRON

### Pretend and Play: Fix-it Garage

FEBRUARY 23 | 10:30AM

Come drive a car or fix a flat in our Fix-it Garage! Pretend and Play features stories and guided play using props and scene-setting to build your child's vocabulary, cooperative skills and imagination. Our Garage scene will remain set-up through Friday, Feb. 25 for drop-in exploration.

## UTICA

### Preschool Craft Time

JANUARY 24 & FEBRUARY 21 | 10:30AM

Join us for a simple and fun craft.

## WEST NEWARK (EMERSON R. MILLER)

### Balloons and Bubbles

JANUARY 27 | 10:30AM

Hear stories and songs, make your own bubbles, and have fun with balloons while getting messy and paint with bubbles, too!

### Puppy Love

FEBRUARY 24 | 10:30AM

Buddy, the mascot of the Licking County Dog Warden, joins preschoolers to hear stories, songs, and rhymes about one of our favorite furry animals, dogs! Stuffed furry friends welcome.



Mondays • 10:30am	Birth - 5	Utica
Tuesdays • 10:30am	Birth - 5	Johnstown
Wednesdays • 10:30am	Birth - 2	Downtown Newark
Wednesdays • 10:30am	Birth - 5	Hebron
Thursdays • 10:30am	4 - 5	Downtown Newark
Thursdays • 10:30am	Birth - 5	West Newark
Fridays • 10:30am	Birth - 5	Buckeye Lake

Our goal is to make sure you have somewhere to go every day of the week at the same time—we know routines are important to the younger ones in our lives! Every 4<sup>th</sup> week (and 5<sup>th</sup> if applicable) will be a special program. Check our program calendar online for details.

Wayne National Forest

## EMPOWERED MINDS

Licking County Library



Through engaging topics, Licking County Library continues to support healthy aging, personal development, and maintaining social connections. Learning should be an ongoing endeavor in each of our lives, as we seek out new personal adventures and tap into our creativity. Register online through our event calendar at [lickingcountylibrary.org](http://lickingcountylibrary.org) or call 740.349.5520 today!

### Virtual Classes

#### ● Exploring Einstein's Universe • January 5 • 11am - 12pm

Albert Einstein published his theory of general relativity in 1915. However, a century later, many of the mind-bending results are just now being explored. This class takes students on an expedition through Einstein's universe. Einstein predicted that space could contain what we now call "dark energy," a component of the universe that makes its expansion speed up. Join Ohio State University Professor of Astronomy, Barbara Ryden, for a greater understanding of the basic working principles behind gravitational lenses, black holes, gravitational waves and dark energy.

#### ● Downsizing and Clutter Control Tips • January 13 • 1 - 2pm

In partnership with the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Jane E. Acri, LSW, offers insights as to why we collect what we do and when we should be concerned about our collecting while giving practical tips to assist in downsizing and reducing clutter.

#### ● How Star Trek Changed the World • January 18 • 7 - 8pm

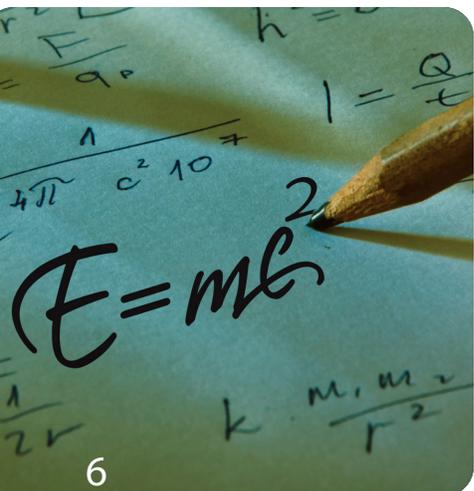
Learn how Star Trek has remained relevant for more than 55 years. Dr. Amy H. Sturgis discusses the profound ways Star Trek has changed science fiction and popular culture, and created global fan participation.

#### ● The High Renaissance in Italy • January 25 • 1 - 2pm

The Classical Ideal is fully realized in the Italian art of the 16th century in the works of Raphael, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Titian and Giorgione. Artist and historian, Sean Crum, takes students on a tour of the High Renaissance. From the architecture of Bramante to the colossal heroes of Michelangelo's sculpture the ancient ideal of perfection is rediscovered.

#### ● Let Nature Inspire Your Writing • February 17 & 24 • 1 - 2:30pm

Do you find yourself reading as well as writing works inspired by nature? This class is for you. Join Laura Grace Weldon for a two-part creative nonfiction workshop. We will focus on both current-day nature experiences as well as nature-infused memories. The workshop includes in-class writing, discussion and a homework assignment.



# In-Person Classes

## ● **Buckeye Book Club • January 11 • 12 - 1pm • Downtown Newark**

In partnership with the Ohioana Library, the Buckeye Book Club explores fiction works by some of the best Ohio-based authors. Our January title is the 2021 Ohioana Award Winner for Best Fiction, *The Prettiest Star* by Carter Sickels.

## ● **B-24 Tail Gunner: My Dad in WWII • January 17 • 1 - 2pm • Downtown Newark**

At the age 20, during 1944 and 1945, Mike Shurig's father laid his life on the line. He survived thirty combat missions in the Air War over Europe. Armed with twin 50-caliber machine guns in the tail turret of a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, he faced German fighters and flak, watched his friends blown from the skies, bailed out at 10,000 feet, and crash-landed. During this course, students examine the combat attire worn by WWII bomber crews. Shurig also reads from his father's well written personal war stories that captured the feelings, emotions and essence that gripped him during those experiences.

## ● **iPadOS 15 • January 20 • 1 - 2:30pm • Downtown Newark**

Techsperts walk you through major changes, new functions, and enhancements brought to your iPad because of Apple's newest iPadOS 15.

## ● **Local History Research 102—Ancestry Library Edition February 3 • 5 - 6pm • Downtown Newark**

Do you want to explore your family's history but don't know where to start? Let the Library guide you down the path of local genealogical research with this hands-on workshop with Ancestry's Library Edition.

## ● **Wayne National Forest • February 10 • 11am - 12pm • Downtown Newark**

The Wayne National Forest is Ohio's only national forest. This roughly 244,000-acre forest may not be as vast as the forests in the western United States, but it is integral to the landscape of southeast Ohio and provides many benefits for the state and its residents. Rachel Neuenfeldt shares the history and current issues facing this national treasure.

## ● **Music That Made the Movies**

### **February 12 • 1:30 - 2:30pm • Downtown Newark**

Take a 100-year journey through the history of film music with Dr. Kimberlee Goodman, who is on the music faculty of Otterbein University. Be treated to a survey of movie music spanning Broadway musicals to compositions written for Netflix original programming.

## ● **Getting More From Your Amazon Fire Tablet**

### **February 17 • 4 - 5:30pm • Downtown Newark**

Amazon Fire tablets have been gaining popularity over the past several years. Techsperts will help you get the most from your device, whether you are a new or seasoned user. Learn about library apps for Fire, using Alexa and Show Mode.

## ● **Origami with Hiroshi Hayakawa • February 18 • 1 - 2:30pm • Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)**

Enjoy an afternoon of Origami and Kirigami, the Japanese arts of paper folding and paper cutting. Local artist and author Hiroshi Hayakawa demonstrates how to create a menagerie of three-dimensional paper creatures by combining these two techniques.

## ● **Birding Basics with Bill Heck • February 22 • 2 - 3pm • Downtown Newark**

Do you sometimes just watch or listen to the birds as you walk through your neighborhood or maybe at your bird feeder? Have you wondered whether there might be something to this "birding" thing? If so, you have plenty of company; the past eighteen months have seen a remarkable increase in the popularity of birding nationwide, especially among families looking for activities to enjoy together. In this presentation, Bill Heck, Audubon Board member, explores what birding is and how to get started.



# 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 | 740.349.5500
- 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
- R** **24-Hour Kiosk • COTC Pataskala Campus**  
8660 West Broad Street, Reynoldsburg
- HA** **24-Hour Kiosk • Legacy Park Hanover**  
2018 West High Street, Newark

# REGISTRATION

All programs at Licking County Library are free!  
There are three ways to register:

- Program Calendar:** [lickingcountylibrary.org](http://lickingcountylibrary.org)
- Phone:** 740.349.5500
- email:** [info@lickingcountylibrary.org](mailto:info@lickingcountylibrary.org)

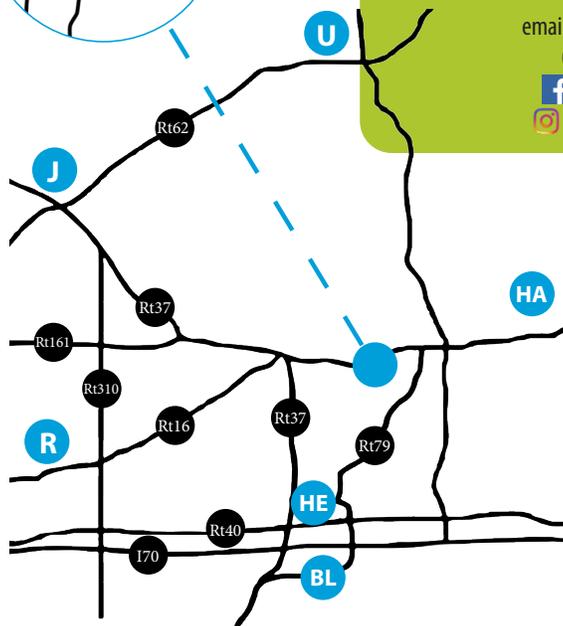
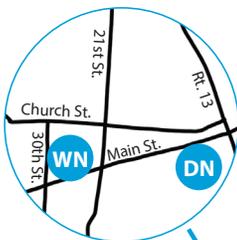


Registration Required



Dress For A Mess

**Library Closure:**  
New Year's Day  
January 1, 2022



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Serving Our Community of Lifelong Learners

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# ONSITE HELP WITH A TECHSPERT

What if you could talk to a real person who won't judge you regarding your tech questions? Many adults struggle to use computers, tablets, smartphones and the internet. Our Techsperts offer free and friendly answers to common technology questions. Remove the stress around technology and get empowered. You can talk to a Techspert on the phone or schedule in-person appointments. To schedule an appointment at any of our locations call or email your questions to 740.349.5509 or [info@lickingcountylibrary.org](mailto:info@lickingcountylibrary.org). Prefer a virtual connection? Zoom appointments are available on request too!



## Buckeye Lake

JANUARY 10 & FEBRUARY 14 | 12 - 5PM

## Utica (Hervey Memorial)

JANUARY 3 & FEBRUARY 7 | 11AM - 4PM

## West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)

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## Downtown Newark

DURING OPEN HOURS OR CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT