

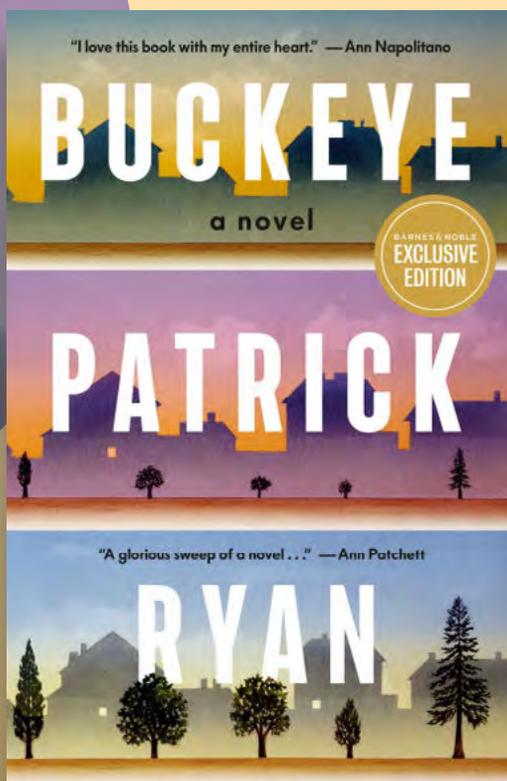
Check It Out

A PUBLICATION OF LICKING COUNTY LIBRARY
MARCH • APRIL 2026 • VOL. 22 • NO. 2



An Evening with *Patrick Ryan*

April 23 | 6–8pm



LICKING
COUNTY
LIBRARY

An Evening with Patrick Ryan

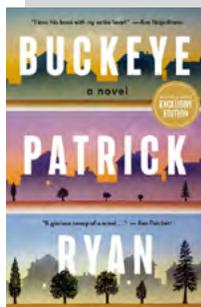
April 23 | 6–8pm



LICKING
COUNTY
LIBRARY



Omniscient, sweeping, almost defiantly sentimental, Buckeye is a reminder of the deep pleasure of following a cast of characters over their entire lives, through births, deaths, marriages, tragedies and, in this case, hard-won reconciliations. The author clearly loves these people, and he makes the safe bet that you will, too.



— The New York Times Book Review

Licking County Library is proud to host author Patrick Ryan at WeatherVane Playhouse.

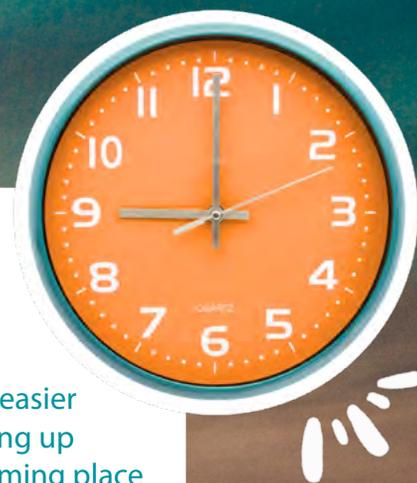
The acclaimed novelist of *Buckeye* and award-winning short story collections, Patrick Ryan, illuminates how ordinary lives reflect extraordinary times. A book signing will take place from 6-6:45pm. Mr. Ryan's presentation will begin promptly at 7pm.

You may reserve up to 4 free tickets through WeatherVane Playhouse's box office at weathervaneplayhouse.org. Tickets are required for entry.

We Add Convenience + Libraries Add to Your Life.

With the arrival of spring comes growth and exciting news to share! Beginning March 2, the Library will expand operating hours across all five locations: Downtown Newark, West Newark (Emerson R. Miller), Lakewood, Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock), and Utica.

This includes extended evening and Saturday hours system-wide, making it easier than ever to visit the Library when it fits your schedule. Whether you're picking up holds after work, bringing the family in on a Saturday, or looking for a welcoming place to learn, connect, or recharge, we're opening our doors wider for you.



Visit our website to see the new hours at each location—we look forward to serving you soon!

lickingcountylibrary.org

Mobile Library Schedule

MARCH & APRIL

MONDAY

3/2, 4/6

- Heath • Ramp Creek Community
3:30 – 4pm
- Heath • Villa Vista Mobile Homes
4:15 – 4:45pm
- Heath • Amber Mobile Home Park
5 – 5:30pm

3/9, 4/13

- Johnstown • Kroger | 3:15 – 3:45pm
- Johnstown • Clover Valley Chapel CCCU
4 – 4:45pm
- Johnstown • Kyber Run Circle | 5:15 – 5:45pm

3/16, 4/20

- Newark • Glenbrook Dr. | 4:15 – 4:45pm
- Newark • Potters Grove | 5 – 5:30pm
- Newark • Newark Village Apts. | 5:45 – 6:15pm

3/23, 4/27

- Newark • Reddington Rd. S | 3 – 3:30pm
- Newark • Reddington Village Condos
3:45 – 4:15pm
- Newark • Shalimar Dr. | 4:30 – 5pm
- Newark • Look Up Ctr. | 5:15 – 6pm

TUESDAY

3/3, 4/7

- Heath • Park Lanes | 3:15 – 3:45pm
- Heath • Woodland Ct. | 4 – 4:30pm
- Heath • Fox Run Dr. | 4:45 – 5:15pm

3/10, 4/14

- Pataskala • Liberty Park | 3:15 – 4pm
- Pataskala • Summit Ridge Estates | 4:15 – 5pm
- Pataskala • Woodington Dr. | 5:15 – 6pm

3/17, 4/21

- Heath • Hopewell Commons | 3:15 – 3:45pm
- Heath • Glenwood Condos | 4 – 4:30pm
- Heath • Willow Ridge Dr. | 4:45 – 5:15pm

TUESDAY CONT.

3/24, 4/28

- Pataskala • Citizens Park | 4:15 – 5pm
- Pataskala • Woodington Dr. | 5:15 – 6pm

WEDNESDAY

3/4, 4/1

- Newark • California Concept | 3 – 3:45pm
- Newark • Mary Ann Twp. Fire Dept.
4 – 4:30pm
- Utica • Utica High School | 5 – 5:45pm

3/11, 4/8

- Buckeye Lake • CRT Realtors by Water's Edge CC
3:15 – 4:15pm
- Hebron • Sunset Dr. | 4:30 – 5:15pm
- Buckeye Lake • First Community Church
5:30 – 6pm

3/18, 4/15

- Newark • Welcome Rd. | 3:10 – 3:55pm
- Newark • Irish Ln. | 4 – 4:45pm
- Newark • Creeks Edge Dr. | 5 – 5:45pm

3/25, 4/22

- Pataskala • Summit Glen Rd. | 4 – 4:30pm
- Pataskala • Autumn Way | 4:45 – 5:15pm

THURSDAY

3/5, 4/2

- Newark • Grove St. (lot behind E Main St Gazebo)
3:30 – 4:15pm
- Hanover • Hainsview Dr. | 4:30 – 5:15pm
- Newark • Blessed Sacrament School
5:30 – 6:15pm

3/12, 4/9

- Newark • Condominiums at Northtowne
11 – 11:45am
- Brownsville • Brownsville Christian Life Center
4 – 4:30pm
- Thornville • Deer Trail Dr.
4:45 – 5:30pm
- Jacksontown • Eagle Wings Academy
5:45 – 6:15pm

THURSDAY CONT.

3/19, 4/16

- Buckeye Lake • Goodwill | 3 – 3:45pm
- Buckeye Lake • North Shore Boat Ramp
4 – 4:45pm
- Buckeye Lake • Harbor Hills Country Club
5 – 5:45pm

3/26, 4/23

- Perryton • Licking Valley Rd. | 4 – 4:30pm
- Toboso • The Well | 4:45 – 5:15pm
- Hanover • Legacy Park | 5:30 – 6pm

FRIDAY

3/27

- Newark • Sharon Glyn Senior Apts.
10 – 10:30am
- Heath • Bill E. Mitchell Retirement Village
11am – 12pm
- Newark • The Village on Main | 12:30 – 1pm

Shelf Showdown

Which title will win?

Are you ready for a little bit of March Madness? Prepare for a shelf showdown of the best books of 2025! Check out this upcoming opportunity to vote for your favorite books of 2025 on the Mobile Library. New weekly match ups March 2–27.

Inclusive Programs

Downtown Newark



Next Chapter Book Club

MAR 3, 17, APR 7, 21 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

A unique community-based book club for adults with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Adventures in Art

MAR 3, APR 7 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS & TEENS

A time for adults and teens with disabilities to explore arts and crafts while practicing self-expression.

Pen & Games

MAR 26 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Vote to have a creative writing workshop, play board games, or a mix of both! Adults and teens with disabilities are invited and encouraged to bring a notebook, some writing samples, and game favorites, but it's not necessary to bring anything. Games (including braille options) and creative exercises are provided.

Open Mic Night

APR 2 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

It's National Poetry Month! Adults and teens with disabilities are welcome to share poetry, songs, or works by their favorite authors to read aloud.

Mobile Care Now Clinic

APR 27 | 10AM-4PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Behavioral Health Partners (BHP) of Central Ohio's Mobile Care Now Clinic (MCNC) and its certified behavioral health professionals are visiting our Downtown Newark location in the front parking lot. BHP's certified behavioral health professionals can assist adults and youth (ages 5+) experiencing mental health and addiction distress. This is an effort to bridge the gap between the needs of our communities and access to quality behavioral healthcare.

Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

ESL Speaking Club

MAR 19, APR 16 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Practice speaking English in a relaxed environment. This is a conversation club for adults who do not speak English as their first language and want to enhance their communication skills. This program is facilitated by LCL's Inclusive Services Coordinator.

Off Site

ESL Speaking Club

MAR 12, APR 9 | 4:30PM

COTC PATASKALA

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Practice speaking English in a relaxed environment. This is a conversation club for adults who do not speak English as their first language and want to enhance their communication skills. This program is facilitated by C-TEC's ESOL Coordinator/Instructor and LCL's Inclusive Services Coordinator.



Downtown Newark

VITA Tax Preparation

MONDAYS | 10AM-7PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Free tax preparation and e-file for federal, state and school district forms. Most taxpayers with an adjusted gross income of \$69,000 or less are eligible. Schedule an appointment by calling Licking County Coalition for Housing at 740.345.1970, ext. 200.

Early Readers Club

MONDAYS | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS 

Early Readers Club is a small reading group for preschoolers and kindergartners that focuses on early literacy skills. Through stories and activities, children practice recognizing letters, working on reading comprehension, and learning new vocabulary words.

Elementary Readers Club

MONDAYS | 4:45PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY 

Elementary Readers Club is a small reading group for children in first through third grade that focuses on developing literacy skills. Through stories and activities, children practice reading aloud, improving reading comprehension, and learning new vocabulary words.

Youth Classics Book Club

TUESDAYS | 4:15PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Sharpen your skills through discussion, vocabulary development, and creative thinking with your peers. Participants vote on the chapter book the group reads. If you miss a week, don't worry, we will catch you up. Newcomers and emerging or independent readers are welcome.

Ready for Kindergarten

THURSDAYS | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Focusing on a new skill each week, we introduce literacy-based activities to help participants become successful readers and begin their educational journey into kindergarten. Designed for ages 3-5.

Give a Gnome a Home

MAR 2 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Celebrate the great gnome arrival as they journey from Germany. Your new little friend gets their own birth certificate. Materials provided to build the perfect, cozy "forever home."

Wings of Fire Book Release Celebration

MAR 3 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Celebrate the release of the 16th *Wings of Fire* book: *The Hybrid Prince* with crafts and games. You may even win a copy of the book!

Wordsmith Workshop

MAR 4, APR 1 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Join a welcoming community of writers at your Library! Whether you're a seasoned author or just starting out, our writing club offers a supportive space to share your work, receive constructive feedback, and spark creativity. Each session includes writing prompts and group discussions. Come connect with fellow storytellers and let your words flourish.

Puzzle & Board Game Swap

MAR 7 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Are you tired of your old jigsaw puzzles and board games and looking for something new? Bring your gently used puzzles and board games to a community exchange with fellow enthusiasts. This is a great way to refresh your low-tech activities and perhaps do some spring

cleaning in the process! Please bring high-quality, well-maintained puzzles and games that are complete (no missing pieces), in their original box and with a visible image of the completed puzzle or game instructions. Puzzles and games can be any difficulty level and for all ages.

Romantasy Book & Craft Club

MAR 10, APR 14 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Do you love fantasy mixed with your romance? This is a book club where discussions and making a craft go hand in hand. Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location and may also be accessed digitally.

March: *Swordheart* by T. Kingfisher

April: *Assistant to the Villain*

by Hannah Nicole Maehr

Writers' Workshop

MAR 11, 25, APR 8, 22 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

A writing workshop designed for homeschoolers. Discuss various elements of the writing process with a focus on imagination. Get ready to fine-tune your creative writing skills!

Cardboard Car Drive-in

MAR 11 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY 

Create and decorate a cardboard car, then stay for a drive-in viewing of Pixar short films!

Navigating Caregiving with OhioKAN

MAR 12 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Learn about resources and services provided by Ohio Kinship & Adoption Navigator (OhioKAN), followed by a Q&A session. OhioKAN is a 100% free service for Ohio's kinship and adoptive families.

Downtown Newark cont.

Be Internet Awesome Bingo

Bonanza

MAR 12 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

For the past 5 weeks, our young patrons have been mastering the five pillars of digital citizenship through the Be Internet Awesome program. Now, it's time to put those skills to the test in a fun, family-friendly Bingo Bonanza! The bingo cards are themed from key lessons from the Highlights and Google curriculum—from identifying “fake” messages to being “kind” to others in digital spaces. It's a great way to reinforce the habits that keep our kids safe, confident, and positive online. Come for the game and prizes, stay for the community, and leave with the “awesome” confidence to explore the internet!



Licking County's Earliest Veterans

MAR 12 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

After the American Revolutionary War, 142 veterans called Licking County home. This program features a few of our earliest veterans and their memories of the war. All ages are welcome to attend!

Yarn Club

MAR 16, APR 20 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Learn to knit or crochet and hang out with a group. All skill levels are welcome. You bring the needles or hook; we supply the yarn!



EXTRAterrestrial Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club

MAR 19, APR 16 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Discuss the month's book with your fellow earthlings! Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location and may also be accessed digitally.
March: *Circe* by Madeline Miller
April: *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin

A Very Hungry Caterpillar Play Date

MAR 20 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Celebrate Very Hungry Caterpillar Day at the library with activities inspired by Eric Carle's books!

Pre-K Art Play

MAR 24, 31, APR 28 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Enjoy different mediums and create art in this messy, hands-on encounter where process over product is emphasized.

Once Upon a Parent

MAR 24 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

This free parenting class offers tips and strategies for everyday challenges, while giving parents/guardians a chance to ask questions and connect with other parents. This class is presented by Action for Children.

Spring Fling Craft

MAR 24 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Dianne Hoffman, Licking County Master Gardener, leads a workshop creating a home decor arrangement using floral and mixed greenery.



Booked to Death

MAR 25, APR 22 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Calling all armchair sleuths! Join fellow mystery lovers in unraveling thrilling tales and puzzling plots. Each month, participants vote on the next book selection, ensuring everyone has a say in the adventure. Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location and may also be accessed digitally.

LEGO® Family Challenge

MAR 26, APR 23 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Complete challenges by building with LEGO® bricks! Families of all ages are welcome; please register just once for your entire group.

Tunes and Tales

MAR 28, APR 25 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Your family's musical adventures begin here! Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra musicians share their favorite stories, songs, and musical games in a series that introduces your young listeners to the instruments of the orchestra. These fun, interactive concerts are approximately 35-45 minutes in length and are appropriate for preschool through 6th grade.

March: *What Was I Scared Of?* by Dr. Seuss
with the NGSO String Quartet
April: Book TBD with LuLu & Co.,
Novelty Ragtime Band

Night at the Museum: Spring Break Adventure

MAR 30—APR 3 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Visit us for Spring Break during 12—2pm for intriguing museum adventures. We kick off the week with an interactive showing of *Night at the Museum* on Monday. Tuesday through Friday, take part in unique art, natural history, and STEM activities.



Facebook: Security Made Simple

MAR 31 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Protecting your digital life doesn't have to be complicated or overwhelming. This hands-on class breaks down Facebook's security tools into easy, actionable steps to help you secure your photos and messages. You will walk away with a “hacker-proof” account and the peace of mind that your private information stays private. Bringing your personal mobile device is encouraged.

Twilight Tales for Families

APR 2 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Learn about nocturnal animals like flying squirrels, opossums, and owls with Ohio Nature Education during this family event.

Library Sweep

APR 6 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Teens compete to see who can load up their carts first with titles from your team's book list. The first team to complete this fast-paced race to the end of the list wins!

Anime Club: Manga Collage Storytelling

APR 7 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Unleash your inner *mangaka* in this creative workshop! Have you ever wanted to rewrite the ending of a cliffhanger or see your favorite characters from different series finally meet? Now is your chance. Using discarded manga volumes, we are tearing up the rules!



When Ohio Was the West

APR 8 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

The first White settlers arrived in what would become Licking County in 1798, beginning the westward expansion of the United States following the American Revolution. This program presents stories of these men and women who first called Licking County home.

Kite Kraze

APR 11 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

April is National Kite Month! Decorate and build your own kite in the Discovery Center.

Julie Zickefoose: Books, Birds, and Following Passion's Path

APR 11 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Julie Zickefoose offers a close look at the making of a natural history writer and illustrator. Her talk follows the threads of inspiration, from formative books and influential artists in Julie's early years to the creation of her own books.



Windows 11 Basics

APR 14 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Get comfortable with the latest version of Windows in this interactive, hands-on workshop designed for beginners. Explore the new Start menu, practice organizing your files, and learn how to customize your desktop to fit your needs. Gain confidence navigating the modern interface and get ready to make your computer work for you.

Animal Tracks 101

APR 14 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Become a nature detective! Have you ever wondered what animals are doing in your backyard or local park when no one is looking? Animals leave behind secret clues everywhere they go—from footprints in the mud to mysterious scratch marks on trees. Learn how to "read" the stories animals leave behind.

The Milliner's Ball

APR 16 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Big hats, tall hats, short hats, small hats! Prepare to emerge from the Milliner's Ball in the most elaborate handmade hat you can muster.

Plant Swap

APR 21 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Do you want different plants or have extra? Come to the plant swap! You can even bring your extra pots. Participants can take one new plant for each one they bring. Plants considered invasive or potentially invasive are prohibited from the plant swap. To encourage participants to remove invasive plants and to plant native plants, Pollinator Pathway offers free native plants at the swap.



Data, Your Silent Partner

APR 23 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

"Big Data" is the invisible engine driving our daily lives, from the personalized content in our social feeds to the optimized routes of our morning commutes. This presentation explores how your "digital footprint" is captured and analyzed to predict your needs, influence your choices, and power modern industries. By examining the thin line between tailored convenience and data privacy, discover how these hidden algorithms are actively reshaping your world.

The Floating Teacup

APR 30 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

A floating tea cup makes a charming, personalized piece of home décor that you can keep for yourself or give as a gift. All materials are supplied to create your own whimsical design.



WHEN NATURE STRIKES

DISASTERS IN LICKING COUNTY

MARCH 4—APRIL 24

"If you don't like the weather, wait five minutes and it will change." This Mark Twain quote certainly applies to Ohio weather, and Licking County has seen its fair share of severe weather events. This exhibit in The Collective at our Downtown Newark location features some of the major natural disasters experienced through the years.

In partnership with Licking County Records and Archives, Licking County Historical Society, and Licking County Emergency Management Agency

Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

AARP Tax Prep

TUESDAYS | 10AM-4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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. To schedule an appointment, call 740.641.2387 from 8:30am - 4pm, Monday through Friday.

Nowhere-to-Wear-It Party

MAR 3 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Do you have a fancy ball gown, prom dress, cosplay outfit, or a crazy get-up that you've only worn once or haven't found the right occasion? Come dressed to the nines and show off your creative fashion sense while dancing and enjoying a fashion show for those comfortable enough to strut their looks on the catwalk.

Architects of Fun!

MAR 4, APR 1 | 3:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Join our Architects of Fun group for monthly meetups of engineering play. Try your hand at the featured activity, or freeform something all your own, celebrating your imagination! The Architects' masterpieces are displayed in the Library throughout the month until the next club meeting!

March: KEVA® Plank creations

April: LEGO® creations



Babcock Book Club

MAR 12, APR 9 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Copies are available at the Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock) location and may be accessed digitally.

March: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

April: *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

Very Hungry Butterfly Feeders

MAR 18 | 3:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Celebrate Very Hungry Caterpillar Day by crafting your own "Very Hungry" butterfly feeder! Colorful supplies and easy, tasty recipes for our butterfly friends make this feeder a wonderful addition to your garden this spring!



Any Book Book Club

MAR 19 | 10AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Join other book lovers to talk about your latest reads. Instead of an assigned book, read whatever you'd like and come ready to discuss it.

Beyond Bee Balm: Creating Pollinator-Friendly Landscapes

MAR 19 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Pollinators need more than a few pretty flowers. Susan Studer King, an active leader in several local environmental and conservation groups, discusses the native trees, shrubs, and perennials that can turn your yard into a vibrant refuge for butterflies, Ohio bees, and birds. Learn easy, pollinator-friendly yard care practices that can save you time while bringing your landscape to life, too.

A Very Hungry Library Play Date

MAR 20 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Play is a crucial part of building literacy and social skills, so join us for a play date celebrating Very Hungry Caterpillar day at the Library! This program provides opportunities for imagination and skill building, plus socialization for both children and caregivers.

Board Game Party

APR 7 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Join us to play some fun games from our considerable selection of tabletop and card games.

Earth Day Seed Bombs

APR 15 | 3:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Celebrate Earth Day by making incredibly easy and fun little seed bombs to plant! With a few simple ingredients and a seed mix all your own, create a ready-and-waiting garden in the palm of your hand!

Library Play Date

APR 17 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Play is a crucial part of building literacy and social skills, so join us for a play date at the Library! This program provides opportunities for imagination and skill building, plus socialization for both children and caregivers.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks

APR 22 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Create a colorful pressed flower bookmark. This beautiful nature craft is perfect to hold your place or gift to a friend. All supplies are provided, just bring your creativity!

Lakewood

AARP Tax Prep

THURSDAYS | 10:30AM - 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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. To schedule an appointment, call 740.641.2387 from 8:30am - 4pm, Monday through Friday.

Wellness Hangout

MAR 2 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Celebrate World Teen Mental Wellness Day with us! Spend time connecting with other teens—without technology—in a calm, creative space. Practice focus and relaxation with the mindful art of Zentangle and make your own calming essential oil hand sanitizer mist to hang on your favorite bag.

Late Night Library: *Outlander*

MAR 4 | 7PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Kick off the premiere of the final season of *Outlander* with themed activities, a costume contest, and a dance performance by Capital City Pipes & Drums.

A Very Hungry Caterpillar Picnic

MAR 17 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Celebrate Very Hungry Caterpillar Day and the work of Eric Carle with a picnic-style experience. Enjoy playful activities that support early literacy skills such as vocabulary, letter recognition, and a love of reading.

I Survived: Spring Break

MAR 23–25 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Jump into *I Survived*-themed challenges that focus on problem-solving and quick thinking—just like the characters in the stories. Join us each day for a different challenge inspired by real historical events. Perfect for young survivalists looking for an exciting spring break adventure.

Wanderlog: Your Travel Planning Companion

APR 7 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Discover how to plan your next great adventure using the free, user-friendly travel planner, Wanderlog. Bring your own device and learn how to create an account, build an itinerary, and receive other tips and tricks for a successful trip!

Glass Engraving & Painting

APR 14 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Use an engraving pen to design your own piece of unique glassware! Leave your piece with the frosted finish or add splashes of color with glass paint. This program is designed for teens age 14 and up.



Flying Solo: Jerrie Mock Makes History

APR 25 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Born in Newark, OH, Jerrie Fredritz Mock made history as the first woman to fly solo around the world, setting records and reminding us that ordinary people can do extraordinary things. Starting in Jerrie's hometown, author Nancy Roe Pimm flies us over oceans and across continents where we'll explore stops on Jerrie's global journey and discover the possibilities in your own life!



Be a Superhero

APR 29 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Celebrate National Superhero Day! Enjoy superhero stories, songs, and activities that encourage imagination through play. Children are invited to come dressed as your favorite superhero; all little heroes are welcome.



Daily at 10:30am

Mondays	Utica
Tuesdays	Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)
Tuesdays	Downtown Newark (ages 3–5)
Wednesdays	Downtown Newark (Tots and Twos, birth–2)
Wednesdays	Lakewood
Thursdays	West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)

Utica

Financial Literacy For Teens

MAR 10 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

High school seniors are invited to get financially prepared for what comes next! Bankers from the Utica Service Center of CES Credit Union cover real-world money topics such as budgeting after graduation, managing bank accounts, understanding and building credit, and making smart financial choices as teenagers gain more independence.

Leprechaun Trap Craft

MAR 13 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Calling all creative kids! Use your imagination to design and build a clever contraption that might just catch a mischievous leprechaun! This hands-on craft program is full of creativity, laughter, and St. Patrick's Day fun. All supplies will be provided, so just bring your imagination and get ready to build!

Eric Carle Caterpillar Party

MAR 20 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Wiggle on over for an Eric Carle Caterpillar Party! We'll celebrate everyone's favorite caterpillar with stories by Eric Carle, colorful crafts, and even a silly caterpillar race. This joyful program is perfect for young readers who love stories, art, and hands-on fun. Come read, create, and crawl your way through a morning of imagination and laughter!

Game Night: Scattergories

MAR 26 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Think fast and get creative with Scattergories! Roll the letter die, beat the timer, and come up with clever answers that no one else will think of. The more original your ideas, the more points you score. With tons of fun categories and fast-paced play, this lively word game is perfect for a blustery March night with friends.

Bookmark Bedazzle

APR 7 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Add some sparkle to your reading! Teens are invited to pick a bookmark to deck out with diamond-style accents for a totally one-of-a-kind look. Make it bold, make it aesthetic, make it you. All supplies are provided, just bring your creativity!



Homeschoolfest

APR 14, 15 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

DAY ONE: The Ohio Bird Sanctuary visits the Library for an unforgettable, hands-on experience! Meet a live owl up close and discover fascinating facts about this amazing bird of prey. After the presentation, dive into the science of how owls eat and survive by dissecting real owl pellets and uncovering what's inside.

DAY TWO: Get ready for a wild time with Licking Park District. Program Managers Anne Balough and Emily Fouts are stopping by to share fun facts and bust common myths about Ohio's amazing wildlife. Think you can tell truth from fiction? Put your guessing skills to the test as we explore mystery wildlife objects from their special discovery box. Afterward, kids enjoy a hands-on craft to take home.

Game Night: Herd Mentality

APR 21 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Get ready for an "udderly" hilarious night of laughs and friendly competition! Grab your friends and "herd" on over for Herd Mentality. The challenge? Think like the crowd! Answer questions with what you think everyone else will say. Being the odd cow out is not the goal. With easy-to-learn rules, surprising answers, and plenty of giggles, this game night is guaranteed to keep the whole herd laughing. Don't miss the "moo-velous" fun!

West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)

Book Jeopardy

MAR 7 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Think you've read it all? Prove it. Join us for Book Jeopardy—where the clues are clever, the categories are novel, and the competition is spine-tingling. Work together to tackle questions on classics, characters, authors, and more; teams are assigned on the day of the big game.



Tote-ally Awesome Graphic Novel Club

MAR 11, APRIL 8 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

In the world of graphic novels, there is something for everyone! Add flair to your tote bag while we discuss a graphic novel. This group is designed for kids in grade 3 and up. Copies are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location and may also be accessed digitally.

March: *Squire & Knight*

by Scott Chantler

April: *The Night Librarian*

by Christopher Lincoln

Prom Dress Swap

MAR 14 | 10AM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Looking for the perfect prom dress without the price tag? Join us at the Library for a one-day-only prom dress swap! Bring a gently used formal dress to donate and take one home—no cost, no pressure. This event is a great way to refresh your prom look, promote sustainability, and support the community. Accessories are welcome as well; dresses are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Our School Rocks! A Student Music Showcase

MAR 16 | 2PM | KINDERGARTEN

MAR 17 | 2PM | FIRST GRADE

MAR 20 | 3PM | FOURTH GRADE

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Students take center stage during Music in Our Schools Month! These special shows give students of Cherry Valley Elementary the chance to share what they've learned in their school music program and show families and community members how music education supports creativity, teamwork, and lifelong learning.

Square by Square

MAR 17 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Learn the timeless art of making a granny square, perfect for blankets, scarves, and more. All materials provided, and no prior experience is needed. Then, stay for Skein Squad to meet with others who crochet to get hints and tips, and practice your new skill. Crochet, connect, and create at the Library!

Skein Squad Crochet Group

MAR 17, APR 21 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Grab your hook and join the squad! Skein Squad meets monthly to crochet, connect, and give back to the community. Bring your own yarn and hook, though some supplies are available. Keep your creations or share the love as gifts! Teens are welcome, too.

 **BritLit Book Group**
MAR 18, APR 15 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Calling all literary enthusiasts and Anglophiles! Join us for witty discussions and a jolly good time. Copies are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location and may be accessed digitally. March: *Winter Solstice*

by Rosamunde Pilcher

April: *The Monogram Murders: The New*

Hercule Poirot Mystery by Sophie Hannah

School Spirit Crafts

MAR 19 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Go, team, go! Create crafts that showcase enthusiasm for your school. Note: if your school is outside Licking County, please let us know in advance so we can have components prepared for you.

Upcycle: Old Skool Edition

MAR 21 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Create your own decor, Millennial-style, using VHS tapes, cassettes, and CDs.

Plant Swap

MAR 21 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Calling all green thumbs! It's time to barter your blooms for something new! Bring in your plant starts or propagations and trade them with others to keep your collection fresh and your wallet happy.

Board Game Night

MAR 24 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Join Jeremy Thompson from Comic Shop Plus and discover new and unique board games.

Historical Drama Group

MAR 25, APR 22 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Delve into the untold stories behind history through film and gain a new perspective on the people and events that have shaped our world. Copies are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location.

March: *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*

April: *Gorillas in the Mist*



Little Listeners: Buds, Bees, and Books

MAR 26 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Celebrate the season with a cheerful spring story time at the Library! Children and caregivers are welcome to enjoy stories about blooming flowers, baby animals, and rainy-day fun along with songs, movement, and simple activities. This engaging program

welcomes the fresh sights and sounds of spring. Perfect for young children and families—come read, sing, and grow with us!



LGBTQIA+ Book Group

MAR 26, APR 23 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Everyone is welcome to engage in fun, respectful dialogue. Copies are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location and may be accessed digitally.

March: *Gay Like Me: A Father Writes to*

His Son by Richie Jackson

April: *Evenings & Weekends*

by Oisín McKenna

Parachute Play

MAR 28 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

This interactive and play-filled program features songs, rhymes, and activities with the Library parachute! For ages 2-4 with a parent/caregiver.



Snoretime: National Crayon Day Celebration

MAR 26 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Celebrate National Crayon Day with us! Children and caregivers are invited to enjoy and appreciate the colorful creativity made possible with crayons. We'll explore fun stories, do hands-on art activities, and have plenty of time to color, draw, and create. This playful program encourages imagination, self-expression, and a love of art for all ages. All materials provided—just bring your creativity!

Sourdough 101

APR 1 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Mix up your very own starter and learn how to feed, care for, and keep it growing in this hands-on introduction to sourdough. Tasty treats you can bake once it's risen will also be discussed. Leave with a starter in hand and bragging rights that you've officially become a bread parent!

West Newark cont.

Writers, Pick Your Own Path

APR 7 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Creative writers, get ready to make an adventure! Create branching narrative stories and write a series of split scenarios based on a choice at the beginning.

Pass That Craft

APR 11 | 10AM-12PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Do you have leftover craft supplies you no longer need? Drop in and swap them for new-to-you supplies. Bring your clean, usable items during the swap hours. If you don't have anything to swap, it's okay—you can still join the fun and pick up supplies!

Adult Show and Tell

APR 16 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

We all remember bringing something special to school to share with the class, but adults have some incredible treasures, too. Bring an item that has an unusual story, is meaningful to you, or demonstrates something interesting about our shared and unique histories. Each attendee has five minutes to share. Anyone is welcome to attend, even when all registration slots to "show and tell" are full. Please only bring items that are

permitted on Library premises. Larger objects must be able to be carried in by the attendee.

Book Shadow Box

APR 18 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

This program offers a fun way to turn a book into three-dimensional art! Create a layered shadow box with paper elements to add texture, color, and visual interest. This program encourages creativity, relaxation, and personal expression.

Bracelet Bonanza

APR 25 | 10AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Get creative at the Library! Kids (and adults!) can design and make their own bracelets. All materials are provided—just bring your imagination and creativity. Perfect for beginners!

Crow Party Trinket Swap

APR 27 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

April 27 is International Crow and Raven Appreciation Day, and to celebrate, we are having a trinket swap! Bring a few bobbles, tchotchkes, or bric-a-brac to trade with others and go home with something new for your collection. Feel free to wear all black to join the murder.

Blackout Poetry

APR 29 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Celebrate National Poetry Month by turning ordinary text into extraordinary art! Join us for a hands-on blackout poetry workshop to doodle, circle, scribble, and strike through your way to a one-of-a-kind visual poem. Then, share your masterpiece with the group!



Little Listeners: Bugs, Slugs, and Other Creatures

APR 30 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

This preschool story time features stories, songs, and activities all about bugs, slugs, and other creepy, crawly creatures. Perfect for curious kids who love a little adventure!



We Add Up.

+ Libraries Add to Your Life.

LCL | LICKING COUNTY LIBRARY

Introducing

hoopla Flex



Two great ways to borrow from your Library's hoopla collection!

In addition to 5 hoopla Instant borrows monthly, you now have hoopla Flex borrows (up to 3 at once) to use on these specially marked materials.

Learn more at lickingcountylibrary.org



Virtual & Off Site



Maples & Manuscripts

MAR 12, APR 30 | 7PM

OCTAGON EARTHWORKS

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Discuss some of the best nature-themed nonfiction and explore additional resources through activities to deepen our understanding of the natural world. Copies of the book are available at the Downtown Newark location and may be accessed digitally. Maples & Manuscripts is a partnership between Licking County Library, the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, and Dillon State Park.

March: *The Forest Unseen*

by David George Haskell

April: *The Triumph of Seeds*

by Thor Hanson



Planning Your Digital Estate

MAR 26 | 1PM | LCAP

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

You have made plans for your financial estate, but have you considered what will happen to your digital estate? Join our Techspert to find out how to plan for the future of all of your online accounts, subscriptions, email addresses and more. This program is held at the Licking County Aging Partners: 1058 E. Main Street, Newark. Please register by calling 740.345.0821.



Gmail: Mastering Your Inbox

APR 9 | 1PM | LCAP

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Join us for a hands-on guide to Gmail, covering everything from the basics of sending and receiving to essential security tips. Learn how to customize your inbox layout and manage your subscriptions while practicing each step in real-time. This practical class is perfect for anyone looking to simplify their email experience and boost their online confidence. This program is held at the Licking County Aging Partners: 1058 E. Main Street, Newark. Please register by calling 740.345.0821.

Understanding Severe Weather

APR 16 | 11AM | VIRTUAL

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Erik Salna, acclaimed meteorologist, discusses extreme weather events and their impact.

Virtual Author Talks

Book Sale

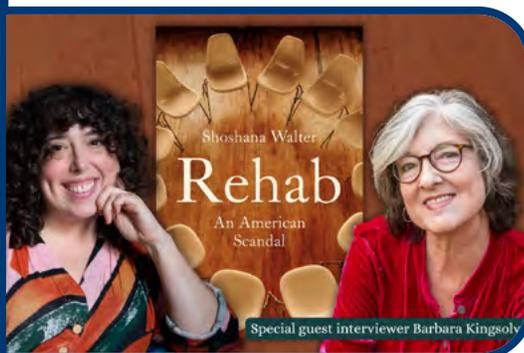
Members Preview

April 17 | 3:30-5:30pm

Public Sale

April 18 | 9am-3pm

Support YOUR library while adding to your collection! The sale is at the Newark City Schools building (formerly the State Farm building) at 1440 Granville Road, Newark. Books are sold for \$5 per bag and distributed at the door.



Shoshana Walter & Barbara Kingsolver

March 24 | 2pm

View details, more talks, and register online!



Jason Reynolds

April 30 | 7pm



Kate Quinn

March 12 | 7pm



Life-long learning classes designed for renewal and growth! Registration for Empowered Minds classes is easy to do online at lickingcountylibrary.org. We also welcome in-person, mailed or phone registrations by calling 740.349.5520. Empowered Minds is supported by a sustaining gift from Robert Trimble Jr., a lifelong learner, and in part by the Licking County Senior Levy.

Downtown Newark

Would You Like Fries with That: The McDonaldization of Society • March 18 • 11am - 12:30pm

Dr. Carla Corroto explores the “McDonaldization of Society,” a sociological concept describing how the principles of the fast-food industry have come to dominate society. These highly rational systems often lead to irrational outcomes. You thought bureaucracy had red tape? Just wait until we supersize your paperwork!

Page Turners Book Club • March 24, April 21 • 3 - 4pm

Gather with friends and fellow readers to explore the spectrum of literature and share perspectives. Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location and may also be accessed digitally.

March: *Flashlight* by Susan Choi

April: *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan

Philosophy Across Generations • March 27 • 1:30 - 3pm

Dr. Chloe Armstrong leads an intergenerational discussion on philosophy topics between lifelong learning students and current students from Denison University.

Understanding Evolution • April 8 • 10:30am - 12:30pm

Dale Gnidovec discusses Earth’s ever-evolving story, reviewing how evolution works and how we know. In 1973, famous biologist, Theodosius Dobzhansky, wrote that nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution. This course explains how evolution happens and explores some of the many theological, legal, and scientific aspects of the theory, and shows how it is the best explanation for the diversity of life on this planet.

Understanding Geologic Time • April 15 • 10:30am - 12:30pm

Dale Gnidovec, curator of the Orton Geological Museum at The Ohio State University, decodes the topic of geologic time. The rocks in Licking County were formed 320 million years ago, during what geologists call the Carboniferous Period. Some of our favorite fossils, dinosaurs, appeared 225 million years ago in the Triassic Period and became extinct 66 million years ago at the end of the Cretaceous Period. Where did those period names come from, and how do we know how old they are? This class answers those questions.

Earth on the Move: Understanding Plate Tectonics • April 22 • 10:30am - 12:30pm

Dale Gnidovec, curator of the Orton Geological Museum at The Ohio State University, explores the plate tectonics of our dynamic planet. Nothing in Earth history makes sense without moving continents—it tells us why mountains, volcanoes, minerals, and fossils are where they are. Dale examines the evidence for continental drift, why it was disbelieved, and explains how the more-encompassing theory of plate tectonics was developed and eventually proven.

Downtown Newark cont.

Bird and Insect Relationships: A Global View • April 30 • 1 - 2:30pm

Ornithologist Anna Rose discusses global bird and insect diversity in the context of her research projects in Ohio and in the cloud forests of Costa Rica's Talamanca Mountains. Anna Rose is a PhD candidate in the Forest Bird and Landscape Ecology Lab of the School of Environment and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University where she studies the impacts of ticks on nesting birds in southeastern Ohio, specifically in Wood Thrushes and Ovenbirds.

Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

Wings of the Wind: Understanding Bird Migration • March 12 • 1 - 2:30pm • Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

Carl Gleditsch discusses global bird migration. Carl is an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist and OSU Volunteer Pollinator Specialist. He has volunteered and taught classes with Columbus Metro Parks, Stratford Ecological Center, Delaware County Preservation Parks, and the City of Dublin. He graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with Bachelor of Science degrees in both Biology and Chemistry.

Spotted Salamander Ecology • April 2 • 3 - 4:30pm • Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

Dr. Rebecca Homan reviews the ecology of Ohio's Spotted Salamanders (*Ambystoma maculatum*).

Lakewood



Birdwatching at Dillon State Park • March 10 • 11am - 12:30pm • Lakewood

Naturalist Michael Durst discusses all of the great seasonal bird watching opportunities at Dillon State Park.



Story of the USS Shenandoah • April 1 • 7 - 8pm • Lakewood

Author Aaron Keirns discusses one of the worst disasters in U.S. aviation history. On September 3, 1925, the USS Shenandoah rigid airship crashed in Noble County, Ohio. Of the forty-three crewmen onboard, a total of fourteen lost their lives in the horrific crash. Occurring over a decade before the Hindenburg disaster, the crash generated international headlines and led the U.S. Navy to significantly alter their designs for future airships. Today, the crash site is commemorated by several monuments and historic markers in Noble County.

Virtual



Gravestone Symbolism • March 17 • 11am - 12:30pm • Virtual

Krista Horrocks reviews the language of gravestones. Ever wonder what the mysterious symbols on old gravestones mean? She deciphers examples and provides a window into historical ideas about death and the afterlife. Krista serves in the State Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio History Connection.



Conflict and Memory: Understanding the Copus Massacre • April 29 • 11am - 12:30pm • Virtual

Curator Kenny Libben discusses one of the most significant and tragic events to occur in Ohio during the War of 1812. Libben explores the wider context of the war and Greentown Indian village, the events that led to the clash between local settlers and Native Americans, and the enduring legacy the conflict left behind. The lecture also highlights the results of the first phase of modern archaeological work at the historic site, shedding new light on the landscape and stories tied to this turbulent moment in Ohio's past.

LCL LOCATIONS

Visit our website for location hours: lickingcountylibrary.org
* Includes a drive-up window for your convenience

Downtown Newark*

101 West Main Street, Newark | 740.349.5500

Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

320 North Main Street, Johnstown | 740.967.2982

Lakewood

620 East Main Street, Hebron | 740.928.0472

West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)*

990 West Main Street, Newark | 740.344.2155

Utica*

115 South Main Street, Utica | 740.892.2400

Mobile Library

Schedule listed online | 740.349.5519

24-Hour Kiosk • COTC Pataskala Campus

8660 West Broad Street, Reynoldsburg

24-Hour Kiosk • Legacy Park Hanover

2018 West High Street, Newark

This publication is available in alternate formats on request. Please contact info@lickingcountylibrary.org.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

All programs at Licking County Library are free! Programs are designed with the indicated age group in mind. There are three ways to register:

Program Calendar: lickingcountylibrary.org

In-person/Phone: 740.349.5500

Email: info@lickingcountylibrary.org

KEY TO SYMBOLS:



Registration Required



Dress For A Mess



Developing students' interests while learning outside of the classroom.



Copies of Book Club selections are available at the specific location or may be accessed digitally.



Local History programs cover historic events, places and people including military information.



Made possible, in part, by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the State Library of Ohio.



Enjoy stories, rhymes and songs that help develop early literacy skills!

Library Board of Trustees

Will McCoy, President
Brian Wilfong, Secretary
Michael Houser
Lacie Priest
Debra Seibel
Andrew Reardon
Kim Sherman

Julia Walden, Executive Director
Olivia Chapman, Head of Marketing

Friday, April 24 | Closed for Staff Development

Licking County Library



lickingcountylibrary.org | 740.349.5500