

# Check It Out

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# UNEARTH A STORY

June 1 - July 25

Summer Library Program

*Unearth a Story* this summer with creative stories, hands-on activities, and exciting prizes! Every LCL location offers a summer reading program filled with inspiring rewards to build your child's confidence and skills. Explore our online calendar at [lickingcountylibrary.org](http://lickingcountylibrary.org) to discover opportunities for entertaining and educational programs, including fabulous performances and engaging activities.

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**UNEARTH A STORY**  
Teen & Adult Summer Library Program

Dig into reading by joining the Summer Library Program on Beanstack! Log your reading time, write reviews, and complete activities to earn virtual tickets you can enter for a chance to win. Books, magazines, audiobooks, and graphic novels all count as reading!

Register today by scanning the QR code, and be sure to explore the programs at all LCL locations, too!

A square QR code located in the bottom right corner of the graphic, used for registration.

# PERFORMERS AT ALL LOCATIONS!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: DINOSAUR DIMENSIONS LIVE!**

LAKEWOOD | JUNE 9 | 10AM  
JOHNSTOWN | JUNE 9 | 2PM  
DOWNTOWN | JUNE 9 | 6PM  
WEST NEWARK | JUNE 10 | 10AM  
UTICA | JUNE 10 | 1PM

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Roar into adventure with lifelike animatronic dinosaur puppets in a dynamic show by Dinosaur Dimensions! Enjoy storytelling, dino facts, and audience participation; plus a meet and greet for photos with your prehistoric pals. A dino-mite experience for all ages!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: DINO BUDDIES**

JOHNSTOWN | JUNE 18 | 10AM  
UTICA | JUNE 18 | 1PM  
WEST NEWARK | JUNE 18 | 4PM  
DOWNTOWN | JUNE 19 | 10AM  
LAKEWOOD | JUNE 19 | 1PM

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Get up close with live reptiles in this interactive Dino Buddies program! Meet real animal ambassadors while learning fascinating facts about snakes, tortoises, and other reptiles through engaging, hands-on science education.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: DIGGING IT!**

LAKEWOOD | JUNE 30 | 10AM  
JOHNSTOWN | JUNE 30 | 1PM  
DOWNTOWN | JUNE 30 | 4PM  
WEST NEWARK | JULY 1 | 10AM  
UTICA | JULY 1 | 1PM

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Unearth your curiosity and dig into the incredible science that's all around us! Science Heroes will unleash a toilet tornado, explore a disappearing polymer, and demonstrate explosions and trajectory with a hydro-cannon. You'll definitely dig science after this experience! An ASL interpreter will be present for this program at all LCL locations.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO!**

LAKEWOOD | JULY 14 | 10AM  
JOHNSTOWN | JULY 14 | 1PM  
DOWNTOWN | JULY 14 | 4PM  
WEST NEWARK | JULY 15 | 10AM  
UTICA | JULY 15 | 1PM

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

There's no business like monkey business! Max and Vinnie are expert zookeepers, but keeping the rascally monkeys from getting into trouble is easier said than done. When Mr. Cleaver, the zoo manager, decides to send one of the monkeys to another zoo, it's time for their great escape! Go with the monkeys as they explore new exhibits at the zoo. Each one is a backdrop for exciting stories from around the world. Presented by MadCap Puppets.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: DIG INTO MAGIC**

LAKEWOOD | JULY 21 | 10AM  
JOHNSTOWN | JULY 21 | 1PM  
DOWNTOWN | JULY 21 | 4PM  
WEST NEWARK | JULY 22 | 10AM  
UTICA | JULY 22 | 1PM

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Ron Spangler will lead us into a magical world of wonder, filled with laughter and amazement. Audience participation is encouraged, and you might even step into the spotlight and become a star of the show!



**SUMMER LUNCHES**

**June 1 - August 14**  
**12pm - 1pm**

Free lunch at the Library for children 18 and under. Held at our Downtown Newark location on the lower level!



**DINOSAURS AMONG US**

**June 1 - July 31**

Visit the top floor of our Downtown Newark location to view the American Museum of Natural History's Dinosaurs Among Us panel exhibit. Explore compelling fossil evidence that living birds evolved from a group of dinosaurs, providing a vivid link to the ancient past.

*Dinosaurs Among Us is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (amnh.org) with support from Museo de Ciencias, Universidad de Navarra, Spain; North Museum of Nature and Science, United States; Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, Canada; and Universum Museo de las Ciencias de la UNAM, Mexico.*

**American Museum of Natural History**

# Mobile Library Programs

MAY - AUGUST

## Read with Rue

JUNE 9 | 5:15-6PM | PATASKALA  
JUNE 10 | 3:15-4:15PM | BUCKEYE LAKE  
JUNE 11 | 4:45-5:30PM | THORNVILLE  
JUNE 25 | 5:30-6PM | HANOVER  
JULY 2 | 5:30-6:15PM | NEWARK

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Read to Rue, a very friendly and happy Goldendoodle who would *ruff* to meet you! All ages are welcome to enjoy this positive and inclusive reading experience with a certified therapy dog.

## Finals Fairies

MAY 4, 5 | 11AM-2PM | COTC

### DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

It's finals time! Our finals fairies will be fluttering on campus, bringing fun, games, and lots of cheer to help students during exams. Take a study break and stop by for an activity, snack, or just some good vibes to keep you going strong!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Kickoff at the Kiosk**

JUNE 1 | 1-2PM | COTC PATASKALA  
JUNE 2 | 12-1:30PM | LEGACY PARK

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Dig into summer fun as we launch our 2026 Summer Library Program: Unearth a Story! Join us for a dinosaur-themed celebration featuring games, crafts, and prizes. Pick up your reading trackers, brag tag supplies, and enjoy a dino-mite adventure for all ages!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Dino Crafts**

JUNE 25 | 12:30-2PM | VELVET ICE CREAM  
JULY 7 | 12-1PM | BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL  
JULY 20 | 12:30-1:30PM | ROTARY PARK  
JULY 23 | 12:30-2PM | VELVET ICE CREAM

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Join us on the Mobile Library for dino-themed crafts and activities, perfect for children in grades pre-K and up!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Salt Dough**

### **Fossils**

JUNE 5 | 1-2PM | ROTARY PARK  
JUNE 8 | 4-5:45PM | KYBER RUN CIR.  
JUNE 18 | 3-4PM | FLINT RIDGE STATE MEMORIAL  
JULY 9 | 12:30-2PM | VELVET ICE CREAM  
JULY 14 | 12-1PM | EAGLE WINGS ACADEMY

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Dig into creativity by mixing salt dough, shaping your own "rocks," and pressing in dinosaur bones, shells, or natural objects to make realistic fossil impressions. Everyone gets to take their fossil creations home to dry and display!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Dino Puzzle Adventure**

JUNE 12 | 12-3:45PM | LEGACY PARK  
JULY 17 | 12-3:45PM | FREEDOM PARK

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Calling all junior paleontologists! Children in pre-K through 5th grade are invited to explore the Mobile Library in a hands-on dinosaur adventure. Follow clues, solve puzzles, and search for hidden bones just like real scientists. This fun, age-appropriate experience encourages teamwork, problem-solving, and discovery, perfect for any young dino fan. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes before the start of your session.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Escape Room**

JUNE 19 | 11:30AM-3:15PM | FREEDOM PARK  
JULY 10 | 12-3:45PM | GELLER PARK

### DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Step into a Jurassic Park-themed escape room on the Mobile Library, where the security systems have failed and dinosaurs are on the loose. Your team must solve puzzles, crack clues, and search for hidden keys to start the Jeep and escape. This fast-paced, prehistoric challenge is perfect for both puzzle lovers and dino fans ages 15 and up. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes before the start of your session.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Dino Tales**

JUNE 11 | 12:30-2PM | VELVET ICE CREAM  
JUNE 24 | 12:30-1:30PM | CRT REALTORS LIGHTHOUSE

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Join us for a dinosaur-themed story time, the perfect adventure for little dino fans ready to learn, play, and explore!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Kiosk Finale**

JULY 24 | 2:30PM-3:30PM | COTC PATASKALA

### DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Celebrate all your reading achievements from our 2026 Summer Library Program: Unearth A Story with roar-tastic fun and games at the kiosk!

See Where  
We're Heading!

Check out upcoming Mobile Library stops  
on our website!

# Inclusive Programs

## Downtown Newark



### Next Chapter Book Club

MAY 5, 19, JUNE 2, 16

JULY 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

MAY 5, JUNE 2, JULY 7 | 1PM

#### DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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

### Pen & Games

MAY 28, JULY 30 | 5PM

#### DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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.



### Sensory Story Time

JUNE 9, JULY 14 | 10:30AM

#### DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities leads a sensory story time. Use sensory bins and enjoy stories and movement activities! An American Sign Language Interpreter is present for our summer sensory story times. Designed for ages 3-5.

### Disability Pride Craft & Ice Cream Social

JUNE 16 | 1:15PM

#### DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Celebrate community, connection, and inclusion; July is Disability Pride Month and we're celebrating a little early! Design your own signs with pictures or words. Chat with others during this intergenerational celebration and enjoy delicious ice cream treats! All ages are welcome.

### Making Memories

JUNE 23 | 6PM

#### DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Enjoy making memories while connecting with others in your community! Participate in activities like art, games, and music while socializing. Individuals with memory loss, such as dementia, and their caregivers are encouraged to engage in this program.

### SHARKS!

JULY 9 | 1:15PM

#### DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

See what kinds of sharks and other marine life you can spot on the free live shark cam powered by EXPLORE.org while making your very own shark tooth necklace. Teens are also welcome!

## Mobile Care Now Clinic

JULY 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.

## Lakewood



### Next Chapter Book Club

MAY 27, JUNE 24, JULY 29 | 1PM

#### DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

A book club program for adults with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## Off Site

### ESL Speaking Club

MAY 14, JUNE 11 | 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.

# Teachers!

Beginning May 5, update your educator card to get this new and exclusive card PLUS a free stress toy (while supplies last). Don't have an educator card? Join today to get LCL perks only for teachers.



# Downtown Newark

## **Early Readers Club**

MONDAYS | 3:30PM

**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 | 4:30PM

**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.

## **Wordsmith Workshop**

MAY 6, JUNE 3, JULY 1, AUG 5 | 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.

## **Romantasy Book & Craft Club**

MAY 12, JUNE 9, JULY 14,  
AUG 11 | 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.

May: *Shield of Sparrows* by Devney Perry  
June: *Heartless Hunter* by Kristen Ciccarelli  
July: *Five Broken Blades* by Mai Corland  
August: *Silver Elite* by Dani Francis

## **And the Password Is...**

MAY 21 | 1PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS** 

Passwords, passkeys, 2FA—what does it all mean? Our Techspert will walk you through some simple ways to keep track of all those different security measures that we need to keep our digital life safe. This class will focus on the use of the password manager that is already on your device, how to use it safely, and why it is secure. Bringing your personal device to this hands-on class is encouraged.

## **EXTRAterrestrial Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club**

MAY 21, JUNE 18, JULY 16,  
AUG 20 | 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.

May: *The Tainted Cup*

by Robert Jackson Bennett

June: *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton

July: *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

August: *Katabasis* by R.F. Kuang

## **Sacrifice & Service: A Memorial Day Observance**

MAY 21 | 6:30PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

In Licking County, 1,116 servicemen and women died while serving their country. Learn about the experiences of a few of these service members during this program. Come early to visit the Memorial Day exhibit in our Collective area honoring these men and women.

## **Booked to Death**

MAY 27, JUNE 24, JULY 22,  
AUG 26 | 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. Copies are available at the

Downtown Newark location and may also be accessed digitally.

## **Introduction to Chromebooks**

MAY 28 | 1PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS** 

Join our Techspert to learn the ins and outs of Chromebooks. Learn how a Chromebook differs from a Windows laptop and if a Chromebook can work for your needs.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: The Legend of the Rising Magma**

JUNE 2 | 2:30PM

**DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY** 

Join us for a game of "The Floor is Lava." Participants will navigate a treacherous obstacle course of furniture and lava-proof cushions to reach the safety of the Exit Zone. Explore how volcanoes work through hands-on building, erupting, and analyzing a model volcano.

## **Kindergarten Boot Camp**

JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25, JULY 2, 9, 16, 23 |  
10:30AM

**DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS** 

Designed for students entering kindergarten in the fall, this 8-week program introduces educational and social elements of the kindergarten experience in an effort to boost the confidence of the student beginning their educational journey. Registration will be on a week-by-week basis, so please be sure to register for each week you plan to attend.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Beaded Reptile Keychains**


JUNE 4 | 3PM

**DESIGNED FOR TEENS**

Create a beaded reptile keychain in the Discovery Center!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Ice Age Ohio**

JUNE 4 | 6:30PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS** 

Dale Gnidovec, curator of the Orton Geological Museum at Ohio State University, offers a tour of Ice Age Ohio. Dale Gnidovec describes how glaciers form, and the changes they caused all over the planet. Meet some of the animals that lived in Ohio during the Ice Age, and see how their remains are excavated,

dated, and interpreted. Teens and older children are also welcome!

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Dino Road Games**

JUNE 5 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Make your summer road trip an entertaining one with a host of dinosaur-themed thinking games.

## **Yarn Club**

JUNE 8, 22, JULY 13, 27 | 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!

## **Read with Rue**

JUNE 9, JULY 21 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Read to Rue, a very friendly and happy Goldendoodle who would *ruff* to meet you! All ages are welcome to enjoy this positive and inclusive reading experience with a certified therapy dog.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Fossil Dig Sensory Bag**

JUNE 11 | 10AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

If you love dinosaurs, then this Fossil Dig Dinosaur Sensory Bag is perfect for searching for fossils without getting dirty! Join us to mix and create a “mud” filled sensory bag that will allow your child to “unearth” fossils over and over while building fine motor skills and supporting language development.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* What’s in a Name?**

JUNE 11 | 2:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Why is a Tyrannosaurus rex called a “Tyrannosaurus rex,” or a raptor called a “raptor”? Learn the Latin and Greek origins of these and other dinosaur names plus a handful of dinosaur-related vocabulary terms in ASL.



## **Gmail: From Beginner to Pro**

JUNE 16 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Our Techspert guides you through composing and sending emails, organizing your inbox with labels and filters, managing attachments, adjusting settings, and exploring helpful features like search and spam filtering. Perfect for beginners looking to make their email work for them.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Paint Night**

JUNE 16 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

This creative art program is inspired by the ancient world of dinosaurs. In this guided painting session, participants will paint a prehistoric bloom, the magnolia. All materials will be provided and no painting experience is necessary. Teens are welcome to participate.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Dino Cooking**

JUNE 18 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Make tasty and edible prehistoric pictures with simple foods and recipes.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* LEGO® Family Challenge**

JUNE 18, JULY 16 | 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.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Roaring Rainbow Chimes**

JUNE 22 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Unleash your inner paleontologist and artist! In this workshop, builders will develop fine motor skills through painting and threading as they construct a durable, decorative wind chime.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Dinosaur KnickKnack Dish**

JUNE 23 | 2:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Create a little plate for jewelry, keys, and other small items. Then paint and

position a toy dinosaur to stand watch over your dish and baubles.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* T-rex Tea Party**

JUNE 24 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

You’re invited to a tea party including dinosaur stories and a craft!

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Book Club**

JUNE 25 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Join us for a fun, thoughtful book club discussion of *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Together we’ll dig into the novel’s memorable characters, surprising twists, and themes of justice, fate, and friendship. Afterward, we’ll watch the film adaptation. Recommended for ages 10+.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Paleolithic Puzzle Race**

JUNE 25 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Can your team be the first to complete a 500-piece puzzle? The first team to finish wins! Only one team member needs to register to secure a spot for the entire team. Teams can be from 3 to 6 people. Teens are welcome to compete with adults.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Unicorn Science Lab**

JUNE 26 | 10:30-11:15AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

The Unicorn Science Lab features engaging rainbow-themed activities.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Sand Art**

JUNE 29 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Use different colors of sand to create a layered piece of art in a necklace or bottle.

## ***UNEARTH A STORY:* Jurassic World Movie Night**

JUNE 30 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Watch *Jurassic World* (PG-13). A new theme park, built on the original site of Jurassic Park, creates a genetically modified hybrid dinosaur, the Indominus Rex. You bring your friends, we’ll supply the popcorn.

## Downtown Newark cont.

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Make an Archelon Shell**

JULY 1 | 2:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Archelons were gigantic prehistoric marine animals. They were very much like modern day sea turtles, but they measured up to 13 feet long! Make your own shell just large enough to cover your back, then paint it however you desire.

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Chia Seed Dino Swamp**

JULY 7 | 3PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY 

Create, decorate, and grow your own dinosaur swamp using plastic dinosaur toys and chia seeds!

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Dinosaur Trivia**

JULY 7 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Do you know your dinosaurs? Join us for a fun night of dinosaur trivia. Winners will get a choice of dinosaur-themed prizes. Teens are also welcome!

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Freeing Fragile Giants**

JULY 8 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Gently work together to brush layers of colorful sand away to remove delicate organisms trapped underneath. Celebrate our discoveries after we are finished!

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Introducing the Dinosaurs**

JULY 8 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Dale Gnidovec, curator of the Orton Geological Museum at Ohio State University, opens a window onto the world of hunting dinosaurs. He describes how we find, excavate and reconstruct these marvelous beasts, the major groups of dinosaurs, and some of the other animals (such as the swimming and flying reptiles) that shared their world. Teens and older children are also welcome!

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Broken Pottery Mosaics**

JULY 9 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Work like an archaeologist and use broken pieces of pottery to create mosaic art.

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Dinosaur Play Date**

JULY 10 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Stomp like a dinosaur to the Library for a dino-themed play date, complete with sensory bins and a craft! Learn and play like a dinosaur at the different early literacy stations.

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Uncovering Ancestors**

JULY 11 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

In this introduction, explore the basics of genealogy and learn how to start your research into your family. Discover resources that you can use with your library card, such as Ancestry Library, the Ohio Obituary Index, and newspaper databases.

### **Captain America Movie Night**

JULY 13 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Watch as the first Avenger fights for what's right in *Captain America: The First Avenger* (PG-13). Teens are also welcome. You bring your friends, we'll supply the popcorn.



### **Never See "Storage Full" Again!**

JULY 14 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Stop worrying about "Storage Full" messages and learn how to keep your cherished memories safe without the stress of monthly fees. This relaxed, beginner-friendly session will show you simple ways to organize your photos and move them to a secure "forever home" that you control.

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Trees That Miss the Mammoths**

JULY 16 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Dawes Arboretum introduces you to trees that were around during the last Ice Age! Handle some mammoth-size fruits and learn all about life in North America over 13,000 years ago. This is an informative event for the whole family!

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Dino Soap**

JULY 20 | 2:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Create beautiful, transparent soap with a dinosaur preserved in the middle of the amber glow. This is a perfect gift or a useful, fun project to take home for yourself.

### **Voting Rights in Ohio**

JULY 21 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Associate Professor Nathaniel Swigger (OSU Newark) shares information on current voting rights in Ohio.

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Blow Off Some STEAM**

JULY 22 | 3PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Dino-themed STEAM activities are set up at stations for learning through play in the Discovery Center!



### **Basic Computing**

JULY 23 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

This class provides a gentle introduction to the essential parts of a computer, from navigating the desktop to understanding basic hardware.

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Jurassic Luau**

JULY 23 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

We are celebrating summer reading with: dino bites and lava punch, prehistoric crafts, and T-rex limbo. Drop in for a *rawr-some* celebration!

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Kawaii Craft Night**

JULY 23 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Join Anime Club for a kawaii crafting night! Learn about Japanese kawaii aesthetic and create your own adorable crafts inspired by anime, cute characters, and pastel vibes.

# Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

## Read with Andrew!

MAY 4, 11, 18 | 3:30PM

MONDAYS | JUNE 1 - AUG 17 | 10AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Spend time with your favorite reading buddy, Andrew! He is a Pet Partners certified therapy dog and a very good boy who loves when kids read to him. Visit him in our children's area—he cannot wait to see you!

## Read with Hope!

MAY 7, 14, 21, 28, AUG 20, 27 | 3:30PM

THURSDAYS | JUNE 4 - AUG 13 | 10AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Spend time with your favorite reading buddy, Hope! She is a Pet Partners certified therapy dog and a very good girl who loves when kids read to her. Visit her in our children's area—she cannot wait to see you!


## Hot Glue Canvas Art

MAY 5 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Make a work of art for your wall using hot glue guns, paint, and metallic markers.

## Babcock Book Club

 MAY 14, JUNE 11, JULY 9, AUG 13  
5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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

May: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

June: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

July: *1984* by George Orwell

August: *The Silent Patient*

by Alex Michaelides



## Any Book Book Club

MAY 21, JUNE 18, JULY 16, AUG 20

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.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Kickoff Bash

JUNE 1 | 4-6PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Roar into the Summer Library Program with some Jurassic-sized fun! Stomp by the Library to pick up your reading tracker, then stay for the party. Enjoy crafts, games, frozen treats, popcorn, special guests, and (of course) dinosaurs!

## Meditation for Beginners

JUNE 2 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Learn the basics of how to meditate, the history behind the practice, and join in on a short, guided meditation.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Movie-Saurus

WEDNESDAYS | JUNE 3 - JULY 22 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Ready for some *rockin'* films? Stop by every Wednesday and watch a movie based on this year's SLP theme. To view upcoming movies, visit our online calendar!

June 3: *The Good Dinosaur*

June 10: *The Flintstones*

June 17: *Jurassic Park* (PG-13)

June 24: *We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story*

July 1: *The Land Before Time*

July 8: *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs*

July 15: *Shark Tale*

July 22: *Journey to the Center of the Earth*

## Y on the Fly

THURSDAYS | JUNE 4 - JULY 30 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Buckeye Valley Family YMCA brings a variety of games and STEM/STEAM activities weekly.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Jurassic Play Date

JUNE 19, JULY 17 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Play is a crucial part of building literacy and social skills, so join us for a dinosaur-themed play date at the Library! We will provide opportunities for imagination and skill building, plus socialization for both children and caregivers.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Jurassic Jigsaw Puzzle Competition!

JUNE 23 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

It's a fast-paced race to get the pieces in place! Which team can complete their puzzle first and be the big winners?

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dino-mite Tie Dye

JULY 7 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY 

Create a dino-themed masterpiece you can wear! Bring a t-shirt or something you'd like to tie-dye, and we'll supply the rest. Please wear old clothes as the dye will stain whatever it touches.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Party Like a T-rex

JULY 7 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Try your (dino) hand at games and other daily activities, but with a twist: can you do them with T-rex arms?

## UNEARTH A STORY: Pebble Tree

JULY 13 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Dig deep into your artsy side to create a natural or fantastical tree with rocks and other materials.

## Learn to Cross Stitch

AUG 4 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Learn to cross stitch with beginners kits and create your own bookmark with a needle and thread.

# Lakewood

## What is the SAVE Act?

MAY 18 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Dr. Heather Pool, an associate professor at Denison University, discusses the evolution of voting. We'll look at who makes laws regarding voting per the Constitution, practices of voting, and the efforts to both make it harder to vote and secure voting. Then, explore how the SAVE Act impacts voting in the United States.

## Read with Rue

MAY 20 | 5PM

JUNE 8 | 2PM

JULY 16 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Read to Rue, a very friendly and happy Goldendoodle who would *ruff* to meet you! All ages are welcome to enjoy this positive and inclusive reading experience with a certified therapy dog.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dinosaur Reboot

JUNE 1 | 10AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Should we bring back the dinosaurs? Kids will tackle hands-on challenges as they imagine a dinosaur living in Licking County and explore local food sources, habitats, and climate to determine the adaptations it would need to survive. They will design a dinosaur built for life in our community and create their own dinosaur DNA slime for a roaring-good finish!

## UNEARTH A STORY: Geology of Mammoth Cave National Park

JUNE 11 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Uncover the geological secrets of Mammoth Cave National Park, the longest known cave on Earth. Named for the immense size of its many rooms and passages, Mammoth Cave currently boasts 426 miles of explored and mapped passages. James St. John, Senior Lecturer at The Ohio State University at Newark, discusses the unique geology found within Kentucky's only National Park.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dinosaur Terrariums

JUNE 18 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Build a small prehistoric environment, complete with a dinosaur figurine! Pick out a container and a plant or two, then layer in the substrate and soil to promote healthy plant growth.



## Master Your Online Job Search

JUNE 23 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Learn the essentials of navigating popular job search websites and creating professional online profiles. Our Techspert walks through the steps of setting up accounts, effectively formatting your resume for upload, and ensuring your information is ready for recruiters. Gain the confidence and practical skills to streamline your job search and stand out to employers. Teens are welcome to attend, too!

## UNEARTH A STORY: Collaborative Dino Art

JUNE 25 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Collaborate with other young artists to fill in an oversized, dinosaur-themed piece of art. Use different mediums to create an out-of-the-ordinary design full of colors and textures. Learn how working as a group transforms a blank canvas into something that everyone in the community can be proud of.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Bingo Book Club

JUNE 27, JULY 25 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Share what you've been reading this summer for reading bingo! Pick up a bingo sheet beginning June 1. Meet with fellow readers on June 27 and July 25, and bring a sheet with one or more bingos for a chance to win.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dinosaur Hunt

JULY 1 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Stomp, roar, and explore at our Dinosaur Hunt! Children will help search for hidden dinosaurs throughout the library. Pretend and Play features stories and guided play using props and scene settings to build your child's vocabulary, cooperative skills, and imagination.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dinosaur Cupcake Challenge

JULY 7 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Who doesn't love dinosaurs and cupcakes? Learn basic cupcake decorating skills, design your own edible prehistoric masterpiece, and connect with other creative teens. All supplies are provided; just bring your imagination and get ready for a sweet challenge!

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dinosaurs After Dark

JULY 9 | 7PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

A kid-free evening of friends, fun, and dinosaurs! Test your knowledge with Jurassic Park trivia, break apart dinosaur eggs, and enjoy other themed activities.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Prehistoric LEGO® Challenge**

JULY 11 | 11AM

**DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY**

Step into a prehistoric world and design your own dinosaur-inspired LEGO® creations! Build, explore, and bring your prehistoric ideas to life. Finally, give your dinosaur a story and put them on display for everyone to visit!

## **Teacher Supply Swap**

AUGUST 8 | 9:30AM-3PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Calling all educators! Bring your new or gently used school supplies to donate and swap at this community-driven event. Refresh local classrooms, promote sustainability, and support fellow educators while choosing items on a first-come, first-served basis. You can also donate classroom decorations to help equip students and teachers with the essential tools they need for a successful school year.



## **Members**

August 21 | 3:30 - 5:30pm

## **Public**

August 22 | 9am - 3pm

1440 Granville Road, Newark



# Utica

## **Read with Rue**

MAY 7 | 6PM

JUNE 29, JULY 27 | 10:30AM

**DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY**

Read to Rue, a very friendly and happy Goldendoodle who would *ruff* to meet you! All ages are welcome to enjoy this positive and inclusive reading experience with a certified therapy dog.



## **Utica Book Club**

MAY 21, JUNE 18, JULY 16 | 6PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Join our adult book club for a relaxed and engaging reading experience! This group explores a variety of popular fiction, from bestselling novels to hidden gems, while enjoying lively conversation. Copies are available at the Utica location and may also be accessed digitally.

May: *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch

June: *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton

July: *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan



## **Pretend and Play: Wild West**

MAY 18 | 10:30AM

**DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS**

Yeehaw! Saddle up and mosey on down for a special wild west-themed Pretend and Play. Come dressed to impress in your best cowboy or cowgirl gear and be ready to read, learn, and play.

## **Tapple Game Night**

MAY 27 | 5:30PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Tapple is the award-winning, fast-paced word game that gives players a rush of excitement as they race to beat the clock!

## **Dog Training by Rowan**

MAY 28 | 1PM

**DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY**

Kids can learn what it takes to raise a well-mannered, confident dog and what skills are needed to help your pet become a good canine citizen.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Kickoff Party**

JUNE 1 | 12-5PM

**DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY**

Kick off this year's Summer Library Program, Unearth a Story, with a roaring good time at our dinosaur-themed kick-off party! The Library will celebrate the start of summer reading with fun prehistoric activities, including a bounce house for kids to enjoy.

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Happy Little Dinosaurs Game Night**

JUNE 24 | 5:30PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

In this game, you'll try to dodge all of life's little disasters. You might fall into a pit of hot lava or get ghosted by your dinosaur date, but the dinosaur who survives it all wins the game! In Happy Little Dinosaurs, the first person to reach 50 points or be the last dinosaur standing, wins the game!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Dino Totes**

JULY 9 | 4PM

**DESIGNED FOR TEENS**

Get creative at the Library and design your very own dinosaur tote bag! We'll provide all the supplies you need to decorate a reusable tote with fun dino designs, colors, and patterns. Just bring your imagination and get ready for some prehistoric fun!

## **UNEARTH A STORY: Jurassic UNO**

JULY 25 | 12PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

UNO Attack Jurassic World Dominion is an electronic, themed card game where players match colors and numbers, featuring a dinosaur-shaped launcher that shoots cards, mimicking a Dilophosaurus. When the special "Attack! Attack!" card is drawn, the shooter triggers, firing cards and making fun dinosaur roars.

# West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)

## Read with Rue

MAY 5 | 5:30PM

MAY 28, JUNE 2 | 10:30AM

**DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY**

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## Cookies and Cram Cafe

MAY 9 | 11AM

**DESIGNED FOR TEENS**


Study in our meeting room transformed into a chill, low-pressure zone, complete with calm lo-fi beats. Stress toys and plushies are available for when you need a break, and cocoa and cookies for when the studying makes you crash. Tips and tricks for studying better will also be there!

## Skein Squad Crochet Group

MAY 18, JUNE 15, JULY 20, AUG 17 | 6PM

**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**  
MAY 20, JUN 17, JULY 15,  
AUG 19 | 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.

May: *Welcome to Murder Week*  
by Karen Dukess

June: *A Rip Through Time*  
by Kelley Armstrong

July: *The Traitor Among Us* by Anne Perry

August: *The Secret Book Society*  
by Madeline Martin

## Historical Drama Group

MAY 27, JUNE 24, JULY 22, AUG 26 | 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.

May: *The Insider*

June: *October Sky*

July: *The Assassination of Jesse James*

August: *Something the Lord Made*

 **LGBTQIA+ Book Group**  
MAY 28, JUNE 25, JULY 30,  
AUG 27 | 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.

May: *The Lady's Guide to Celestial Mechanics* by Olivia Waite

June: *Juliet Takes a Breath*  
by Gabby Rivera

July: *Greta & Valdin* by Rebecca Reilly

August: *The Secret Lives of Country Gentlemen* by K.J. Charles

## National Snail Day Craft

MAY 29 | 9:30AM

**DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS**

It's National Snail Day! Come in for a make-and-take craft and to learn more about the importance of snails.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Chalk the Walk

JUNE 3 | 9AM-8PM

**DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY**

Let's transform the sidewalk outside the Library into a masterpiece! We'll bring the chalk so you can bring your imagination to life with your own dinosaur designs and doodles.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Summer D&D Event

JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27 | 11AM-2PM

**DESIGNED FOR TEENS**

Dinosaurs, expeditions, and treasures, oh my! Join an Adventure in the Jungles of Chult on a 4-week campaign. Make discoveries, avoid dangerous creatures, and survive a hostile landscape. Feel free to pack a lunch for this adventure.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Fossil Diffuser

JUNE 8 | 6PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Unearth your imagination by creating your own fossil-inspired diffuser using air-dry clay, essential oils, and the botanical imprint of your choice.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dino Nuggie Pillows

JUNE 11 | 6PM

**DESIGNED FOR TEENS**

The tastiest dinners are shaped like dinosaurs. Make a fuzzy pillow for your bed or chair in the shape of the beloved dino-chicken nugget.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Puzzle Palooza

JUNE 13 | 12-2PM

**DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Partake in lively jigsaw puzzle contest where you race each other to see who can complete their puzzle first! If you're a seasoned puzzler or just enjoy a good challenge, this event is filled with friendly competition, plenty of laughs, and prizes for winners. Participants can compete solo or as part of a team. Please only register once for your team.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dig In!

JUNE 16 | 1PM

**DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY**

Experience what it's like to be an archaeologist during this interactive cookie excavation program. Participants will carefully uncover chocolate chips while learning why patience and precision matter in real-world digs. A playful introduction to archaeology and STEM concepts.

## The Goblin King's Birthday Party

JUNE 16 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Forty years ago, *Labyrinth*, the cinematic fantasy masterpiece by Jim Henson (starring David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly), taught us about the babe with the power. Celebrate the film and the folklore from which it draws inspiration. Teens also welcome.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Ice Eggscavation

JUNE 17, JULY 8 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Find the best way to extract frozen fossils with this chilly sensory challenge.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dino Dig

JUNE 20 | 10:30AM

JULY 7 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Think like an archaeologist and try out your paleontology skills. Connect with how dinosaurs lived and how scientists study creatures from thousands of years ago.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Ohio Creature Trading Cards

JUNE 23 | 10:30AM-12PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY 

Par Excellence Expeditions joins us as we discover the prehistoric world of Ohio with hands-on STEM fun! Explore ancient creatures and natural history through playful, interactive activities that inspire the imagination. Best for children ages 5-9.



## UNEARTH A STORY: Snoretime Volcanoes

JUNE 23 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

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.

## American Music Trivia

JUNE 24 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Bring your cell phone or tablet to play along as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary through songs.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Stem Fun through the Ages

JUNE 25, JULY 23 | 3PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Par Excellence Expeditions will join us as we experience the natural history of Ohio through exciting STEM challenges! Tweens will investigate prehistoric life and tackle creative, science-driven activities that bring the past to life. Best for children ages 10-13.

June: *On the Hunt: Ohio Food Sources*

July: *Puzzling Ohio*

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dino Taxidermy

JUNE 27 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY 

Create some 3D dinosaur "decROAR" for your wall...we promise they won't bite! This program is intended for kids ages 8 and up.

## USA Music

JULY 1 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Want to know the stories behind some of America's favorite patriotic songs? Celebrate the USA with "Fifty Nifty United States," "God Bless America," and many more. Teens are also welcome.



## UNEARTH A STORY: Little Listeners Dino Stomp

JULY 2 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Stomp, roar, and dance like dinosaurs! Children will enjoy dinosaur-themed stories, songs, and movement activities that get little bodies moving and imaginations roaring.

## Heartstopper Vol. 6 Release Party

JULY 7 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

The final installment to the bestselling graphic novel series about life, love, and everything in between is here—and we want to celebrate.

## UNEARTH A STORY: DIY Geodes

JULY 9 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Come see some real geodes up close, then make your own sparkly creation to take home!

## UNEARTH A STORY: Cyanotype Creations

JULY 11 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

JULY 13 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Create artistic prints using UV-reactive paper and natural botanicals. Arrange your design, let the sun do the work, and reveal something unique developed by the light.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Dig into Decomposition

JULY 14 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Licking County Recycling visits today to show us decomposition in action! Take a look at how things break down and become part of the soil again, and learn about how you can compost at home.

## Newark Männerchor: German-American Songs

JULY 14 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Did you know there are many German immigrants who have contributed to the musical tapestry of our nation? Come hear a few interesting songs and learn about the German American singing society here in Licking County, Newark Männerchor.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Gem Mining

JULY 18 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY 

Perfect for young rockhounds! Explore the world of gems through hands-on mining, sorting, and discovery.

## UNEARTH A STORY: Roars and Rumbles

JULY 21 | 10:30AM-12PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Par Excellence Expeditions will visit with us as we discover the prehistoric world of Ohio with hands-on STEM fun! Kids explore ancient creatures and natural history through playful, interactive activities that inspire the imagination. Best for children ages 5-9.

## West Newark cont.



### **UNEARTH A STORY:**

#### **Snoretime Dinos**

JULY 21 | 6:30PM

#### **DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS**

Stomp, chomp, and explore the world of dinosaurs at the Library! Young paleontologists will enjoy dinosaur stories, fun facts about their favorite prehistoric creatures, and hands-on activities.

### **UNEARTH A STORY: Make Me Minecraft**

JULY 23 | 6PM

#### **DESIGNED FOR TEENS**

Create your own Minecraft self-portrait. It's hip to be square.



### **Little Listeners: Chill Out and Read**

JULY 30 | 10:30AM

#### **DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS**

Cool off with stories, songs, and rhymes all about ice cream! Preschoolers will enjoy sweet tales, playful movement, and frosty fun during this delightful story time.

# Off Site



### **Facebook: Security Made Simple**

MAY 12 | 1PM | LCAP

#### **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'll walk away with a "hacker-proof" account and the peace of mind that your information stays private. Bringing your personal mobile device is encouraged.



### **Maples & Manuscripts**

MAY 14, JUNE 4, JULY 9,

AUG 6 | 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.

May: *The Serviceberry*

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

June: *Sand County Almanac*

by Aldo Leopold

July: *Raising Hare: A Memoir*

by Chloe Dalton

August: *The Age of Deer: Trouble and Kinship with our Wild Neighbors*

by Erika Howsare

### **Senior Health and Wellness Expo**

MAY 15 | 10AM-2PM | LCAP

#### **DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

In partnership with Licking County Aging Partners, seniors can meet dozens of local organizations and businesses that offer health and wellness services in Licking County—many of which are free! There is musical entertainment, goody bags, snacks, and a drawing for door prizes.

### **Newark Book Fest**

MAY 16 | 10AM-3PM | CANAL MARKET DISTRICT

#### **DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Visit us at the Newark Book Fest in the Canal Market District for a lively celebration of books and reading! All ages are welcome to meet local authors, enjoy book-related activities, and discover your next favorite book. Licking County Library is proud to support this event in partnership with Licking County Writes!



### **Decoding Digital Deception in the News**

JUNE 11 | 1PM | LCAP

#### **DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Are you tired of misinformation clouding your judgment? Sharpen your critical thinking skills and become a truth warrior in this engaging class on identifying fake news in a digital world.



### **And the Password Is...**

JULY 9 | 1PM | LCAP

#### **DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Passwords, passkeys, 2FA—what does it all mean? Our Techspert will walk you through some simple ways to keep track of all those different security measures that keep our digital life safe. This class will focus on the use of the password manager that is already on your device, how to use it safely, and why it is secure. Bringing your personal device to this hands-on class is encouraged.



### **Cutting the Cable Cord**

AUG 13 | 1PM | LCAP

#### **DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Using the internet to stream TV and movies has become very popular over the past several years. In this class, our Techsperts introduce the basics of streaming, what equipment is needed, what services are available, and how to get local channels without paying that enormous cable television bill.



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### Aerial Microrobots: Insect-Sized Possibilities

May 4 • 11am - 12pm

#### Virtual

Dr. Kevin Chen, Associate Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT, discusses his work developing insect-sized drones with unprecedented dexterity and resilience.

### The Ecology of Ticks

May 6 • 11am - 12:30pm

#### Downtown Newark

Biology Professor, Jessica Rettig, discusses her tick research at Denison's Biological Reserve and various Licking County parks.

### Automobile History, 1900-1920

May 13 • 11am - 12:30pm

#### Downtown Newark

Rick Lindner reviews the early history of the automotive industry, highlighting some of the notable makes and models. Lindner is a long time Ford enthusiast who owns eleven Fords, all built before 1950.

### Eating Grasshoppers

May 14 • 11am - 12:30pm

#### Downtown Newark

Dr. Jeffrey Cohen discusses his research for the book, *Eating Grasshoppers: Chapulines and the Women Who Sell Them*. Books are available for purchase and signing at the time of the program.

### Caravaggio: Outlaw Painter

May 19 • 11am - 12:30pm

#### Virtual

Art historian and artist Sean Crum reviews the life and work of Caravaggio, one of the original bad boys of the art world.

### Page Turners Book Club

May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18 • 3 - 4pm

#### Downtown Newark

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.

May: *Homeseeeking* by Karissa Chen

June: *The Note* by Alafair Burke

July: *Great Big Beautiful Life* by Emily Henry

August: *Heartwood* by Amity Gaige

### The Mysterious Origins of the God of Israel

May 20 • 1 - 2:30pm

#### Downtown Newark

Dr. Chris Farrar considers how a deity emerged from the fringes of the ancient world to become the God of Israel.

### Tick Talk: Diseases and Prevention

May 26 • 7pm - 7:45pm • Lakewood

June 8 • 7pm - 7:45pm • Johnstown

Dean Kreager discusses tick species, tick pathogens, tick-borne diseases, tick bite prevention, and proper tick removal. Kreager is an Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator with OSU Extension in Licking County.

### Saving Coral Reefs

June 2 • 11am - 12pm

#### Virtual

Dr. Erinn Muller discusses how scientists at Mote Marine Laboratory in Florida are meeting the dire need for active coral restoration.

### Turning Backyard Weeds into Wellness

June 10 • 1 - 2:30pm

#### Lakewood

Diana Hand, naturopathic doctor and forager, discusses the health benefits of some wild "weeds", and tincture making. Diana is a certified family herbalist with years of experience who has taught classes for Licking Park District and others.

### Mandalas: Diagramming the Cosmos

June 23 • 11am - 12:30pm

#### Virtual

Art historian and artist Sean Crum explores the spiritual geometric configurations known as mandalas.

### American Revolution: Shot Heard Round the World to Declaration of Independence

July 9 • 1 - 3pm

#### Downtown Newark

Dr. Barbara Terzian discusses the events of Lexington and Concord, Thomas Paine's Common Sense, and the Declaration of Independence. She will discuss the writing and passage of the Declaration and how Common Sense served as its precursor.

## LCL LOCATIONS

Visit our website for location hours: [lickingcountylibrary.org](http://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 East Broad Street, Reynoldsburg

### 24-Hour Kiosk • Legacy Park Hanover

2018 West High Street, Newark

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## 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](http://lickingcountylibrary.org)

**In-person/Phone:** 740.349.5500

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

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