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> LICKING COUNTY LIBRARY



Color Our World this summer with creative stories, hands-on activities, and amazing performers! Licking County Library's goal is to provide enjoyable and meaningful experiences for your child. 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 to discover opportunities for entertaining and educational programs, including fabulous performances and engaging activities. Thank you to the Friends of the Licking County Library for their generous support of the 2025 Color Our World Summer Library Program.







Chemistry of Color With Crystal Clear Science

<u>June 5</u> Johnstown | 10:30am Hebron | 1pm Downtown Newark | 3:30pm



Beauty and the Beast With Steven's Puppets

<u>June 6</u> Buckeye Lake | 10:30am West Newark | 1pm Utica | 4pm



Big Red Balloon Dog With The Balloon Vibe

<u>June 10</u> West Newark | 10:30am Buckeye Lake | 1pm Hebron | 3:30pm

<u>June 11</u> Johnstown | 10:30am Utica | 1pm Downtown Newark | 3:30pm

Summer Performers



Tricks in Technicolor With Professor Tony

<u>June 17</u> Buckeye Lake | 10:30am Hebron | 1pm

<u>June 18</u> West Newark | 10:30am Johnstown | 1pm Utica | 3:30pm

Downtown Newark | 3:30pm



Dr. Insecta Bug Lab Experience

<u>June 24</u> West Newark | 10:30am Buckeye Lake | 1pm Hebron | 3:30pm

<u>June 26</u> Johnstown | 10:30am Utica | 1pm Downtown Newark | 3:30pm

We are grateful for the generous support of our sponsor, Park National Bank, whose contribution has made an American Sign Language Interpreter possible for all of our Dr. Insecta programs.





Didgeridoo Down Under

<u>July 2</u> Buckeye Lake | 1pm Downtown Newark | 4pm Johnstown | 7pm



Draw Along With Jeff Nicholas Art

<u>July 16</u> West Newark | 10:30am Johnstown | 1pm Utica | 3:30pm

<u>July 17</u> Buckeye Lake | 10:30am Hebron | 1pm Downtown Newark | 3:30pm









Expand your global perspective with CultureGrams, a comprehensive database offering in-depth insights into cultures worldwide. Discover customs, values, traditions, and everyday life from diverse communities, helping you gain a deeper appreciation of the world and its people. This also covers United States and Canadian provinces.

Access this resource through the Cultures & Languages section of our website's Online Research & Databases page.

> Free with your Library card! lickingcountylibrary.org



Story Time

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS Enjoy stories, rhymes and songs that help develop early literacy skills! Designed for ages birth through 5.

Mondays | 10:30am | Utica Tuesdays | 10:30am | Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock) Tuesdays | 10:30am | Downtown Newark (ages 3 - 5) Wednesdays | 10:30am | Hebron Thursdays | 10:30am | West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) Fridays | 10:30am | Buckeye Lake

Library Speakers Consortium Virtual Author Talks

K-12 Summer Series Authors:



Katherine Applegate | June 24 | 4pm

Raúl The Third | July 8 | 4pm

Marie Lu | July 17 | 4pm





Rex Ogle | July 23 | 4pm



Register and view details for these talks and more at:



https://qrco.de/bfSw06

Mobile Library Schedule

Monday

5/5, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4

- Неатн Ramp Creek Community | 3:30 4рм
- HEATH VILLA VISTA MOBILE HOMES | 4:15 4:45pm
- HEATH AMBER MOBILE HOME PARK | 5 5:30PM

5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11

- JOHNSTOWN KROGER | 3:15 3:45pm
- JOHNSTOWN CLOVER VALLEY CHAPEL CCCU 4 - 4:45pm
- JOHNSTOWN KYBER RUN CIRCLE | 5:15 5:45pm

5/19, 8/18

• Newark • John Clem Elementary | 4:15 – 4:45pm

5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18

- Newark Potters Grove 5 5:30pm
- Newark Newark Village Apts. | 5:45 6:15pm

6/23, 7/28, 8/25

- Newark Stonington Woods | 3 3:30pm
- Newark Reddington Village Condos 3:45 4:15pm
- Newark Shalimar Dr. | 4:30 5pm
- Marne Marne Church | 5:15 5:45рм

6/30

- Newark Mary Ann Twp. Fire Dept. 4 - 4:45pm
- Newark Rocky Fork Church 5 – 5:45pm

TUESDAY

5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5

- НЕАТН WOODLAND Ст. | 3:15 3:45рм
- Неатн Luckee Ave. | 4 4:30рм
- Неатн Fox Run Dr. | 4:45 5:15рм

5/13, 6/10, 7/8, 8/12

• Newark • Look Up Center | 5:15 — 6рм

TUESDAY CONT.

5/20, 6/17, 7/15, 8/19

- Неатн Hopewell Commons | 3:15 3:45рм
- Heath Glenwood Condos | 4 4:30pm
- HEATH WILLOW RIDGE DR. | 4:45 5:15pm
- Неатн Christ Lutheran Church | 5:30 6рм

5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26

• Pataskala • Citizens Park | 4 — 5рм • Pataskala • Woodington Dr. | 5:15 — 6рм

6/17, 7/15, 8/19 • Newark • Licking County Aging Partners | 11am – 2pm

6/24, 7/22, 8/26 • Pataskala • Lynd Fruit Farm | 3:00 – 3:30pm

WEDNESDAY

5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 8/6

- St. Louisville Shelby Park | 4 4:45pm
- UTICA UTICA HIGH SCHOOL | 5 5:45pm

5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13

- BUCKEYE LAKE CRT REALTORS BY WATER'S EDGE CC 3:15 4PM
- HEBRON SUNSET DR. | 4:30 5:15pm
- НЕВКОЛ UNION TWP. HALL 5:30 6:15рм

5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20

- Newark Irish Lane | 4 4:30pm • Newark • NCS Old Roosevelt Building
- 4:45 5:15рм • Newark • C-TEC | 5:30 — 6рм

5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/27

- Pataskala Summit Glen Rd. | 4 4:30pm
- PATASKALA AUTUMN WAY | 4:45 5:15pm

THURSDAY

- 5/1, 6/5, 8/7
- Newark Mary Ann Twp. Fire Dept. 4 - 4:45pm
- Newark Rocky Fork Church 5 — 5:45рм

May - August

THURSDAY CONT.

5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14

- Newark Nothtowne Condos 11am — 12pm
- BROWNSVILLE FOURTH ST. 4 – 4:30pm
- THORNVILLE DEER TRAIL DR. 4:45 - 5:30pm
- Jacksontown Jacksontown Rd. 5:45 - 6:15pm

5/15, 6/19, 7/17, 8/21

- BUCKEYE LAKE GOODWILL | 3 3:45pm • BUCKEYE LAKE • NORTH SHORE BOAT RAMP
- 4 4:45рм
- BUCKEYE LAKE HARBOR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB 5 - 5:45pm

5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/28

- PERRYTON LICKING VALLEY RD. | 4 4:30pm
- TOBOSO THE WELL | 4:45 5:15PM
- HANOVER W. HIGH ST. | 5:30 6pm

5/30

- NEWARK STONINGTON WOODS 3 3:30PM
- Newark Reddington Village Condos 3:45 4:15pm
- Newark Shalimar Dr. | 4:30 5pm
- Marne Marne Church | 5:15 5:45рм

Friday

5/2, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22

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

Visit our Mobile Library during the StoryTrail opening at Dawes Arboretum! Saturday, May 31, 9:30 - 11:30am

The Collective:

The Collective is a dynamic and engaging space to showcase our communities as well as broader themes of art, history and science. Located at LCL's Downtown Newark location, we invite you to visit this space to experience something new.

View the list of upcoming exhibits, and visit our website for more details:

Mental Health Month: Art of Recovery May 1-31

Pollination Investigation from Smithsonian Gardens June 2— July 26

Ohio Women Vote: 100 Years of Change August 5— September 26



https://qrco.de/lclcollective

Licking County's Changing Landscape

It is a time of change in Licking County! We want your help to create a record of our county, as it is today, for future generations. Submit your photos to capture how cities, towns, villages, green spaces, and landmarks appear in 2025.

Visit **lickingcountylibrary.org** to submit your view of Licking County. Submissions will be curated and selected for a collection on Biblioboard, accepted through December 2025.



Inclusive Programs



Next Chapter Book Club May 6, 20, June 3, 17, July 1, 15 | 12pm Designed for Adults

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

Color Our World: Adventures in Art

May 6, June 3, July 1 | 1pm Downtown Newark June 11 | 1pm| Hebron July 9 | 1pm | West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) Designed for Adults & Teens

A time for adults and teens with disabilities to explore arts and crafts while practicing self-expression. May: Mexican folk art June: Special guest artists from Centofanti Fine Art Gallery July: Splatter your name art

Hebron & West Newark: Splatter 6 your name art

Word Slinger Squad May 21, July 16 | 5pm Designed for Adults & Teens

A creative writing workshop for adults and teens with intellectual and developmental disabilities designed to encourage community connections, creativity and the practice of writing.

Mental Health Month: Art of Recovery Exhibit Celebration May 29 | 6:30pm

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Licking County Library and the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Licking and Knox Counties offer a joint exhibition to elevate, through creative expression, the voices of those with experience of mental health issues, fostering understanding and reducing stigma in our community.

Adventures in Board Gaming JUNE 18 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Adults and teens with disabilities are invited to meet new people and play board games like Scrabble[®], Apples to Apples[™], Braille Uno[™], braille dominoes and Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza[®].

Color Our World: Talented Tweens June 26, July 31 | 11am Designed for Elementary

A time for tweens (ages 9-12) with disabilities to create, connect with each other and express themselves with arts and crafts!

June: Special guest artists from Centofanti Fine Art Gallery

July: Splatter your name art

ESL Speaking Club

May 14, June 11 | 4:30pm COTC Pataskala Campus 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 improve their communication skills.

Buckeye Lake

Color Our World: Tiny Canvas Painting JUNE 18 5:30PM Designed for Adults Let your creativity flow and paint a miniature masterpiece inspired by a favorite memory!

Downtown Newark

Tech Tuesdays

TUESDAYS | 10AM-4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Techsperts are available to answer your technology questions. No appointment is necessary.

An Afternoon with an Auctioneer Мау 6 2:30 РМ

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Not sure how to tackle spring cleaning or downsizing your home? Mike Mooney, from Mooney Auctioneering, provides guidance and information about how to prepare your home and personal items. Hear about the most interesting items he has seen and the most popular items in an auction, too. No individual items will be evaluated during the program.



FECHSPER, Gmail Basics May 8 | 1 pm

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

P 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 get comfortable with email communication!

Color Our World: Experiment 626 Day JUNE 26 | 10AM - 5PM **D**ESIGNED FOR TEENS Celebrate everyone's favorite alien,

Experiment 626, and pick up a Stitchthemed take & paint!

Color Our World: Color Match Challenge JULY 10 3PM **D**ESIGNED FOR TEENS

Learn basic color theory and put that knowledge to the test. Race as a team or individually to match the most paint samples in a color frenzy!

Building Early Literacy Skills Мау 8 6рм

Designed For Adults

Do you have a child preparing for pre-k or kindergarten? This two-part series is designed to support families and their young children in getting ready for school. This brief presentation is followed by hands-on activities that you can do at home with your child to help them develop skills for school. Representatives from local organizations also share information about other resources in the county.

BOOK CLUBS Romantasy Book & Craft Club

MAY 13, JUNE 10, JULY 8, AUGUST 12 6PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Do you love fantasy mixed with your romance? This is a book club where discussions and making a craft go hand in hand. Materials are provided. Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library/Libby. May: Legendborn by Tracy Deonn June: Can't Spell Treason Without Tea by Rebecca Thorne

July: Powerless by Lauren Roberts August: Beren and Lúthien by J.R.R. Tolkien

HOMESCHOOL Writers Workshop MAY 14, JUNE 18, JULY 9 3:30PM P

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

A writing workshop with the homeschooler in mind. Discuss various

Color Our World: Mosaic Coasters

JULY 19 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS Use small, colorful ceramic tiles to design a coaster inspired by the French street artist Invader.

Color Our World: Future Artists JULY 23 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

Is the use of color a science or an art? Get creative with The Works and learn about synesthesia, colors and collage as we discover how science and art intersect.



elements of the writing process with a focus on imagination. Get ready to fine-tune your creative writing skills!

BOOK CLUBS EXTRAterrestrial Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club

MAY 15, JUNE 19 5:30PM **Designed For Adults**

Discuss the month's book with your fellow earthlings! Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location or download a digital copy from The Ohio Digital Library/Libby.

May: Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries by Heather Fawcett

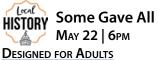
June: Dune by Frank Herbert

TECHSPER, Microsoft Word Basics Мау 22 | 1рм

Designed For Adults

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Learn the basics of Microsoft Word: new document, document setup, how to copy and paste, changing fonts/color/ size, aligning text, adding bullets, adjusting the margins, and saving and printing documents.



Currently, Licking County Library has compiled over 1,100 records of men and women who have died while serving their country, dating back to the War of 1812. This program features a selection of narratives detailing the lives and deaths of these individuals.

Downtown Newark cont.

BOOK CLUBS May 28, JUNE 25, JULY 23, AUGUST 27 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Calling all armchair sleuths! Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library/Libby. May: *The Guardians* by John Grisham June: *Old Bones* by Doug Preston July: *Edge of Evil* by J.A. Jance August: *Kill for Me Kill for You* by Steve Cavanagh



BOOK CLUBS Youth Classics Book Club Tuesdays | June 3 - July 22 | 4:15pm

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Whether you are an emergent or independent reader, sharpen your skills through discussion, vocabulary development and creative thinking with your peers. Participants can vote on the chapter book the group reads. If you miss a week, don't worry, we will catch you up. Newcomers are always welcome.

Color Our World: Light Up the Night Lanterns JUNE 4 | 4PM DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Create your own lantern to light up your room with color!

Kindergarten Boot Camp

THURSDAYS | JUNE 5 - JULY 24 | 10:30AM DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS Designed for students entering kindergarten in Fall 2025, 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.

Color Our World: Preserving the Past JUNE 5 | 5:30PM DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Come and learn about best practices for storing, handling, and protecting your precious historical paper materials like photographs or important family documents.



Color Our World: *Dogman* Party JUNE 6 | 1:30-4PM DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Drop in to celebrate the fabulous graphic novel *Dogman* with us! Be ready for games and activities. Then, you can choose to stay for a showing of the movie *Dogman* (2025).

Color Our World: Fused Glass Class JUNE 11 | 5:30pm

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Learn fused glass fundamentals from a professional glass artist! You'll design and make your very own fused glass nightlight. No previous experience is necessary.

Color Our World: Puzzle Race June 12 | 6pm Designed for Adults

Compete against other teams to see who can complete a 500-piece puzzle the fastest! Can your team set a record? Teams can be made up of 3-6 people. Only one team member should register; the program is limited to 7 teams. In addition to teams of adults, families with older kids or teens are welcome!

Color Our World: John Coltrane's Giant Steps JUNE 13 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Giant Steps is a fantastic collaboration between jazz great John Coltrane, children's book illustrator Chris Raschka, and narrator Richard Allen. This is an intertwined book-and-music performance and introduction to jazz, in particular Coltrane's "sheets of sound." Listen to the tracks together, follow along with the book, and meet a few other jazz greats.

Preschool Art Studio June 16 | 10:30am

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Bring out the creativity in your preschooler by sampling different art techniques with common materials.



Color Our World: Wild About Watercolor June 17 | 5:30pm Designed for Teens

DESIGNED FOR TEENS This class will focus young artists on developing artistic skills and expressing creativity through the world of watercolor. We will cover techniques for mixing paint, stroke-making, and how to paint in layers. Participants will then make their own masterpiece with a nature-based theme.

African American Roots in HISTORY JUNE 17 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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The first documented African American in what became Licking County accompanied explorer Christopher Gist in 1751. There have been both named and unnamed African American people in Licking County since that time, some as slaves, most as free people. As part of this program, we will be focusing on the early African American pioneers of Licking County during the 1800s.

Color Our World: Summer Art Day Camp

JUNE 23-27 | 10AM-12PM DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

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Register for our week-long Summer Art Day Camp! School-age kids can learn about art and art criticism and create different works of art every day —so dress for a mess! All supplies will be provided except for one white t-shirt for a tie-dye activity on the last day. Breakfast will be included. Participants are also welcome to stay after camp for our free summer lunch program. Register for the entire week by signing up for day one on Monday, June 23. Space is limited.



Color Our World: Anime Club Pictionary[®] Edition JUNE 23 5:30PM **DESIGNED FOR TEENS**

This isn't a normal game of Pictionary®; this anime edition of the game comes with a twist!

TECHSPER, Canva Basics

JUNE 25 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS Join our Techspert for an engaging introduction to Canva, where you'll learn to navigate the platform, customize templates, and use design tools to create stunning graphics. Whether for social media, presentations, or everyday projects, this class will help you bring your ideas to life with ease!

Color Our World: The Licking HISTORY County Historical Society JUNE 25 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Howard Long, Executive Director of the Licking County Historical Society, will describe what it offers visitors and residents, such as local history research tools and other services.

The Everyday Conservationist: Nurturing Nature at Home JUNE 26 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Climate change and biodiversity loss are creating existential threats to people and nature-but we can help! In this presentation, you'll learn about how traditional landscape management is contributing to climate change and biodiversity loss and discover small steps we can take in our own backyards and communities to steward our landscapes for nature and wildlife.

Color Our World: Glow in the **Dark Painting**

JULY 7 5PM **DESIGNED FOR TEENS** Experiment with painting using glow-in-

the-dark paint on canvas!

Color Our World: Paper Mâché **Dragon Creation** DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

PART 1 JULY 9 1PM

Work together to build a giant sky dragon with paper mâché. PART 2 | JULY 16 | 1PM Work together to paint the sky dragon we made with paper mâché during part one.

Color Our World: Art and **History of Bookmarks** JULY 9 5:30PM **DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

Learn about the history of bookmarks and then craft your own with pressed flowers.

In Search of Mothman JULY 9 6:30PM **DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

P Paranormal researcher Steve Ward shares the legend of Mothman. From November 1966 to December 1967, the town of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, was overtaken by strange events. There were numerous reports of a large, winged creature; luminous objects appeared frequently in the night sky and the townspeople became the target of harassment by men dressed in black.

Color Our World: Amazing Female Artists JULY 10 3:30PM **D**ESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

P How many female artists can you name off the top of your head? Maybe Georgia O'Keefe and/or Frida Kahlo? Possibly Mary Cassatt? Don't despair; we will give you a few more fabulous ones at this evening program for school age kiddos and make some artistic creations in their honor.

Color Our World: Collage with Todd Camp JULY 14 5PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

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Join artist Todd Camp and discover a new way to develop visual storytelling through creative collage. Using various papers, mono prints, magazines, and photos, combine interesting elements into a completed masterpiece!

Color Our World: Teen Trivia JULY 16 3PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

What random knowledge can you put to use in a rousing afternoon of trivia? Bring a device and be ready to go head-to-head for the title of trivia champion. Test your skills and compete with friends.

TECHSPER, Bitcoin Basics and Beyond JULY 17 | 1PM **Designed For Adults**

In this introduction to cryptocurrency, Technology Director Phil Jones breaks down the basics of digital currencies, blockchain technology, and their realworld impact. Whether you're curious about Bitcoin, security, or the future of digital finance, this session will give you the foundation to get started.

Color Our World: Preschool Plexiglass Painting Party

JULY 18 | 1:30PM

Designed For Early Learners Drizzle, swirl, splotch, or squirt washable paint onto plexiglass panels to make art.

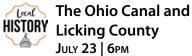
Pre-K Art Play JULY 22, 29 | 10:30AM **DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS**

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

Color Our World: Art Buffet JULY 23 2:30PM

Designed For Elementary

Peruse the "Art Buffet" where tables are loaded with art supplies from the ordinary to the extraordinary. Explore the creative process and make your own masterpiece!



Designed For Adults

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The Ohio Erie Canal's groundbreaking ceremony took place on July 4, 1825, in what is now Heath. Upon completion, the canal would link Lake Erie and the Ohio River and pass through Licking County, creating an economic boon for the area. This program will provide an overview of the canal from its construction to its filling in 1908. 9



ECHSPER, Sphero® Showdown JULY 24 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

P Dive into the world of robotics and coding with Sphero[®]! Library Techsperts will guide you through block coding, allowing you to program these awesome robots to navigate challenges and perform cool tricks.

Color Our World: Art Heist **Escape Room** JULY 24 | 5:45PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Solve puzzles to unlock the mystery in this art heist-themed escape room!



The History of HISTORY Downtown Newark AUGUST 28 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Downtown Newark has undergone significant changes since it was founded in 1802 as a swamp-infested square. The program provides an overview of the history of the square and its buildings up to the year 1900.

Hebron

Color Our World: To Catch an Art Thief JUNE 9 11AM

DESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

Carmen Ohio has gone back in time and stolen art from several Ohio artists. Join our crew as we work as a team to recover these historic items and make our own masterpieces to take home!

Color Our World: Manga Basics JUNE 19 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

A teen artist leads this beginner-friendly workshop on manga drawing. Learn basic techniques, sketch original characters, and explore creating your own manga art! All supplies will be provided.

Hebron cont.

Color Our World: Little Artists' Studio **Pretend and Play** JUNE 25 | 10:30AM **DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS**

Step into a make-believe art studio where early learners can explore their own creativity! Pretend and Play features stories and guided play using props and scenesetting to build your child's vocabulary, cooperative skills and imagination.

Color Our World: Meet an Artist! JULY 1 1PM

DESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

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Join a local artist from Centofanti Art Gallery for a hands-on art experience! See their finished artwork, hear about their creative process, and explore paints and clay.

Color Our World: Pop Art Pet JULY 15 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS Turn a favorite photo of your pet into a

vibrant pop art masterpiece! Participants will trace an image of their pet and use bold colors and patterns to create a unique, eye-catching artwork. No art experience needed, just bring a photo of your pet and get ready to have fun! Remember to bring in a large enough photo to fit into an 8x10 frame. All supplies will be provided.

Color Our World: Musical Masterpieces JULY 23 | 10:30AM **Designed For Early Learners**

Preschoolers will explore feelings through music and finger painting! As classical music plays, they'll use colors and textures to express emotions like joy, excitement, and calm. Supplies provided.



(Mary E. Babcock)

Teen Tuesdays TUESDAYS | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Get creative with crafty projects and games-there is something new every week. Don't miss out!

Johnstown

Y on the Fly

WEDNESDAYS 3PM

DESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

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



DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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Copies are available at the Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock) location or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library/Libby. May: A Perfect Day by Richard Paul Evans June: The Library at the Edge of the World

by Felicity Hayes-McCoy July: Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

BOOK CLUBS Any Book Book Club MAY 19, JUNE 16, JULY 21 | 6PM

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.



Johnstown cont.

Color Our World: Movie Matinee

JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26, JULY 3, 10, 17, 24 | 1PM DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

All ages are welcome to watch this familyfriendly movie. June 5: Vivo June 12: Moana 2 June 19: Dog Man June 26: Bad Guys July 3: Piece by Piece July 10: The Wild Robot July 17: Harold and the Purple Crayon July 24: Trolls Band Together

Color Our World: With a Needle and Thread! JUNE 17 6PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

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Poshta Design shows participants how to create a wool felt project using their unique stitching dies. They will share basic hand sewing skills including foundational stitches, beading, and invisible finishing techniques.

Color Our World: Tie-Dye JULY 9 2PM **Designed For Elementary**



Create a colorful 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.





Color Our World: Picasso Portraits JUNE 24 2PM P

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Construct an absurd three-dimensional self-portrait out of upcycled materials. Find your artistic muse from greats such as Frida Kahlo, Vincent van Gogh and Pablo Picasso. Materials will be provided for you to unleash your creativity.

Color Our World: Eric Unger Crayons JULY 2 1PM

DESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

Even broken crayons still color. Join Utica's Eric Unger from Unger's Crayons and learn how to upcycle crayons. Bring your used, broken crayons to the Library and Eric will demonstrate how to create a fun new coloring shape.

Color Our World: Joanie Calem Sing-Along JULY 9 1PM

Designed For Elementary

Joanie presents "If You Can Walk, You Can Dance, If You Can Talk, You Can Sing!" Dancing helps us stay fit, and singing helps us learn to read. This interactive celebration is open to all ages and includes games, dances, songs, and stories from around the world.

Color Our World: Hues and Cues **Game Night** JULY 24 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

In this award-winning vibrant game of colorful communication, players are challenged to make connections to colors with words. Since everyone imagines colors differently, connecting colors and clues has never been this much fun!

West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)



Little Listeners: **Flower Power** Мау 1 | 10:30ам **DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS**

Any time is a great time to read about gardens, flowers, and the creatures you may find in them.

Socktopus Craft Мау 15 | 5:30рм **DESIGNED FOR TEENS**

Make a silly little sock octopus stuffed animal to help relieve some stress at the end of the school year.

BOOK CLUBS BritLit Book Group MAY 21, JUNE 18, JULY 16 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 or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library/Libby. May: The Hound of the Baskervilles

by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle June: Far From The Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy July: Persuasion by Jane Austen

Historical Drama Group

MAY 28, JUNE 25, JULY 23 | 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 Theory of Everything

June: *Big Eyes* July: Eat, Pray, Love

West Newark cont.



Little Listeners: Rainy Days and Sunshine May 29 | 10:30am

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

There are so many great ways to teach your child about the weather and have some fun along the way!

BOOK CLUBS May 29, JUNE 19, JULY 24 | 5:30PM

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Everyone is welcome to engage in fun, respectful dialogue. Copies are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library/Libby. May: *Sing You Home* by Jodi Picoult June: *Ace: What Asexuality Reveals About Desire, Society, and the Meaning of Sex* by Angela Chen

July: *The Brightness Between Us* by Eliot Schrefer

Color Our World: Paint a Pot JUNE 3 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Plants make people happy, so let's make them happy too! Paint a clay pot that's as fun and colorful as you are.



Smartphone Photography Basics JUNE 4 | 12PM

Designed for Adults

Do more with those precious photos! Learn basic photography, editing, storage, and sorting tips from a Licking County Library Techspert. Participants are encouraged to bring their smartphone and their questions to class.

Color Our World: Unique Gift Wrapping June 4 | 5:30pm Designed for Adults

Gift wrapping is more than just a way to present a gift. It's an expression of love and thoughtfulness. In this handson workshop, discover the art of gift wrapping to elevate your presents with style and creativity and take your wrapping skills to the next level.

Color Our World: MESS-tival JUNE 7 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Let's kick off the Summer Library Program true to theme: Color Our World! Create with a little (or a lot of) chaos. All ages are welcome to try your hands at several creative projects that are imperfectly perfect. We're giving you a license to make a mess—what could possibly go wrong?

Color Our World: Whittle Away! JUNE 10 | 5:30PM

Designed For Adults

Learn about basic wood whittling including tools, wood types, technique, and safety. Take home a completed project.

Color Our World: DIY Face Painting

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Whether you want to be a superhero, a tiger or a butterfly, try our DIY face paint. The possibilities are endless!

Color Our World: Yart! JUNE 11 | 5:30PM DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

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Maybe you've tried knitting and crochet, but have you ever painted with yarn? Join us for a fun evening of creativity using colorful yarn to craft beautiful, textured works of art. Your friends will be a-skein' how you made it! Designed for ages 9-12.

Color Our World: Painting D&D Minis 101 JUNE 14 | 12PM DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Learn how to make adventure game miniatures come alive with hints and tricks by an experienced artist. Each person will leave with a figure.

Color Our World: Fan Art June 17 | 10:30am Designed for Elementary

Fans are a colorful part of many cultures. There are many types, all with different meanings and purposes. Decorate your own paper folding fan that serves both as a canvas and a cooling tool.

Color Our World: Cardboard Cosplay Challenge JUNE 17 | 5:30PM DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Calling all cosplayers! Using duct tape, cardboard, fabric, and a few other supplies, we will see which team can make the most creative cosplay in an hour.

Color Our World: Acrylic Flower Painting June 19 | 5:30pm Designed for Teens

Are you ready to take the exciting first steps in acrylic painting? Learn the basics in this beginner's class lead by staff from Licking County Aging Partners; adults are also welcome.

Watch Party: Katherine Applegate Author Talk

JUNE 24 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium. Join us for a watch party of a live talk by New York Times bestselling author and Summer Reading Champion Katherine Applegate! We will have crafts, snacks, and trivia in conjunction with the virtual talk.

Color Our World: Just Like Chihuly JUNE 25 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

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Along with Licking County Recycles, make a Dale Chihuly-like sculpture and get some color inspiration from clips of how he does his famous glass sculptures.

Color Our World: Little Listeners JUNE 26 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

We'll share colorful stories, crafts, songs and movements that celebrate every color of the rainbow.





STORY TIME Little Listeners: Clay Play JULY 3 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Building things is a great way to talk about shapes, sizes, math and textures. In this preschool story time, we will use a variety of stories, songs, activities and tools (and even make our own) to dig into learning.

Color Our World: Agamograph Art JULY 8 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

We'll learn about optical illusions, perspective, and colors as we make a captivating work of kinetic art.

Color Our World: When Art **Meets Arson** JULY 8 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS



Are you ready to set your art on fire? Join us for an evening of chaotic creativity as we make art using alcohol ink and fire. Open to teens and adults.

Color Our World: Pokémon Card **Paint Party!** JULY 9 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

Repurpose your Pokémon cards into unique pieces of art. Bring your own or choose from ones provided to paint a new background world for these fun characters to frolic through. Designed for ages 9-12.

Color Our World: Whack A Branch JULY 9 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

like to use.

A creative and innovative experience making one-of-a-kind art pieces from ordinary tree branches. Wear clothing that you don't mind getting paint on and bring a branch if you have one that you'd

Cozy Fantasy Night JULY 10 5:30PM **D**ESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Cozy up with a craft and heartwarming conversation about comforting and gentle fantasy books.

Color Our World: Graffiti Art JULY 15 | 5:30PM **D**ESIGNED FOR TEENS

Learn about the art of graffiti and make your own mini graffiti wall.

Color Our World: Flower Pounding Art JULY 22 | 5:30PM **D**ESIGNED FOR **T**EENS

Take a hammer to some flowers and turn your aggression into a beautiful piece of fabric art. Open to teens and adults.

Color Our World: Tiny Art JULY 23 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

Shrinky Dinks® are a really fun STEAM activity where art meets science! All children need to register and must be accompanied by an adult.



SORY TIME Little Listeners: **Bubble Trouble** JULY 31 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Read stories, sing songs, and say rhymes all about bubbles and the shape that makes them. To round the morning out right, we'll end story time with a Bubble Dance Party!



Off Site

BOOK CLUBS Maples & Manuscripts

MAY 1, JUNE 5, JULY 17, AUGUST 7 7 7PM

OCTAGON EARTHWORKS Designed For Adults

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Join us to discuss some of the best naturethemed nonfiction. We will also explore additional resources through activities to deepen our understanding of the natural world. Copies of the book are available at the Downtown Newark location or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library/Libby. Maples & Manuscripts is a partnership between Licking County Library, the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, and Dillon State Park. May: Braiding Sweetgrass

by Robin Wall Kimmerer June: Turning to Stone

by Marcia Bjornerud July: Finding the Mother Tree by Suzanne Simard August: Entangled Life by Merlin Sheldrake

Cyber Seniors Мау 15 | 1рм | LCAP **Designed For Adults**

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Learn the dos and don'ts of internet security from our Techspert and be given guidelines for how to keep your data personal and private to avoid online scams. Please register by calling 740.345.0821.

Senior Health and Wellness Expo May 16 | 10ам | LCAP

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

In partnership with Licking County Aging Partners, Licking County seniors can meet dozens of local organizations and businesses offering 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.

Off Site cont.

Newark Book Fest

MAY 17 | 10AM-3PM | CANAL MARKET DISTRICT **D**ESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Visit us at the Newark Book Fest 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!

Vindows 10 Basics **DESIGNED FOR ADULTS**

MAY 21 | 1PM | OHIO MEANS JOBS

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Our Techspert gives you a guided tour of the basics of Windows 10. Learn tips to make computing easy, along with how to navigate your desktop and settings. This program is held at Ohio Means Jobs. Please register by calling 740.670.8700.

Color Our World: Kickoff at the Kiosk

JUNE 2 | 12:30PM | COTC PATASKALA JUNE 3 | 12:30PM | LEGACY PARK HANOVER **Designed For Elementary**

Get excited! We're launching our 2025 Summer Library Program: Color Our World with our ancient-art-themed Mobile Library at the kiosk. Kids, stop by to pick up your reading tracker and Read & Bead supplies! There is something for all ages during our Summer Library Program!

Color Our World: Tie-Dye

JUNE 4 | 11:30AM | GELLAR PARK JUNE 12 | 1PM | LEGACY PARK JULY 2 2PM VELVET ICE CREAM JULY 10 | 1:15PM | MARY ANN TWP FIRE DEPT. JULY 23 2PM WILLIAM V. KARR PARK DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Who doesn't love tie-dye fun in the sun? If the rain comes, we've got a plan for that, too. Bring something to tie-dye, and we'll supply the rest! There will also be other fun and games available, as well as our Mobile Library.

Color Our World: Messy Color Play JUNE 4 2PM ROTARY PARK

Designed For Elementary

Make a mess outdoors with water and inks. All ages are welcome! This event is weather-dependent.



ECHSPER, Ask a Techspert JUNE 5 | 12-1:30PM | LCAP

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS Techsperts are available to take appointments or walk-in questions at LCAP in Heritage Hall.

Color Our World: Ancient Arts and Crafts

Designed For Elementary

Experiment with ancient arts and crafts in and around the Mobile Library! Visit our online calendar to see when and where we will be.

Password Peace of Mind TECHSPERA JUNE 12 | 1PM | LCAP

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Passwords, passkeys, 2FA - what does it all mean? Our Techspert teaches you about keeping your passwords safe and available, and how they are going to affect you and our digital future. Please register by calling 740.345.0821.

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TECHSPER, AI in the Workforce JUNE 18 | 1PM | OHIO MEANS JOBS **D**ESIGNED FOR ADULTS

You might have heard about artificial intelligence (AI) in the news, but what exactly is it and how is it affecting the workforce? Our Techspert explains the basics of AI and how it may help or hinder your employment. Please register by calling 740.670.8700.

Color Our World: Mobile Library Story Time
Library Story Time
1:30pm Freedom Park
2pm William V. Karr Park
1:30pm Freedom Park
2:30pm EAGLE WINGS ACADEMY

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

What could be better than story time? Story time in the park plus fun and games! If the rain comes, we've got a plan for that, too.

FEHSPER, Libby Books on Your Phone JULY 10 | 1PM | LCAP **Designed For Adults**

Our Techspert teaches you how to read or listen to library books on your device. Learn how to borrow, download and navigate digital content from the library using the Libby app. Please bring your smartphone or tablet for this hands-on presentation. Please register by calling 740.345.0821.

ECHSPER Computer Basics

JULY 16 | 1PM | OHIO MEANS JOBS **Designed For Adults**

New to computers? In this hands-on class, our Techspert explains the parts of a computer, the difference between hardware and software, how to open, close, and resize windows on a computer screen, and use a mouse with confidence. Please register by calling 740.670.8700.

Color Our World: Kiosk Finale JULY 25 | 2:30PM | COTC PATASKALA JULY 25 | 2:30PM | LEGACY PARK HANOVER **D**ESIGNED FOR **E**LEMENTARY

Celebrate all your reading achievements from our 2025 Summer Library Program: Color Our World. Our ancient-art-themed Mobile Library will only be at the COTC Pataskala kiosk.

TECHSPER, Cloud Storage Demystified AUGUST 14 | 1PM | LCAP

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS P Demystify cloud storage and learn to safely store and access photos, documents, and more. LCL Techsperts guide you through practical applications and address your specific questions, ensuring a comfortable and confident experience. Please register by calling 740.345.0821.

Vindows 10 Basics AUGUST 20 | 1PM | OHIO MEANS JOBS **Designed FOR ADULTS**

Our Techspert teaches you how to use and navigate the Microsoft Windows 10 Operating System. From signing in to logging out, you will learn how to safely and efficiently use a Windows computer. Please register by calling 740.670.8700.



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Shawnee State Forest • May 1 • 1 - 2:30pm • Virtual

ODNR Naturalist, Jenny Richards, takes us on a virtual tour of all the great things to see and do at Shawnee State Park.

Civil Rights and the Labor Movement • May 7 • 1 - 2:30pm • Downtown Newark Dr. Lauren Araiza discusses her research on the book, To March for Others: The Black Freedom Struggle and the United Farm Workers.

Food Ethics • May 12 • 11am - 12:30pm • Downtown Newark

Dr. Chloe Armstrong discusses current issues in food ethics including food production, distribution, and consumption.

- Famous Fossil Sites of the World May 14 & May 21 10:30am 12:45pm Downtown Newark
 Dale Gnidovec, curator of the Orton Geological Museum at Ohio State University, offers a two part review of some of the most famous fossil sites around the world.
- Modern Journalism May 15 11am 12:30pm Downtown Newark Alan Miller, professor and former executive editor of The Columbus Dispatch, discusses current trends in journalism.

Buckeye Book Club • May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19 • 3 - 4pm • Downtown Newark

Explore books by some of the best Ohio-based authors. Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location or download a
copy from The Ohio Digital Library/Libby.
May: Tuck Everlasting by Natalie BabbittJuly: Ready Player One by Ernest ClineJune: Just Ella by Margaret Peterson HaddixAugust: Children of Ragnarok by Cinda Williams Chima

Tree ID Walk • June 5 • 11am - 12:30pm • Infirmary Mound Park

Educators from Licking Park District lead attendees on a casual tree identification walk through the wooded trails of Infirmary Mound Park. Please bring water and wear good walking shoes and outdoor clothing. The total walking distance will be approximately 1 mile.

- Writing Workshop June 14 12 2pm Downtown Newark Writing instructor Bonnie Proudfoot explores the "Art of Expertise."
 - Bison Restoration on the American Prairie June 18 11am 12pm Virtual Scott Heidebrink and Katy Beattie from American Prairie discuss bison and prairie restoration on the Great Plains.

🛑 Art of Japan • June 24 • 1 - 2:30pm • Virtual

Art historian and artist Sean Crum discusses the art of Japan, including Shinto shrines, Buddhist temples, and more.

- Elk Reintroduction in Ohio June 25 11am 12:30pm Downtown Newark Dr. Gabriel Karns discusses the feasibility of reintroducing Rocky Mountain elk populations to the Ohio wilderness.
- **The Meaning of Title IX July 10 11am 12:30pm Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)** Dr. Larry Baum explores how the meaning of Title IX has evolved through interpretations by the executive branch.

Art of the Ancient Near East • July 14 • 1 - 2:30pm • Virtual

Art historian and artist Sean Crum discusses the art, architecture, and writing of the earliest Near East cultures.

Food Democracy • July 29 • 2 - 3:30pm • Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

Dr. Jill Clark discusses her work in the area of food democracy, a movement that emphasizes public opportunities to actively participate in how food systems develop.

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Downtown Newark* 101 West Main Street, Newark | 740.349.5500

Buckeye Lake 4455 Walnut Road, Buckeye Lake | 740.928.0472

Hebron 934 West Main Street, Hebron | 740.928.3923

Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock) 320 North Main Street, Johnstown | 740.967.2982

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

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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 In-person/Phone: 740.349.5500 email: info@lickingcountylibrary.org

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Closing:

Monday, May 26 | Closed for Memorial Day Thursday, July 3 | Closed Early at 5pm Friday, July 4 | Closed for Independence Day

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