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ADVENTURE

— BEGINS WITH YOUR —

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM

MAY 28 – JULY 20

Embark on a summer adventure with Licking County Library! Immerse yourself in a world of imagination, exploration and learning as we bring you a series of thrilling adventures. Each LCL location has a unique theme to expand your horizons and ignite your passion for reading and learning. Plus, don't miss out on our entertaining programs with an educational twist, designed to spark curiosity and creativity. Starting May 28, pick up your reading tracker and set off on a journey through captivating tales, educational programs and engaging activities.



EMBARK ON AN EPIC JOURNEY!

Incredible performers are entertaining and educating our community this summer! Flip through our listing on the next several pages to begin planning. Programs include:

- MUSH! with Musher Karen Land
- Escaping Magic with Michael Griffin
- Juggler Matt Jergens
- Ohio School of Falconry
- Bright Star Touring Company



Take an adventure kit home with you and learn about two adventurers who once resided in Licking County! On June 1, pick up "Off to a Flying Start" featuring Jerrie Mock. Beginning July 1, grab "Blazing a Trail" focusing on John Sparks.

Kits are available on a first come first serve basis.

**CHOOSE YOUR OWN
ADVENTURER**

Coming Soon to
The Collective.



May:

Remembering and honoring the women and men from Licking County who died while they were in military service.

June/July:

In partnership with Marietta College's Legacy Library, LCL presents an exhibit on Ohio pioneer settlement in the Northwest Territory.

August:

A photography exhibit entitled *Nature Calls*. This colorful show features Ohio-based nature photographers of all skill levels.

Hooray!
Saturday Hours!

Beginning June 1, LCL's West Newark location is open on Saturdays, 10am - 3pm. We are thrilled to provide these extended hours to you!



**ADVENTURE
BEGINS**

WITH YOUR SUMMER
LIBRARY PROGRAM

*For Teens and Adults
May 28 - July 20
Details online*



Inclusive Programs

Downtown Newark



**Accessible Story Time
for Visually Impaired**
MAY 2 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

This story time opportunity is for families with children birth through 6 who are blind, visually impaired or deafblind. Enjoy a book paired with a story box to bring the story to life through a fully accessible program. Families learn how to adapt a story to meet their family member's needs.



Next Chapter Book Club
MAY 7, 21, JUNE 4, 18,
JULY 2, 16 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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



**Speech & Language
Story Time**

MAY 23, JUNE 20, JULY 18 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Enjoy story time with LEADS Head Start! Experience a story time encouraging speech and language development with storytelling, songs and activities.



**Accessible Story Time
for Deaf/Hard of Hearing**
JUNE 6 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Statewide Services & Outreach at the Ohio Deaf & Blind Education Services provides a story and an activity for families with children birth through 6 who are deaf or hard of hearing or deafblind. Siblings are welcome to attend. This story will be provided in American Sign Language and spoken English. All communication modalities are welcome. Each family receives a copy of the story as well as a story box that helps bring the book alive.

Adventure Begins: Watercolors

JUNE 12 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS & TEENS

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

Adventure Begins: Board Gaming

JULY 20 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Adults and teens with disabilities are invited to meet new people, play board games like Scrabble, Apples to Apples, Braille Uno, Braille Dominoes and Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza.

Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)



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JUNE 3, JULY 1 | 3:30PM

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Adventure Begins: Matt Jergens

JUNE 4 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Marvel at comedy juggler Matt Jergens as he performs a one-man show with music, juggling, balancing acts and unicycles!

Adventure Begins: Leaping Lizards

JUNE 10 | 1PM

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Get to know some new animals including lizards, snakes, invertebrates and crustaceans! Learn interesting facts and have an opportunity to touch or even hold some of our scaly friends.

Adventure Begins: Food Science

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Adventure Begins:

Alice in Wonderland

JUNE 21 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Bright Star Touring Company brings Lewis Carroll's classic tale alive with all of its absurdity and charm!

Adventure Begins:

Archery for Beginners

JUNE 26 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Learn the basics of archery and practice your new skills with Licking Park District.

Adventure Begins: MUSH!

JULY 9 | 2PM

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Adventure Begins: Volcano Science

JULY 17 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Put your science fair skills to the test and build your own erupting volcano with provided supplies. Learn about the most famous ones, how they form and what makes them go boom!



Tots and Twos

WEDNESDAYS MAY, JUNE & JULY

10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Enjoy stories, rhymes and songs that help develop early literacy skills! Designed for ages birth through 2.



Jerrie Mock: First Woman to Fly Around the World

MAY 1 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

On April 17, 1964, Newark native Jerrie Mock became the first woman to fly solo around the world. Jerrie's sister, Susan Reid, shares the story of this amazing woman.

Ohio Entrepreneurship Program

MONDAYS | 5:30PM

MAY 6 - AUGUST 26

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

The Ohio Entrepreneurship Program is an introduction to starting a business. This series includes three modules to complete over approximately six months. Weekly topics are led by attorney and entrepreneurial trainer Jason Dolin and include:

- Knowing Yourself Makes You a Better Entrepreneur
- Research and Tools
- The Process and Tools to Plan
- Organize and Budget for Your Business
- Starting Your Business: Financing, Research, Marketing and Legal Structures



Preschool Story Time

MAY 7, 14, 21, JUNE 4, 11, 18,

JULY 2, 9, 16 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Support school readiness through stories, songs and activities! Designed for ages 3-5.





Three-Eight Charlie Book Club

MAY 8 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

In 1964, Newark's native Jerrie Mock became the first woman to fly around the world. Read her book, *Three-Eight Charlie*, and join a discussion with other local history and aviation enthusiasts. Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location.



Deep History of Ohio

MAY 9, 16, 23 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

From tropical seas and steamy swamps to glaciers a mile high, the land we call Ohio has seen many changes during the last 500 million years. Dale Gnidovec, Curator of the Orton Geological Museum at The Ohio State University, offers a three-session deep dive on Ohio's geological history.



Tech Mondays

MONDAYS | 10AM - 4:30PM

MAY 13 - AUGUST 26

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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



Romantasy Book & Craft Club

MAY 14, JUNE 11, JULY 16 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Do you love magic mixed with your romance? Join us for a monthly Romantasy book club where we discuss a featured book while making a craft from that fandom. Supplies provided. Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library.
May: *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
June: *Divine Rivals* by Rebecca Ross
July: *Caraval* by Stephanie Garber



BalletMet Wellness Workshop

MAY 15 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

This interactive session for seniors focuses on exploring dance as a method for promoting health at all ages. Learn about the benefits of dance as part of physical health, mental well-being and community

building. This transitions into an open-level movement class that is inspired by ballet and contemporary dance aesthetics with options for both seated and standing work and concludes with a discussion on resources for continuing practice. Movers of all skills and backgrounds are welcome, no previous dance experience is necessary. Participants can expect to gain information on incorporating dance as a part of an active and healthy lifestyle.



Silent Book Club

MAY 15 | 4:30PM,

JUNE 15, JULY 27 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

A book club without the assigned reading! Join your fellow book lovers in the quiet reading room on the 2nd floor for an hour of silent reading with an optional 30 minutes for socializing afterward. Connect with like-minded readers for good vibes and, of course, a good book. The first rule about Silent Book Club is that there are not many rules. Just show up with a book and enjoy yourself. Silent Book Club simply provides a friendly space to read whatever you choose.



EXTRAterrestrial Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club

MAY 16, JUNE 20, JULY 18 | 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 copy from the Ohio Digital Library or hoopla.

May: *The Color of Magic*

by Terry Pratchett

June: *Chain-Gang All-Stars*

by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah

July: *The Emperor's Soul*

by Brandon Sanderson

Creating Healthier Lives with SNAP-ED

MAY 17, JUNE 21 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Michelle Duffy, Program Assistant for SNAP-Ed at OSU Extension, offers a class on nutrition and wellness. Topics include MyPlate, proteins, fruits and vegetables, whole grains, dairy and food shopping.



Buckeye Book Club

MAY 21, JUNE 11, JULY 16,

AUGUST 20 | 3PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

The Buckeye Book Club explores books by some of the best Ohio-based authors. Copies of the titles are available at the Downtown Newark location or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library.

May: *The Glassmaker's Wife*

by Lee Martin

June: *Savage Country*

by Robert Olmstead

July: *Beheld* by TaraShea Nesbit

August: *Starter Villain* by John Scalzi



Moths of the Midwest

MAY 22 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Author and naturalist Christopher Kline discusses the amazing variety of moths in Ohio and their importance throughout the ecosystem. Kline is the author of *Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants* among other books. He is also the steward of the Butterfly Ridge Butterfly Conservation Center located in Rockbridge, Ohio. Books are available for purchase and signing.



Booked to Death

MAY 22, JUNE 26, JULY 24 | 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.

May: *The Girl Who Was Taken*

by Charlie Donela

June: *The Lindbergh Nanny*

by Mariah Fredericks

July: *The Stranger Inside* by Lisa Unger

Pre-K Art Play

MAY 28 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

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

Downtown Newark continued...



Computer Basics

MAY 29 | 1PM

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.

Anime Hang Out

JUNE 3, 24, JULY 1, 15, 29 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Hang out and possibly make friends along the way—all while watching anime and crafting.



Film Study

JUNE 4 | 12PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Enjoy a screening of a film that touches on the relevant themes around aging. Stay after the film for a discussion. This month's title is *Quartet* starring Maggie Smith and Billy Connolly.

It's In the Mail

JUNE 4 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Is there something that you would like to see changed? Is there someone that you would like to thank? Bring your ideas and practice your writing skills with a letter to the person or organization of your choosing.

Making Wings

JUNE 5 | 2:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Prepare for a grand adventure. Paint your own unique set of wings—birds, dragons, bats, your choice! Materials provided.

Making Wings

JUNE 5 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Create the wings that reside deep in your imagination—birds, dragons, bats, your choice! Materials provided.

Adventure Begins: Beekeeping

JUNE 6 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Experience a tour of a beehive interior, learn about the interesting life cycle of the honeybee and discover all the tools and gear of a beekeeper. The bee dance, swarming and how and why a beekeeper manages a hive of over 30,000 stinging insects are also explored. This is a great way to uncover how bees contribute to our lives and how honey is made, without live bees.

Writing Club: All Roads

Lead to Doom

JUNE 10 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Writing a story is a glorious wonder, except when it's time for the story to come to a close. Even worse when a character has to meet the same end. Create an ending for a story and share it with others.



Operation Overlord: Licking County at D-Day

JUNE 11 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Eighty years ago, on June 6, 1944, the United States and its allies launched the largest amphibious invasion in military history to free Europe from the Nazis. Over 80 men who called Licking County home participated that day in the air, land and sea. This program shares the stories of these men on that fateful day.

Adventure Begins: Escaping Magic

JUNE 13 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

In this high-energy show, award winning escape artist Michael Griffin creates an air of wonder with an interactive performance involving feats of escape, mind reading and magic!

Adventure Begins: Painting in the Dark

JUNE 13 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Experiment with glow-in-the-dark paint.

Adventure Begins: Food Science

JUNE 17 | 10:30AM

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Adventure Begins: Woodland Foraging Basics

JUNE 19 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Naturopathic doctor and forager Diana Hand offers an overview of foraging for wild edible and medicinal plants. Diana is a certified family herbalist with years of experience who has taught classes for Licking Park District and others. This program is generously supported with a sustaining gift from Robert Trimble Jr.

Adventure Begins: Interactive Movie, Up!

JUNE 20 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Experience the adventure-filled movie *Up!* like you never have before! Enjoy props, prizes and more.

Adventure Begins: Upcycled Cinderella

JUNE 21 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

When the performers fail to show up, the janitors take over! Bright Star Touring Company presents *Upcycled Cinderella*, a hilarious fairytale with an eco-friendly theme!

JusticeMobile

JUNE 22 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

LCL is partnering with The JusticeMobile, a non-profit mobilized program that offers regular, onsite legal clinics and educational workshops for those who need it. Hop on to get resources and answers to legal questions.

Navigator: eContent

JUNE 22 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Learn about our eBook services: Libby and hoopla. Explore how to find eBooks and digital audiobooks, place them on hold and check them out.

Adventure Begins: Snoopy Snow Cones

JUNE 25 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Beat the heat with Snoopy snow cones and Charles Schultz's Peanuts-themed activities.



Partisan Polarization

JUNE 25 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Dr. Paul Beck discusses partisan polarization in global politics. He reviews polarization cross-nationally and across time, drawing upon national surveys of the Comparative National Election Project in 51 elections between 1992 and 2020 around the world. He explores polarization sources—through protective echo chambers of interpersonal discussions and media, leadership influences, and unique features of particular elections and electoral systems. Finally, Dr. Beck addresses political consequences, including the threat to democracy posed by extreme polarization.



Learn to Sleuth Out Scams

JUNE 26 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Join our Techspert for tips on how to spot suspicious emails, report spam, and avoid phone scams. Basic internet safety skills such as creating a strong password, password management, two-factor authentication, and the use of passkeys is also covered.

Adventure Begins: A Court of Thorns and Roses Party

JUNE 26 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Make the flower crowns of your chosen court, along with other fae activities. Reading and listening to the excerpts of the first book in the series is also included.

Adventure Begins: Disney Villains

JUNE 27 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Can you top a Disney villain's entrance? It's all about the drama. Watch several Disney clips and brainstorm to design your own entrance.



Understanding Food Labels

JUNE 28 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Registered dietitian Jen Hartman offers grocery store tips on understanding all of that nutritional information on food labels.

Adventure Begins: It's a Bop

JUNE 29 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

A battle of the playlist! Share your music among the group and the person voted to have the best music taste wins a prize.

Adventure Begins: Drumming

JULY 2 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Drum up adventure with 5-gallon buckets and drumsticks to play some adventurous jams outside (weather permitting). Please note: this program is loud!

Adventure Begins: MUSH!

JULY 8 | 5PM

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Adventure Begins: A View from the Summit with Adam Fox

JULY 9 | 6:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Mountaineer and writer Adam Fox recently completed his quest of scaling the highest point of each of the contiguous United States. Along the way, he documented his adventures for his local newspaper and media. Attend this program to hear his thrilling story.

Cricut® Infusible Ink

JULY 10 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

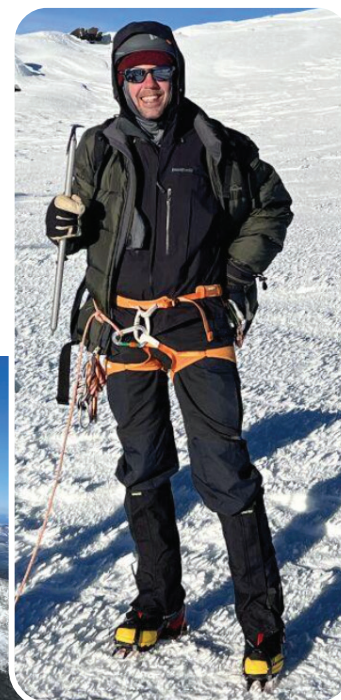
Learn the basics of how to use Cricut® Infusible Ink to decorate products with your own designs. See how to cut the material using Cricut Design Space®, press the material to sublimate the design and walk away with a custom-made zipper bag.

Adventure Begins: Giant Pants

JULY 11 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Belbum the Giant must go on an adventure to find his sole pair of tailored pants. Join Belbum on his adventure as we read the book *Giant Pants* together first and then create a pair of plaid pants for Belbum (and for display on the Lower Level). This program is inspired by the picture book *Giant Pants* by Mark Fearing.



Adam Fox, Mountaineer

Adventure Begins: Name That Rock

JULY 11 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Bring a rock or a few with you to use our resources to identify and look up its characteristics. It can be from outside locally or from vacation. It could also be a type of gem or tumbled stone. Examples available at the program.

Adventure Begins: Trash Jeans

JULY 17 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

When a character goes on an adventure, their jeans are always full of debris. Create adventurous trashy jeans.

Adventure Begins: High Dives

JULY 18 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY 

Can you create special packaging to protect an egg from breaking when it is dropped from near-ceiling height?

Can you guess how many rubber bands Barbie® can include safely in her bungee jumping equipment? Trial and error are the name of the game.

Adventure Begins: Zombie Barbie®

JULY 20 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Zombify a Barbie® and give zombie Barbie® a back story.

Writing Club: Self Insert Edition

JULY 22 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Write a story where the main character is yourself in a setting of your choosing.

Adventure Begins: Pack Your Bags

JULY 23 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Pack a giant suitcase with participants to prepare for a trip. Then, we will read a story and create our own mini-luggage and felt “clothing” pieces to play with at home.



Adventure Begins: Drumming

JUNE 4 | 3:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Drum up adventure with 5-gallon buckets and drumsticks to play some adventurous jams outside (weather permitting). Please note: this program is loud!

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Adventure Begins: Farm Animals

JUNE 24 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Get up close and personal with various ages of chickens, ducks, rabbits, a turkey, sheep, goats and a pig. Hand-made wooden pens create a beautiful backdrop to this immersive learning experience, allowing personal interactions with the animals while giving the animals space to exhibit their natural behaviors.

Adventure Begins: Bird Buddies with Licking Park District

JUNE 26 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Use your creativity and imagination to explore the world around you. Observe birds while learning why birds do what they do. Build a bird, take a bird walk and learn about bird migration. This is an outdoor program, weather permitting.

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Adventure Begins: Around the World Movie Night

JULY 11 | 3PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Would you like to come travel the world with us in 80 days? Embark on a globe-spanning adventure watching the movie *Around the World in 80 Days*—perfect for families or hanging out with friends.

Adventure Begins: Canals for Kids

JULY 16 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Local author Sarah Harper leads you in creating your own canal adventure as you try out the crew members' jobs, learn a canal song and discover what it takes to move a canal boat.

Adventure Begins: Train Station Pretend and Play

JULY 24 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

All aboard! Pretend while exploring a train station. Pretend and play features stories and guided play using props and scene settings to build your child's vocabulary, cooperative skills and imagination. Train station remains up through July 26, for drop-in exploration.



Get More from Your Amazon Fire Tablet

JULY 24 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Whether you are a new or seasoned user, Techsperts help you get the most from your device by teaching about settings, apps and other tips.

Johnstown (Mary E. Babcock)

Y on the Fly

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 1 - 15 | 3PM

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 5 - JULY 31 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

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

Teen Tuesdays

TUESDAYS | 4:30PM

MAY 7 - JULY 30

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

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



Babcock Book Club

MAY 9, JUNE 13, JULY 11 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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

May: *The Women of the Copper Country*
by Mary Doria Russell

June: *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir

July: *Ordinary Grace*

by William Kent Krueger

Exam Time Study Space

MAY 21, 22 | 1-4PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Looking for a cozy place to study for your end-of-semester exams? Bring your books and notes, and we'll help you focus with a comfortable space, a little quiet study music, and some motivational snacks. Stay the entire time for a study marathon or drop in when you can for a quick cram session.

Preschool Story Adventure

TUESDAYS | 10:30AM

MAY 28 - JULY 16

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

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

Adventure Begins: Mythical Movie

THURSDAYS | 1PM

MAY 30 - JULY 18

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

All ages are welcome to watch these family-friendly movies rooted in mythology.

May 30: *Hercules*

June 6: *Jumanji*

June 13: *Aladdin*

June 20: *Jason and the Argonauts*

June 27: *Coco*

July 11: *Luca*

July 18: *The Sword in the Stone*

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At Home with Cognitive Issues

JUNE 18 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Kelly Schwartz, Certified Dementia Practitioner, discusses safety in the home and strategies for how to handle situations that come up with loved ones experiencing cognitive issues.



Ohio's Pollinators

JUNE 24 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

As part of our Master Gardener Series, member volunteers with the OSU Extension Licking County Master Gardener program present a variety of practical tips and techniques for gardening as we age, to help us keep growing the things we love. This session focuses on the role and importance of Ohio's diverse assortment of pollinators.

Adventure Begins: Ohio School of Falconry

JUNE 26 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Ohio School of Falconry shows off a variety of Ohio birds of prey, including a Eurasian eagle owl, Harris' hawk, peregrine falcon, barn owl and a special guest. A few lucky participants (9+ years of age) have a chance for a bird to fly directly to them!

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Johnstown continued...

Adventure Begins: Babcock Bash

JULY 15 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

The adventure continues with a stilt walker, daring aerial feats, indoor and outdoor activities, treats and much more at this fun festival.



Ohio Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

JULY 29 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Dedicated experts from the Ohio Wildlife Rehabilitators Association (OWRA) discuss Ohio wildlife and ecology and conservation and the important role of volunteer rehabilitators in supporting Ohio's wildlife populations.



Adventure Begins: Leaping Lizards

JUNE 3 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Get to know some new animals including lizards, snakes, invertebrates and crustaceans! Learn interesting facts and have an opportunity to touch or even hold some of our scaly friends.

Adventure Begins: Escaping Magic

JUNE 12 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

In this high-energy show, award winning escape artist Michael Griffin creates an air of wonder with an interactive performance involving feats of escape, mind reading and magic!

Adventure Begins: Food Science

JUNE 17 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Participants are led through a series of experiments testing sense of taste. Can you identify flavors with your eyes closed? What happens after you try a tea that blocks the sweet receptor? Are you a super taster? Discover the answers to these questions and more.

Adventure Begins: Ohio School of Falconry

JUNE 24 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Ohio School of Falconry shows off a variety of Ohio birds of prey, including a Eurasian eagle owl, Harris' hawk, peregrine falcon, barn owl and a special guest. A few lucky participants (at least 9 years of age) have a chance for a bird to fly directly to them!

Adventure Begins: Drumming

JULY 1 | 2PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Drum up adventure with 5-gallon buckets and drumsticks to play some adventurous jams outside (weather permitting). Please note: this program is loud!

Adventure Begins: MUSH!

JULY 8 | 2PM

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Adventure Begins: Crafty Cryptids

JULY 18 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

Capture your own unique cryptid by creating one with clay, paints and other art materials.



West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)



Little Listeners: Get Crafty with Clay

MAY 2 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Poke it, squeeze it, hit it, pick it up and pound it down. Let's go crazy for stories, songs and activities about sculpture art.

International Spice Group

MAY 8, JULY 10 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS 

Love to experiment with new flavors? Interested in learning the history and culture of spices or want to explore new ways of incorporating them into your cooking? Look no further and let's explore the world of spices together.
May spotlight: thyme
July spotlight: sage



BritLit Book Group

MAY 15, JUNE 19,
JULY 17 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

British-themed reads that can't be Thamed! Copies are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location or download a copy from The Ohio Digital Library.
May: *The Ship of Brides* by Jojo Moyes
June: *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict
July: *The Mystery Guest* by Nita Prose

Historical Drama Group

MAY 22, JUNE 26, JULY 24 | 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: *Wyatt Earp*
June: *The Great Locomotive Chase*
July: *Miracle*



LGBTQIA+ Book Group

MAY 30, JUNE 27, JULY 25 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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.
May: *Queer Ducks (and Other Animals)* by Eliot Schrefer
June: *Heartstopper #1* by Alice Oseman
July: *The Secret Life of Albert Entwistle* by Matt Cain

Adventure Begins: Cowpoke Songs

JUNE 4 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Grab a stick horse and saddle up! Move to cattle drive tunes inspired by the wild west. Hats and bandanas welcome.

Adventure Begins: The Gold Rush

JUNE 5 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Stake your claim to that thar gold! Mine for gems and jewels as you hear about gold mining in American history.

Adventure Begins: Around the Campfire

JUNE 6, 13, 20, 27,
JULY 11, 18 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Gather family and grab a blanket! Spend some time together around a fire sharing stories and activities that change each week. Note: June 13 session is about wolves and there is a special meet and greet opportunity.

Adventure Begins: At the Rodeo

JUNE 8 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

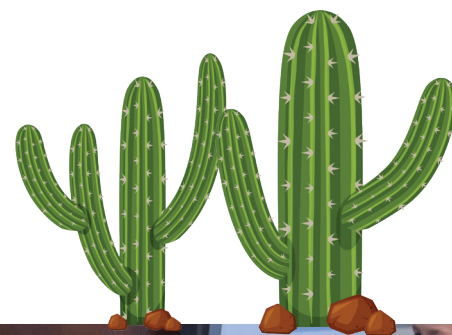
In collaboration with Licking County Health Department, Newark PD and Newark Fire Department, bring your bike and safety gear to our parking lot for a bike rodeo! It's a fun way to remind children of bicycle safety skills. Obstacle courses, games and bike inspections teach children the importance of seeing, being seen and remaining in control of the bike at all times. Participants are eligible for a prize drawing and may even win a new bike!

Adventure Begins: Canals for Kids

JUNE 11 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Local author Sarah Harper leads you in creating your own canal adventure as you try out the crew members' jobs, learn a canal song and discover what it takes to move a canal boat.



Adventure Begins: Learning Leather Lingo

JUNE 12 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Pioneer settlers tanned hides as one of many tasks needed on the farms. Today it's a perfect hobby. See a demonstration and learn some basic leatherworking skills before trying your hand using tools of the trade.

Adventure Begins: On A Horse

JUNE 18 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

How much do you know about horses? Do you know what the horse's hooves are made of? How many teeth does a horse have? Grenoble Stables, LLC has the answers. Find out more about the role of the horse in U.S. history and the gear used to train and ride them.

Adventure Begins: Are You Cottage to Your Core?

JUNE 18 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Do you love cozy cottages, romanticizing country life and doing nature crafts? Then this cottagecore program is for you!

Adventure Begins: Ohio Wildlife Center

JUNE 19 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Meet Ohio Wildlife Center animal ambassadors and learn about the history of Ohio wildlife, including how to coexist with our native animal neighbors.

Adventure Begins: Newark Earthworks

JUNE 20 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Ohio History Connection helps us learn more about the Newark Earthworks, an American Indian monument built in Licking County 2,000 years ago. Take a virtual tour and experience some of the items that Native Americans used in their daily lives. Come explore the past with us!

Adventure Begins: On the Rocks

JUNE 25 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Licking County Soil & Water Conservation District uses rock samples to guide conversations about how rocks and minerals differ, where they are found in Licking County and how to use them. Create a rock puzzle using mineral pieces.

Adventure Begins: Pioneer Stories

JUNE 25 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

You're invited to join local resident Ron Meharry as he shares stories, photos and memorabilia from his own pioneer family history.



Little Listeners: Bears!

Oh, My!

JUNE 27 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Family story time about bears and their forest friends with some great interactive books, songs and a craft. Bring your favorite bear!

Adventure Begins: Children's Homestead

JULY 3 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Beautifully set up as an old-fashioned homestead for children and families to explore, participants visit stations to grind and sift grain, roll dough, comb wool, use washboards, play with rolling hoops, stilts, wooden toys, wagons and much more. This engaging, imaginative program brings history to life!

Adventure Begins: MUSH!

JULY 9 | 10:30AM

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Adventure Begins: Cryptids of the Wild West

JULY 9 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Yee-haw! Sit around the campfire and listen to stories of fearsome critters. Learn about these strange beings and try your hand at making one of your own.



Adventure Begins: When Ohio Was the West

JULY 15 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

The Westward expansion brought white settlers to Licking County beginning in 1798. This program shares the stories of the men and women who first called Licking County home.

Adventure Begins: Rhinestone Cowboy Party

JULY 16 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS 

This event is for those who like their boots with a bit of bling and their western shirts extra fancy. Try deluxe root beer floats, make bleached bandanas and learn the best bits of cowboy slang.

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Little Listeners: I Scream, You Scream for Stories About Ice Cream

JULY 25 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Share stories, songs, activities and maybe even some ice cream!

Kiosks, Virtual, Off Site



Pre-Columbian Art

MAY 6 | 1PM | VIRTUAL

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Art historian and artist Sean Crum surveys some of the artistic and architectural masterpieces of America's indigenous cultures.

Newark Book Fest

MAY 18 | 10AM - 3PM | CANAL MARKET DISTRICT

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Licking County Writes and Licking County Library invite you to Newark Book Fest held at Canal Market District. Visit with 80 local authors; learn about the Licking County Writes meetings; meet classic storybook characters with Licking County Players; tour LCL's Mobile Library; hands-on story-telling activities; and more. Spend your day celebrating stories and writing with us!

Adventure Begins: Kiosks Kick-off

MAY 28 | HANOVER | 11AM - 1PM

MAY 28 | COTC PATASKALA | 5 - 7PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Grab a tracker and begin your summer adventure at one of LCL's 24-Hour Kiosks.



The Glory of Venice

JUNE 5 | 1PM | VIRTUAL

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Art historian and artist Sean Crum, discusses the art of Venice during the zenith of its influence, the 16th century, including the art of Titian, Giorgione, Bellini and Tintoretto.



Art of Love

JULY 2 | 11AM | VIRTUAL

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

A history of love expressed through art, from Neolithic to modern times is discussed by art historian and artist Sean Crum.



Medieval Manuscripts

JULY 17 | 11AM | VIRTUAL

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Dr. Rebecca Barnhouse discusses themes in medieval literature through the lens of medieval manuscripts including Beowulf, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and the Canterbury Tales.

Adventure Begins: Kiosks Wrap-up

JULY 19 | HANOVER | 11AM - 1PM

JULY 19 | COTC PATASKALA | 5 - 7PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Turn in your completed tracker and collect the prizes you earned during LCL's Summer Library Program!



Cicadas

JULY 22 | 1PM | VIRTUAL

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Dr. Joe Boggs discusses the various cicada broods, their fascinating lifecycle, and their importance to the ecosystem. Dr. Boggs is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Extension and the Department of Entomology at The Ohio State University.

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Canal Market District

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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

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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

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All LCL locations are now open 10am - 5pm on Fridays. Our West Newark location is open on Saturdays from 10am - 3pm (beginning June 1). At our Downtown Newark location, the drive-up window opens at 9am for service, Monday through Friday. Details at lickingcountylibrary.org.



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