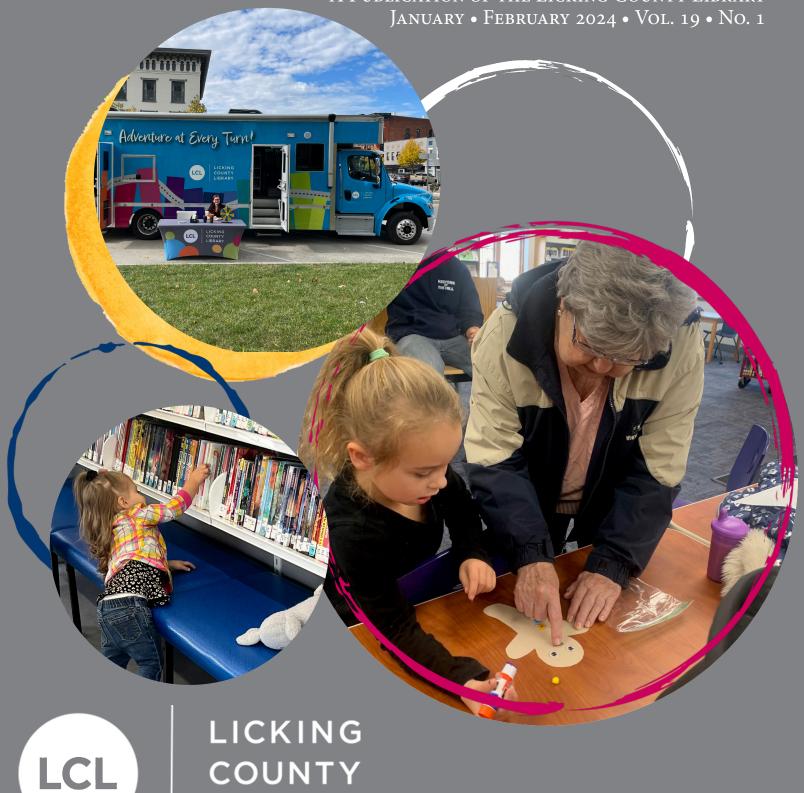
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COUNTY LIBRARY



New Beginnings

When I assumed the position of Executive Director in November, I spent some time thinking back to those humble beginnings in my library career. My first reference question (who invented the swivel chair), my first office (a converted broom closet in a 100-year-old building), and my first book club selection (Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand). Over time, I filled various roles in six library systems around the state, including Greene County, Lima and Granville, and earned the unique distinction of having worked in every type of library department. Every first step taken has grown into an exciting journey filled with people and stories that have formed my life's work and revealed the power of libraries.

That journey continues at Licking County Library when, last year, LCL reached several milestones and introduced multiple new

services. We launched a robust online program calendar with room reservations. In addition, the Downtown Newark location opened up the Library Lab tech space to homeschoolers and educators. We decreased wait times on holds, received bestsellers faster, and added 25,000 print items to the collection—an 11 percent increase from 2022. LCL offered 1,390 educational programs for all ages, including over 35 story times for our early learners, and saw Dolly Parton's Imagination Library participation achieve an all-time high with 58 percent of eligible children in Licking County enrolled. A refresh of the main level at the Downtown Newark location introduced new

carpet, fresh paint, upgraded lighting and the addition of comfortable seating areas and branded, standardized signage was installed at locations to enhance browsing experiences. And to everyone's excitement, LCL welcomed the arrival of a new Mobile Library after a four-year hiatus.

Over the years, LCL has been a proud sponsor of new beginnings. Whether we helped you learn a new hobby, find a new career, discover something new about yourself or read your first words—we were there at the start. 2024 is set to be a transformational year as LCL focuses on updating and enhancing our facilities, strengthening our collection and reader's advisory services, and developing a 5-year strategic plan. We hope you—the most important part the Library's work—will join LCL as it embarks on even more beginnings!

THE COLLECTIVE.

Collective representations are ideas, concepts, categories and beliefs that are the product of a social collectivity. They are not the work of individuals, but emerge from social life. Licking County Library's Downtown Newark location has a space for those ideas and concepts. It may, at times, be a gallery of art. It could be a space for dreaming outside of the box. It could be a timelines of an impactful moment in time.

We invite you to immerse yourself into this space. The focus changes regularly and is driven by your participation. Now through the end of January, experience "A Community In Focus"—highlights from the Newark Camera Club in the late 1800s to early 1900s.

Extended Hours

As we ring in the new year, we welcome expanded hours. All LCL locations are open 10am - 5pm on Fridays. At our Downtown Newark location, the drive-up window opens at 9am for service, Monday through Friday. Visit our website lickingcountylibrary.org for details.

(beginning January 2)



photograph by Chalmers Pancoast, July 1900. Subject is Cecil Lingafelter.

The Beatles Are Coming!

Sixty years ago, on February 3, 1964, The Beatles came to America for the first time. Visit the collective. for our unique celebration of this momentious occasion.





Game On!

JANUARY 20 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Grab some friends and learn how to play card and board games including Uno Flip, Pit and Settlers of Catan.

AARP Tax Prep

FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:30AM - 4:30PM DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

AARP professionally trained volunteers prepare federal, state and local tax returns for low and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those sixty and older, by appointment only. To schedule an appointment call 740.641.2387, 8:30am - 4pm, Monday through Friday. Appointments available through April 11.



STORY TIME Bingo Story Time

FEBRUARY 2 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Practice color, letter and shape recognition with Valentine's Day-themed bingo.

Perler® Bead Palooza

FEBRUARY 21 | 5:30 PM

Designed for Elementary

We have the beads, you have the imagination! Create your own Perler® Bead design or use a premade template to lay out your pattern. Make a character, keychain, magnet or desk accessory.



Let's Get Chibi

JANUARY 2 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Chibi is a smaller, cuter version of a character typically from an anime. In the creative program, paint a smaller, cutesy version of yourself or your favorite anime character.



JANUARY 8, 15, 22, 29, FEBRAURY 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10am - 4:30pm

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

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



HOMESCHOOL Writer's Workshop

JANUARY 8, FEBRUARY 12 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Young writers take part in creative activities for all types of writing and skill levels. Use this workshop time to develop ideas, special interests and learn fundamental skills. Designed for homeschool students grades Kindergarten and up.



Next Chapter Book Club JANUARY 9, 23, FEBRAURY 6, 20

Designed for Adults | 12pm

DESIGNED FOR TEENS | 3:30PM

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



ECHSPES, Get to Know Your **Android Device**

JANUARY 11 | 12PM

Designed for Adults

Our Techsperts cover the basics of your Android device. They show you how to organize your home screen, find and adjust settings, navigate the Play Store and download apps. Participants are encouraged to bring their devices and questions.

Cereal Design

JANUARY 11 | 4:30PM

Designed for Elementary

Create your own unique breakfast cereal by experimenting with different classics and add-ins until you find a winning combination. Name your new cereal and design an eye-catching box to promote it!

Teen Anime Hang Out

JANUARY 15, FEBRUARY 19 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Hang out, talk amongst friends, and watch anime!



Buckeye Book Club JANUARY 16, FEBRUARY 20

JANUARY 16, FEBRUARY 20 | 3PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

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. January: Eligible by Curtis Sittenfeld February: Banyan Moon by Thao Thai



Get to Know Your iPhone or iPad

JANUARY 18 | 12PM

Designed for Adults

Our Techspert covers the basics of your Apple device. Learn how to organize your home screen, find and adjust settings, navigate the App Store and download apps. Participants are encouraged to bring their devices and questions.



BOOK CLUBS EXTRAterrestrial Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club

JANUARY 18 | 5:30 PM

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.

January: A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. Le Guin

February: This is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone

So Refreshing!

LCL's Downtown Newark location now has a branded look when you walk in the front doors and the difference is amazing! The entire first floor has new carpet installed, fresh paint and a spacious layout. There is also a distinct area for new books with comfortable seating next to a new space called the collective. (see page 2)



BOOK CLUBS Tunes & Tales

JANUARY 20, FEBRUARY 17 10:30_{AM}

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Enjoy musical renditions of timeless tales performed by the Newark-Granville Symphony Orchestra. Designed for families of all ages.



BOOK CLUBS Graphic Novel and Manga **Book Discussion**

JANUARY 20, FEBRUARY 17 | 1:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Chat about topics like the book material, changes in TV or film adaptations, or what's new in the world of graphic novels. Copies are available at the Downtown Newark location.

January: Solanin by Inio Asano February: Nimona by ND Stevenson

PreK Art Play

JANUARY 23, FEBRUARY 27 | 10:30AM DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS **W**

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



EMPOWERED A Day in the Life of Sam Schnaidt, Auctioneer

JANUARY 23 | 11AM

Designed for Adults

President and Auctioneer of Apple Tree Auction Center Sam Schnaidt shares his family business experiences built around passion and curiosity for rare, special objects that pass through generations. Attendees are permitted to bring one small, hand-held item for sharing and discussion. No weapons allowed.

Making Change\$

JANUARY 23 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Learn about money through fun activities designed to familiarize kids with currency identification, spending, making change and more.

VITA Tax Preparation

JANUARY 24, 29, FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26 **OPEN HOURS**

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Free Tax preparation and e-file for Federal, State and School District forms. Most taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income of \$58,000 or less are eligible. Schedule an appointment by calling Licking County Coalition for Housing at 740.345.1970, ext. 200.





BOOK CLUBS Booked to Death

JANUARY 24, FEBRUARY 28 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Calling all armchair sleuths! Copies are available at the Downtown Newark

January: My Sister's Grave by Robert Dugoni

February: The Family Upstairs

by Lisa Jewell



DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

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 Harold and Maude starring Ruth Gordon.

Adventure Backpacks

JANUARY 25 | 4:30pm

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Create a magic backpack that unfolds to reveal an interactive playscape of your own design. Play or display anywhere you go!

Donuts and Donuts

JANUARY 27 | 11:30AM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Enjoy yummy donuts and make a crafty version to take home.

Navigator: Home Improvement **Reference Center**

JANUARY 27 | 1:30pm

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Learn how to use our database, Home Improvement Reference Center. Explore the different publications and DIY house projects offered with your Library card.

Bad Writing 101

JANUARY 29 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR **T**EENS

Having the permission to do something poorly can be a freeing experience! Explore writing badly and discuss writing tropes that may or may not be a favorite.

Preschool Science

JANUARY 30 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

Learn about leaves, rocks and minerals and how your heart and lungs work at this introductory, hands-on science program.

Anime PopSockets

FEBRUARY 5 | 5PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Create a PopSocket for your cellphone with an anime theme.



The British Are Coming: The Beatles Meet America

FEBRUARY 7 | 6PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

It was 60 years ago today that The Beatles stepped off of a plane for their first visit to the U.S. and launched Beatlemania! Learn and reminisce about the local reaction to the Fab Four's first tour in the U.S., from local reporters at the time who stated the group "would never last" to the teens who latched on to the craze.

Life-size Paper Doll Dresses

FEBRUARY 8 | 4:30 PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Design, draw and cut out a ballroom gown of your choosing. Your imagination is the limit! Make your dresses wearable with paper tabs and show off your custom creations.

Navigator: Health Databases

FEBRUARY 15 | 1:30pm

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Learn how to use our various databases about health, including Alt HealthWatch, Consumer Health Complete, and Health Source. Develop skills needed to find reliable health information online.



Password Pandemonium!

FEBRUARY 15 | 2PM



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.

Teen Advisory Meeting

FEBRUARY 17 | 12:30PM

DESIGNED FOR **T**EENS

Watch cartoons and learn how to crochet a coaster.

Reading Rock and Roll

FEBRUARY 20 | 4:30 PM

Designed for Elementary

Read *Ricky the Rock* that Couldn't Roll by Jason Miletsky, then use the provided tools to help a rock— a lot like Ricky learn how to roll.



Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen

FEBRUARY 22 | 1PM

Designed for Adults

Gregory Edmonds, President of the Ohio Memorial Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen and guide at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, shares the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, some of the first African American military aviators in the U.S. Army Corps.

Kitchen Science II

FEBRUARY 22 | 4:30PM

Designed for Elementary

A new round of experiments you can repeat at home with materials you already have in your kitchen.

Writing Fan Fiction

FEBRUARY 26 | 5:30pm

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Write and share the fanfiction that resides in the corner of your mind.



EMPOWERED Bumble Bee Biology

FEBRUARY 27 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Dr. Jamie Strange discusses the biology, importance and conservation efforts of our native bumble bees. Dr. Strange is Chair and Professor of the Department of Entomology at The Ohio State University and has studied bees for over 20 years.



EMPOWERED Our County Apiarist FEBRUARY 28 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Steven Moody, a former U.S. Marine with a degree in Wildlife Conservation from Zane State University, discusses his role as the official Licking County Apiary Inspector, the importance of beekeeping and some of the current challenges.





JANUARY 23 | 5:30pm

Designed for Teens

Are you ready for it? Create a Taylor Swift-inspired bracelet for yourself or trade amongst each other. We provide the materials that are needed, including a variety of beads and letters. This is a great way to show off your Swiftie spirit.

Family Financial Wellness Workshop FEBRUARY 27 | 6PM

Designed for Elementary

In this program, families learn good financial habits together: like how to make a financial plan, research money decisions,

save for a goal, and prioritize spending through lively activities and modeling.









Teen Tuesday

JANUARY 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, 27 | 6:30рм

DESIGNED FOR **T**EENS

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

Y On the Fly

JANUARY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21, 28 | 3_{PM}

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

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

Babcock Movie Day

JANUARY 6 | 12:30 PM

Designed for Elementary

Do you love Toy Story as much as we do? Bring your favorite toy with you and enjoy the movie.



BOOK CLUBS Babcock Book Club
JANUARY 11, FEBRUARY 8 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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

January: Mrs. Jeffries and the Alms of the Angel by Emily Brightwell

February: Victoria by Daisy Goodwin



B-24 Tail Gunner—My Dad in WWII

JANUARY 15 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

In 1944 and 1945, at the age of 20, Mike Shurig's father put his life on the line,

surviving 30 combat missions in the Air War over Europe. Learn his father's story through written personal war stories and a presentation of authentic combat aviation attire and equipment.

Crafternoon

JANUARY 18 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

No need to bundle up! You'll be toasty and warm creating a sock snowman.

Preschool Playdate

JANUARY 19, FEBRUARY 9 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

You and your little ones have an opportunity to play and explore with others through a variety of engaging experiences.



BOOK CLUBS Silent Book Club

JANUARY 25 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Suffering from cabin fever but don't feel like socializing? Attend our book club for introverts! Bring your current read (or find a new one here) and we'll provide a quiet, cozy atmosphere for relaxing and reading in peace. Both teens and adults are welcome.



Our County Apiarist January 29 | 1pm

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Steven Moody, a former U.S. Marine with a degree in Wildlife Conservation from Zane State University, discusses his role as the official Licking County Apiary Inspector, the importance of beekeeping and some of the current challenges.

Handmade Valentine

FEBRUARY 3 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Hand craft a Valentine made with love! All materials provided.



KECHSPER, AI: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly

FEBRUARY 8 | 1PM

Designed for Adults

You have heard about Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the news, but what exactly is it? Our Techspert explains the basics of AI and the good, the bad and the ugly of what it means for the future.



EMPOWERED Making Sense of Today's **Supreme Court**

FEBRUARY 21 | 11AM

Designed for Adults

Dr. Larry Baum discusses the current U.S. Supreme Court. Professor Baum earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, taught at The Ohio State University and is the author of one of the essential texts on the subject, *The* Supreme Court (14th edition).





Crafternoon

FEBRUARY 22 | 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Builders prepare for a construction challenge. There are a variety of materials to use. How high can you go?



Gardening As We Age FEBRUARY 26 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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.



Pokémon Terrariums

JANUARY 18 | 4:30PM

DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Choose your starter Pokémon and create a cute terrarium home for them in their pokéball.

Year of the Dragon

FEBRUARY 16 | 1PM

Designed for Elementary

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon by learning about Chinese New Year.

West Newark (Emerson R. Miller)

Walk-in Wednesdays

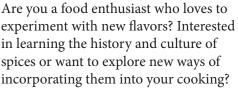
JANUARY 10, 24, FEBRUARY 7, 21 3:30PM DESIGNED FOR TEENS

Drop by after school and take part in mid-winter boredom-buster activities designed just for you.

International Spice Group

JANUARY 10 | 5:30PM

Designed for Adults



Look no further and explore the world of spices with us. Spotlight: Ginger

Let It Snow!

JANUARY 11 4PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

We'll make snowflakes three different ways using art, science and engineering.



BOOK CLUBS BritLit Book Group

JANUARY 17, FEBRUARY 21 | 5:30pm

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

British-themed reads that can't be Thamed! Copies of the titles are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.

January: Wrong Place, Wrong Time by Gillian McAllister

February: Canary Girls by Jennifer Chiaverini

Historical Drama Group

JANUARY 24, FEBRUARY 28 | 5:30PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Delve into the untold stories behind history through film and gain new perspectives of the people and events that have shaped our world. Copies of the film are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location. January: Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story

February: A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood



BOOK CLUBS LGBTQIA+ Book Club

JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 22 | 6PM

Designed for Adults

Everyone is welcome to engage in fun, respectful dialogue. Copies of titles are available at the West Newark (Emerson R. Miller) location or download a copy from the Ohio Digital Library.

January: *Pageboy* by Elliot Page February: The Darkness Outside Us

by Eliot Schrefer

Marbled Mugs & Hot Chocolate

JANUARY 30 | 3:30 PM

DESIGNED FOR ELEMENTARY

Design and make your own marbled mug and have a taste of hot chocolate.

Graphic Novel Night

FEBRUARY 20 | 4PM

Designed for Elementary

Calling all young artists and storytellers! Step into the vibrant world of graphic novels, where words and art come together to create exciting adventures. Take part in comic creation and sample various graphic novel selections available through the Library.



STORY TIME Little Listeners: **Ready for Spaghetti**

FEBRUARY 29 | 10:30AM

DESIGNED FOR EARLY LEARNERS

This preschool story time uses oodles of noodles to introduce stories, rhymes and songs that help develop early literacy skills. Oh, the pastabilities!





EMPOWERED Toledo Harbor **Lighthouse Restoration**

JANUARY 9 | 11AM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

Sandy Bihn, President of Toledo Harbor Lighthouse Preservation Society, discusses ongoing preservation efforts for the Ohio treasure.



EMPOWERED The Book Divine, the History of **Manuscript Illumination**

JANUARY 17 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR **A**DULTS

Art historian and artist, Sean Crum, discusses medieval illuminated manuscripts. These hand made creations feature beautifully written text, decorated initials and luminous colorful illustrations.



Guide to the Total Eclipse

FEBRUARY 2 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

A large portion of Ohio is in the path of totality for the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8. This is a rare and exciting event that happens only about once every 1.5 years somewhere on Earth. Join Gordon Telepun, author of Eclipse Day 2024 and creator of the Solar Eclipse Timer App as he helps participants understand what to expect.



EMPOWERED The Art of Love

FEBRUARY 14 | 1PM

DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

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







Ellison Machine and Dies **Available** for Public Use



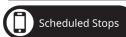
Located on the 2nd floor of the Downtown Newark location, this is a great resource for teachers, home school co-ops, crafters, party planners and anyone looking for cut-outs of objects, shapes and letters to brighten their day! The machine and dies are free to use. Patrons 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Remember to bring paper.



Licking County Library has hit the road with our new Mobile Library. We are cruising around, delivering library goodness to your neighborhood! With our Mobile Library, you can get a wide range of books, magazines, Wi-Fi and other learning resources—we have something special just for you. Scan the QR code below or visit

lickingcountylibrary.org to see when and where you can find us.







LCL LOCATIONS

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

Downtown Newark*

101 West Main Street, Newark | 740.349.5500

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

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

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

Program Calendar: lickingcountylibrary.org

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

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Registration Required



Dress For A Mess



Developing students' interests while learning outside of the classroom.



Copies of Book Club selections are at the specific location or download from the Ohio Digital Library.



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



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