

Fall 2024



Fall Updates

For the fall newsletter, we are happy to have a “Tech Corner” article once again. The tech articles have taken a bit of a hiatus this year, but we are finally able to bring them back—and just in time, too: October is cybersecurity month. With the recent CrowdStrike outage that affected our county systems as well as the hack of the city’s data, we have all been affected by disruptions to our technology and need to remain vigilant in keeping our own devices secure—and FCLL IT Coordinator Steve Stultz always has tips for doing just that.

Please note that this newsletter does not contain any registration information for the remaining 2024 Baldree Brown Bag Lunch programs because the next class is tomorrow (Oct. 2) and the final class of the year is full. Tomorrow’s program is a book discussion that will be led by former Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge and current Law Library Board Chair Charles Schneider. If you have read the book *All That is Mine I Carry With Me* by William Landay and would like to participate, just show up to the library tomorrow at 12:15 (no CLE credit for the book discussion). Our final CLE program for 2024 is scheduled for November 13 with Franklin County Probate Court Magistrate Maureen Duffy, but it is already full. However, if you are interested, please call the library at 614-525-4971 the day before the program to see if any spots have opened up due to cancellations. Also, if you have registered and cannot attend, please call to let us know so that we can register someone else in your place.

Finally, keep in mind that we are soon entering the holiday season and this is the last newsletter for 2024. Our staff wishes you all the best in the coming season, and we will have some library closures to allow our staff time with their families. Please take note of the closures below.

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Tech Corner: **Time to Switch to Windows 11**

Steve Stultz, FCLL IT Coordinator



Much has been written on the negatives of Windows 11 and the reasons not to switch from Windows 10. But there are some good reasons to switch, too, including a big one: Windows 10 will no longer be supported after October 14, 2025, about a year from now. This matters because after that date, Windows 10 will no longer receive important security updates which help keep you safe online. For that same reason, no one should be using Windows 7 any longer, as it lost support back in January of 2020.

Why switch? Here are the reasons:

1. No Windows 10 security updates after October 2025
2. Improved memory management and background processing
3. Better battery life for laptops
4. Better virtual desktops
5. Improved multi-tasking
6. Redesigned Windows File Explorer
7. Enhanced security features in Windows Security, Windows' built-in antivirus and antimalware software
8. Better Android support

The bad news is that not all computers can run Windows 11. If your computer doesn't support the features below, consider upgrading to a newer computer (or [switch to Linux](#), a free alternative operating system that runs well on older hardware). Required hardware features include:

1. Minimum RAM of 4 GB
2. UEFI firmware that supports Secure Boot
3. Graphics card supporting DirectX 12 or higher
4. Minimum display resolution of 720p (regular HD)
5. TPM v2.0 or higher chip

Not sure if your hardware will work? Run the Microsoft PC Health Check to find out: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/how-to-check-if-your-device-meets-windows-11-system-requirements-after-changing-device-hardware-f3bc0aeb-6884-41a1-ab57-88258df6812b>.

More Reading:

- <https://www.pcworld.com/article/2258181/hey-everyone-its-time-to-switch-to-windows-11.html>
- <https://www.lifewire.com/should-you-upgrade-to-windows-11-7153359>

- <https://www.androidauthority.com/windows-11-should-you-upgrade-3038631/>



Holiday Closures

October 14: Indigenous Peoples Day

November 11: Veterans Day

November 28-29: Thanksgiving

December 24-26: Christmas

January 1: New Year's Day

Board Meeting

November 20 at noon in the library

Library Services: The Basic Necessities

This year, our newsletters have highlighted many of the resources and services that our staff members believe are the most helpful yet most underutilized by our patrons. However, we have focused primarily on research tools. But let's not forget the basic necessities, either. Most patrons know we have public access to computers, copiers, and printers, but many may not know that we can also offer wireless printing. Patrons using their own devices can access free Wi-Fi as well, and those who prefer not to use a computer can still fax documents here. We have meeting spaces available as well as comfortable areas for reading or relaxing. Please keep in mind that we do have minimal fees for printing, copying, faxing, and notarizing, and we can only accept cash. But also be aware of a few things we don't have. We frequently get requests for direct scan to email, which we do not have (at least not yet), but you can scan documents to your own USB drive (just make sure to bring one with you if you need to scan--we don't sell them). We also frequently get requests for folders or envelopes, but we do not make office supplies available beyond staples and paperclips. However, we do have most of what you will need not only to conduct your research but also to prepare your court documents.

For more information on our services, click [here](#).



Recent Reference Requests

Susanna Marlowe, Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

In a child custody case for reallocation of parental rights and responsibilities, can the court, on its own motion, request an in-camera interview of the child or children in the action?

A Family Law Attorney

Dear Attorney,

Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 3109.04(B)(1) provides “the court, in its discretion, **may** and, upon the request of either party, shall interview in chambers any or all of the involved children regarding their wishes and concerns with respect to the allocation.” Section 3109.04(F)(1)(b), which deals with determining the best interests of the child in an allocation **or** reallocation, references back to this section, indicating, “If the court has interviewed the child in chambers pursuant to division (B) of this section regarding the child's wishes and concerns as to the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities concerning the child, the wishes and concerns of the child, as expressed to the court” may be considered as part of the best interests determination. So, yes, the court may interview the children, even without a motion by the parties.

The Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

Does Ohio law recognize domestic partnership agreements for individuals who live together but are not married?

A Resident

Dear Resident,

The City of Columbus allows same or opposite sex partners to register their domestic partnerships: <https://www.columbus.gov/Government/City-Council/News-Releases-Information/Common-Constituent-Requests/Register-a-Domestic-Partnership>. The Columbus City Code chapter authorizing these agreements is [here](#).

Although these agreements are helpful to employees when they want to obtain health insurance and other benefits for their partners, they are not the

same as being married. Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 3101.01(B)(3) states that it is against the strong public policy of Ohio to recognize the specific statutory benefits of legal marriage to nonmarital relationships. Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 3101.01(B)(1), which purports to ban gay marriage in Ohio, has been preempted by the U.S. Supreme Court in Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. 644 (2015).

The Reference Librarian

What We're Reading

Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites

Minnie - *James* by Percival Everett, *Woman, Life, Freedom* by Marjane Satrapi, *The Younger Wife* by Sally Hepworth, and *Daisy Darker* by Alice Feeney



Susanna - *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch, *The Final Girl Support Group* by Grady Hendrix, and *Maame* by Jessica George



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