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The library participated in the Ohio State University Extension Office's chicken incubation program for two years. The program was originally suggested by a library user and the Extension Office was our point of contact from that point. The eggs, incubator, and all other materials were provided by the Extension Office, and the eggs and chicks were cared for under their direction. We are confident that no animal abuse took place. The chick hatching event was coordinated by the Extension office as an educational program and not a fundraising campaign; the library did not solicit or receive financial contributions as part of the program. At the conclusion of the program the chicks were taken to a farm; the Extension Office also provided guidance on this portion of the program. Information on the program, including learning outcomes, is available on this Extension Office website: https://ohio4h.org/chickquest. The library relied on the expertise and professional guidance of The Ohio State University's employees throughout the program. All library programming is evaluated on an ongoing basis and a determination on the library's future participation in this series will be made at the appropriate time. We recognize that some passionate individuals or groups would prefer us to circumvent our normal program evaluation process, but the library maintains that this is a dangerous precedent to create, especially in light of the challenges faced by libraries of all types in the current social environment.

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