

Keep this date open!

Geauga County Kidsfest!

Geauga County Public Library will again participate in "Kids Fest," an opportunity for kids and parents to have fun, be entertained, eat and learn about what Geauga County agencies can do for them. This years event, the fourth annual Kids Fest, will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2008.** The library has joined other agencies such as the Health



Department, Job and Family Services, the Mental Health Board, Help Me Grow, and Starting Point to present the event since its inception in 2005. Kids from all over the county are invited to attend and participate in the many fun activities presented during Kids Fest. Watch the library's web site www.geaugalibrary.org for time, location and details.

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(440) 632-1961 x21

Geauga West Library
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Chesterland, Ohio 44026
(440) 729-4250

Thompson Public Library Station
16700 Thompson Road
Thompson, Ohio 44086
(440) 298-3831

Chardon Library
110 East Park Street
Chardon, Ohio 44024
(440) 285-7601

Newbury Public Library Station
14775 Auburn Road
Newbury, Ohio 44065
(440) 564-7552

Bainbridge Library
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Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023
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Geauga County Voters Approve Library Levy

The Library Board, Friends of the Library and library staff want to say **T H A N K Y O U** Geauga County voters for your most positive support of the library's one mill replacement levy on the November 2007 ballot. More than 62% of the voters approved the levy - a very gratifying response for those who are

committed to providing the very best library service throughout Geauga County.

Passage of the levy will mean that the library can maintain its current services. Cutbacks in funding at the state level had significantly eroded the library's financial base. The additional dollars provided by

the levy enable the library to restore its book and materials budget, maintain library hours and continue the many greatly-used library services.

Geauga County residents are number one in per capita borrowing and thanks to Geauga County voters we will keep it that way!

New Library Automation System Coming

Over 20 years ago, in spring 1987, the Geauga County Public Library computerized its catalog and circulation system. The library

initially paid about \$300,000 for the software and hardware and has paid about \$50,000 each year to receive updates and service to keep the automation system running. As vendors have developed other products, the library has investigated them and until this year, had not found a software product that warranted the new expense of about \$400,000 to change systems.

In 2007, however, the library took a good look at "open source" software and determined that one product, Koha, is robust enough to serve as our catalog and circulation system software. Because it is open source, it is not owned by any one company. Instead, libraries who use the software agree to share

any changes they make with other libraries so that the product is constantly changing and being enhanced. Running open source software requires a sophisticated computer services staff and fortunately the library has excellent, highly trained computer services people. In addition, there

is a commercial company that will support the open source software and help with moving the library from one system to the other. As a result, in March 2008, the library anticipates moving

to open source software for our patrons. Ongoing maintenance costs will be minimal, only \$10,000 a year. So, as unbelievable as it seems, the library will move to a better automation system and will pay less for it!

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We know that there are always glitches in moving platforms, but we have been working in advance to minimize any hiccups along the way. One of the most compelling reasons for changing software is its interface with the public.

Amazon.com has formed a partnership with Koha users that enables library patrons to view book covers and search inside items to know more about them before making selections. Patrons can add items to their "bookbags," similar to shopping carts on commercial web sites.

For a sample of the software, visit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's web page <http://opac.smfpl.org/> and take a look. Staff and administration at SMFPL have been most generous with their time and advice as we take this big step.

Library Receives Federal Grant

The State Library of Ohio awarded the Geauga County Public Library a \$67,000 "Trading Spaces" federal grant for the Bainbridge and Geauga West libraries. Only libraries whose staff members had attended specialized space planning workshops were eligible to apply for the grants that award money to redesign library interiors to better identify special areas within the library. The Bainbridge Library will use funds to paint the interior in different colors to identify the new teen area, the children's area and the major service points. The Geauga West Library will also paint and will replace furniture in the almost 20-year-old building. Look for changes at your libraries this winter!

Volunteer at the Library

The Geauga County Public Library relies heavily on its loyal cadre of volunteers. Over 150 people (from teens through seniors) volunteer at the library on a regular basis. Volunteer activities are varied and so is the time commitment. The library especially needs volunteers to deliver books to homebound patrons. Individuals are matched with readers to whom they take library books and other materials on a regular schedule. It is very rewarding volunteer work for the

recipient and the volunteer! Who can pass up a chance to chat about great books? Contact Jane Attina at the Middlefield Library to sign up to be a book delivery volunteer, 632-1961. If you prefer to volunteer in another way, just check in at your local library or check out our web site volunteer page <http://www.geauga.lib.oh.us/GCPL/Friends/Volunteers.htm> to see all of the opportunities throughout Geauga County.



Geauga County Elections

The Geauga County Public Library is working with the Geauga County Board of Elections to help voters learn about upcoming elections, equipment and ballot issues. For many years the library has sponsored an election literature table at each library thirty days prior to each election. In the last two years, the library has also hosted kiosks provided by the Board of Elections to explain voting procedures, including registration, absentee voting and how to use

voting equipment. As always, poll workers are needed throughout the county for each election day. Interested persons should contact John A. Ralph (440-279-2033) at the Geauga County Board of Elections about this paid civic opportunity. You may also go the Board of Elections web site You may also go to the Board of Elections website <http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/departments/elections/index.asp> for more information.

Computer Classes

Bainbridge

Registration begins April 14. Call the library at 543-5611.

"Welcome to KOHA"

Learn how to use our new library catalog. Monday and Tuesday, April 28, April 29.

Chardon

Registration begins January 14. Call the library at 285-7601. Classes limited to 6.

"Meet the Mouse"

Never touched a computer or have very little experience? We want to help you learn. Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Domesticate the Mouse"

Know how to use the mouse but need more practice? Start here! Wednesday, February 6, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Surf the Net"

Conquered the mouse and know how to type? Let us show you some new searching tips. Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Thursday, May 8, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

"Smart Searching"

Demonstrates efficient Internet searching techniques for those familiar with the Internet. Monday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Monday, May 5, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Finding Internet Treasures"

Leads searchers into helpful resources and databases not tapped by Google and other search engines. Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Geauga West

Call 729-4250 to register. Classes limited to 6.

"Introduction to the Internet"

A basic class for beginners. Wednesday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.

"Basic Internet Searching"

Learn to use Search Engines and Subject Directories. Wednesday, January 30, 10:00 a.m.

"Super Searcher"

Advanced searching techniques for the Internet. Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m.

"Basic Excel"

Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Wednesday, February 20, 2:00 p.m.

"Basic Microsoft Word"

Learn the basics of Microsoft Word. Thursday, February 21, 10:00 a.m.

Middlefield

Registration begins January 2. Call the library at 632-1961.

"Computer Basics"

Do you want to learn about computers, but have little or no experience with them? Well then this class is for you! We will learn about Windows and basic Internet navigation. Tuesday, February 5 or April 15, 6:30 p.m. Sessions limited to 5.


"Email Made Easy"

In this class you will create your own email account and learn basics so you can keep in touch with friends and family. Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. Session limited to 5.

"Writing in Microsoft Word"

Geared toward beginners, this class explains basic feature such as opening documents, saving files, changing text appearance, and simple formatting. Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 p.m. Session limited to 5.

"Internet Tutorials"

During January and May, come to the Middlefield Library for one-on-one tutorial tailored to your needs. The one-hour sessions are limited. Mondays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 

Writers' Workshops


Geauga West

"Writers' Workshop"

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Middlefield


"Brink of Discovery Writers' Group"

If you're interested in improving your writing skills, working toward publication, or having your writing critiqued, please join us. Tuesdays, January 8, February 5, 19, March 4, 18, April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 

Knitting & Crocheting

Geauga West

'Sit and Knit - Stay and Crochet'

Whether you knit or crochet, are experienced or just a beginner, you are welcome to join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month for a casual hour and a half of fellowship and needlework. Share tips, learn new techniques and participate in our charitable projects. 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 

Snow Closing Policy

Our library prides itself on being open and available to the public, but if it is necessary to close,

- Closings will be announced on TV and radio
- If in doubt, call ahead
- Have an emergency plan with your child if he or she is at the library when it closes early.

When the public school district in which the library is located is closed due to inclement weather, morning storytimes are canceled. Please call your local library to confirm whether afternoon or evening children's programs will be held.

Book Sales

Bainbridge Sponsored by the Bainbridge Women's Club

Tuesday, May 6 4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m. Preview for members* of the Women's Club and Friends of the Bainbridge Library
 Tuesday, May 6 6:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. Open to the public
 Wednesday, May 7 9:00 a.m – 9:00 p.m. Open to the public
 Thursday, May 8 9:00 a.m – 9:00 p.m. Open to the public
 Friday, May 9 9:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m. Open to the public, Bag Day
 Saturday, May 10 9:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m. Open to the public, Bag Day

Chardon "Maple Festival Book Sale" Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library

Thursday, March 27 9:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m. Members Only Preview*
 10:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. General Sale
 Friday, March 28 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. General Sale
 Saturday, March 29 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m. General Sale
 Sunday, March 30 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. General Sale

Geauga West Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library

Wednesday, March 12 4:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. Members only preview*
 6:30 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. Open to public
 Thursday, March 13 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Open to public
 Friday, March 14 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open to public
 Saturday, March 15 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Bag Day

*You may join or renew your membership at the door.

Middlefield

When you're visiting the Middlefield Library, please stop in our Friends Room and take a look at our on-going book sale. You'll find many great bargains and a friendly atmosphere. Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Library. Weekday afternoons..

Tax Assistance Schedule

AARP Volunteer Tax Help Program
 Bring your completed tax forms from last year and valid I.D. to your appointment.

Bainbridge

Please bring all necessary information.
 Mondays, February 4 – April 14,
 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. By appointment only. Registration begins
 Monday, January 14. 440-543-5611

Chardon

Tuesdays and Wednesdays,
 February 5 - April 9, 9:15 a.m. –
 3:45 p.m. Call 440-285-7601 for
 an appointment.

Geauga West

Thursdays February 7 - April 10
 Appointments available 9:00 a.m..
 – 1:00 p.m. Please call the Geauga
 West Library to schedule an
 appointment. 440-729-4250



Book Discussions

Bainbridge Mondays, 2:00 p.m.
 January 14 *Angry Housewives Eating Bonbons*
 February 11 *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*
 March 10 *The Piano Tuner*
 April 21 *The Lemon Tree*
 (*note 3rd Monday)
 May 19 *Never Let Me Go*
 (*note 3rd Monday)

Chardon Everyone is welcome. Books are available one month before the discussion date. Refreshments are provided. Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.
 January 16 *Suite Francaise*
 February 20 *Manhunt*
 March 19 *Memory Keeper's Daughter*
 April 16 *City of Falling Angels*
 May 21 *The Year of Wonder*

Geauga West First Wednesday of month. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 February 6 *Never Let Me Go*
 March 5 *Without Reservations*
 April 2 *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*
 May 7 *The World Below*
 June 4 *Angry Housewives Eating Bonbons*

Middlefield Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
 January 10 *Eva's Cousin*
 February 14 *City of Fallen Angels*
 March 13 *The Girls*
 April 10 *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*
 May 8 *Candles Burning*

Thompson

"Book Discussion and Dessert Club"
 Discuss tantalizing books while sharing a delectable dessert. Sundays, January 20, February 17, March 9, April 20, May 18, 2:00 p.m.

Plant and Herb Sale

Bainbridge

"Chagrin Valley Herb Society Plant and Herb Sale"

Choice plants at reasonable prices just in time for spring planting. Chagrin Valley Herb Society offers it's annual and only fund-raiser. Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or while supply lasts.

Bainbridge Youth Programs



Registration begins January 14.

Babytimes

Fridays, February 1, 8, March 14, April 4, 11, May 2. Sessions limited to 15 babies.

Ages 3 – 12 months

With adult. 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 13 – 24 months

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Storytimes

January 22 – February 28 (winter)

March 11 – April 24 (spring)

No sessions the week of March 24 – 28.

Toddler Storytimes

2 – 3 years old with caregiver.

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays,

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Thursdays,

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytimes

Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.,

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. –

7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. –

10:15 a.m., 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Bookbugs Kindergarten

Wednesdays, 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

School Age

All programs on Thursdays.

Session limited to 40.

K – 2

Sessions limited to 40.

"Mardi Gras!"

Masks and King Cakes, Dixieland bands and parades – Let's celebrate Mardi Gras! January 31, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"We ♥ Our Library"

Celebrate Library Lovers Month at this program of library-themed fun and games. February 28, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Maple Sugar Time"

What's sticky, sweet, and tastes scrumptious on pancakes? Geauga County Maple Syrup! Come see how it's made and how good real maple syrup tastes. A naturalist from the Geauga Park District will present this program. April 3, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Welcome to Dollar Holler"

Make your own money and spend it on a visit to Dollar Holler, the little town that time forgot. April 24, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grades 3 – 5

"An Afternoon at the Spa"

Every young lady deserves some pampering. Learn the basics of how to do manicures and pedicures. Then you'll experiment on yourself or a friend! PLEASE BRING A FAVORITE POLISH TO USE. January 24, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"Weather Wizardry"

Weather is one element in nature guaranteed to be seen, felt, and sensed no matter what time of year it is! The "Weather Wizard" (a Geauga Park District naturalist) brings a trunk of tricks to show the secrets of rain, tornadoes, and clouds through fun, interactive experiments and games that introduce weather concepts. February 14, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Calling All Peanut Butter Lovers"

Celebrate National Peanut Butter Lover's Day. In its honor, we will make peanut butter and (of course) eat it. We'll do an art project, plant a peanut, and play a related game. What a nutty afternoon! March 13, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Crime Caper"

You and Detective LaRue will be part of a real-life mystery. Play this game and be one of the detectives, suspects, or judges. Who committed the crime? Come and find out! April 10, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Teen Grades 6 and up.

"Discover Rangoli"

Rangoli, a form of sand-painting, is one of the most beautiful and popular art forms of India. It expresses hospitality and is displayed on special occasions. You'll create your own colored "sand" and design to complete a one-of-a-kind piece of art. Thursday, February 7, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Dance, Dance, Revolution"

Dance the afternoon away at our DDR tournament. Thursday, February 21, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Corn Toss – Play the Newest Game Craze"

Corn toss combines the skills required in bowling, horseshoes, and softball. Try your skills at this fun and addicting game. Thursday, March 20, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Babysitting Clinic"

This clinic will cover the basics of child care, safety and first aid. Participants will earn a certificate for completing both sessions. Thursday, April 17, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Session limited to 20.

Family

Registration begins January 14.

Please note age recommendations

Grades 1 – 6

"Martin Luther King Day – 'Ruby Bridges' Movie"

To commemorate Martin Luther King, every child should see the Disney movie "Ruby Bridges." It is the true story of six-year-old Ruby, one of the first African American students to integrate a public elementary school in New Orleans. Rated PG. Monday, January 21, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Session limited to 40; for families with children grades 1 – 6.

"Mother-Daughter Valentine's Day Tea"

You are invited to our bi-annual tea. In keeping with the Victorian tradition, we will craft valentines and enjoy tea and cookies. PLEASE BRING A FAVORITE TEA CUP FOR EACH PERSON PARTICIPATING. Call early for reservations. Seating is limited. Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 40 per tea; for families with daughters grade K – 5.

"Family Fitness Fun"

Teri Dombrowski, trainer and assistant fitness director at Chagrin Valley Athletic Club, will provide an hour of ways to make fitness a family lifestyle. Come comfortably dressed and ready to move! (For families with children grade 1 and up.) Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

"Twice Upon a Time"

Yes, by the hairs on our chinny-chin-chins, you'll have a wonderful time at Bainbridge Library's annual puppet show! (For families with children age 3 and up.) Thursday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

"All About Herbs"

Learn all about planting, cooking, and using herbs in so many fun ways. This program will be a treat for your sense of smell! (For families with children grade 2 and up.) Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



Chardon Youth Programs



PRE-SCHOOL

Programs begin January 21 and end May 2.
No sessions the week of March 24.
Registration begins Tuesday, January 8.

Babytime

Birth to 24 months with Caregiver. (no siblings please) Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Fridays, 11:00 a.m.

Time for Two's 24 – 36 months with Caregiver (no siblings please) Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m., Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Just for Threes 3 year olds with Caregiver. Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime – Potpourri

3 year olds – Kindergarten. Mondays, 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

SCHOOL AGE

Registration begins January 10.

K-2

"Happy Hats!" Wear your favorite hat and enjoy hats galore and the best hat games and stories ever! Thursday or Friday, January 24 or 25, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 50.

"Super Senses" Enjoy using all of your five super senses as you see, smell, hear, touch, and taste your way through our "Sense"-sational Fun House! Thursday or Friday, February 21 or 22, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 50.

"Collage Crazy" Have fun celebrating youth art month with us as we create crazy collages with wild colors, shapes, textures and more! Thursday or Friday, March 13 or 14, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 50.

"Star Party" Stars will twinkle everywhere at our star party! Gaze at star "pictures", decorate a star scope and catch a falling star and some star stories! Thursday or Friday, April 24 or 25, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sessions limited 50.

Grades 3 – 5

"The BFG" What's that? Enjoy Anecdotes and Activities and find out what is...the BFG! Thursday, January 31, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Poems, Painting and Puppets" Tap into your artistic side and explore the arts with us as we use different media to make your original poem or one of ours come to life. Thursday, February 7, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Collage Crazy" Celebrate Youth Art Month and have fun creating your very own collage with color, shapes and textures. Wear old clothes! Thursday or Friday, March 13 or 14, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 50.

"Mini Gardens" Plant your own "mini" garden from seeds and plants and watch it grow. All materials provided. Thursday, April 17, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session limited to 35.

Grades 6 – 12

"Teen Volunteer Group" Join the fun, help with children's programs and receive volunteer hours for NJHS and other organizations. Mondays, January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Card-Making Made Easy" Share your ideas or use ours to create cards for all occasions. Materials will be supplied. \$2.00 charge for materials. Thursday, February 14, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Session limited to 20.

"Manga Drawing Competition and Costume Reception" If Manga is your "thing" and you have drawing on your "mind" then enter our competition and prepare a costume for the reception. All 2008 original artwork must be at least 8 1/2 x 11" and mounted with a 2" border to mat board. All original artwork must be turned in to the Chardon Library for judging by Tuesday, March 11. Saturday, March 15, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

"Can You Dance?" Dance, Dance Revolution lets you follow the steps...come dance the afternoon away with your friends. Refreshments provided. Monday, April 21, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Session limited to 25.

Homeschool Grades K – 6

"Happy Hats!" Wear your favorite hat and enjoy hats galore and the best hat games and stories ever! Thursday, January 31, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Session limited to 50.

"Super Senses" Enjoy using all of your five super senses as you see, smell, hear, touch, and taste your way through our "Sense"-sational Fun House! Thursday, February 21, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Session limited to 50.

"Crazy Collages" Have fun celebrating youth art month with us as we create crazy collages with wild colors, shapes, textures and more! Thursday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Session 50.

"Star Party" Stars will twinkle everywhere at our star party! Gaze at star "pictures", decorate a star scope and catch a falling star and some star stories! Thursday, April 17, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Session limited to 50.

Specials

"Girl Detective Movie!" Follow the most famous girl detective to Los Angeles to solve a mysterious crime. Popcorn included, bring a pillow. Grades K – 6. Monday, February 18, 1:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. (President's Day) Registration begins January 10.

"PJ Family Storytime" Bring the children dressed in PJs (optional) for stories, songs, fingerplays, projects, and fun! For families with children of all ages but especially geared to children 6 and younger. Thursday, January 17, Wednesday, February 13, Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. Sessions limited to 25 families.

"The Reluctant Dragons" Meet mom Dragonia and her all-boy son Rory who only wants to smoke the town. "Giggles and guffaws are guaranteed" as we celebrate National Library Week. Nancy Sander with her "Puppets with Pizazz!" is an Emmy Award winner and has been performing for over 30 years. Sunday, April 13, 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 125.

"Grandma, Grandpa, and Me! It's a May Party!" Bring grandma, grandpa or both for a "grand" celebration. Good stories, fun songs, a project, too, but especially lots of smiles. A special time just for grand parents and you! Best for children age 7 and younger. Sunday, May 18, 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.



Geauga West Youth Programs



Storytimes

The Winter Storytime session will begin the week of January 14 and run through March 7. Registration is currently underway. The Spring Storytime session will begin the week of March 31 and run through May 2. Registration for that session is also required, and begins on March 5.

Babytime

Birth to age 2 with caregiver.
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime

Ages 2 - 3 with caregiver.
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 - 5.
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Special K—Kindergarteners

Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.

Trailblazers—Grades 1 - 2

Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required for all family, school age, and teen programs, and begins on the 1st of each corresponding month, unless otherwise indicated.

GRADES K - 3

"Laugh For the Fun of It"

Silly jokes, funny stories, and goofy games—all to celebrate Global Belly Laugh Day. Thursday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

"Making Music"

Make and play your own musical instruments! Thursday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.

"It's an Egg-stravaganza!"

Enjoy goofy games, egg-cellent experiments, and crazy crafts! Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m.

"Be Earth-Friendly"

Learn how to take care of the earth through crafts and games. Thursday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.

"Whoooo?"

Where do owls go during the day? How do they see so well at night? We'll uncover some of the mysteries of owls and make an owl puppet as well. Thursday, May 1, 7:00 p.m.
Registration begins on April 23.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

"Get Creative!"

Start off the New Year by trying a new skill! Sunday, January 13, 2:00 p.m.

"Tooth! Tooth! Who Has Lost a Tooth?"

Has the Tooth Fairy been to your house? This hilarious program is about loose/lost teeth! Come have fun AND make a pocket to hold lost teeth. Sunday, February 3, 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins January 23.

"What's in a Name?"

Everyone's name is special as we kick off "Celebrate Your Name Week." Sunday, March 2, 2:00 p.m.
Registration begins February 20.

"Turn Off That TV!"

Get ready for National TV Turnoff Week with these great ideas of fun for the whole family! Thursday, April 17, 2:00 p.m.

"Mothers' Day 2008"

Bring your mother, grandmother, and aunts, too, for fun that will include games, crafts, and refreshments. Saturday, May 10, 2:00 p.m.

TEENS Grades 6 - 12

"High School Book Discussion"

Join us monthly for a lively book discussion and snacks. Be sure to pick up your book in advance to read before the discussion. Ask your English teacher about extra credit!
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
January 28 The Lovely Bones
February 25 The Alexandria Link
March 31 Isolation Ward
April 29 TBA
Tuesday, May 27 TBA

"PowerPoint for Teens"

Learn the basics of PowerPoint for school and fun! Open to students in grades 5 - 8.
Monday, January 21, 2:00 p.m.

"Candy for your Sweetie"

Make some candy for your sweetie, your mom, or just for yourself!
Wednesday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.

"Babysitting Basics"

Attend this two-day program to receive instruction in basic baby and child care for beginning sitters. Tuesday and Thursday, March 4 and 6, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Registration begins on February 20.

"Music Mania"

Listen to some great music—lots of different styles—and enjoy refreshments. Bring your unwanted CDs, and you may trade with others.
Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

"Tacos for Teens"

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican Night at the library featuring a movie and food!
Monday, May 5, 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.



Thompson Youth Programs

No registration required.

Storytime

Preschool - 2nd grade

February 4 - March 26. Mondays, 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

School Age

K - 5th Grade

"Mad Scientist's Club"

Special science programs each month. Thursdays, January 10, February 14, March 13, April 10, May 8, 4:30 p.m.

Teen

6th - 12th Grades

"Teen Book Discussion"

Share your favorite books while munching on tasty snacks. Tuesdays, January 29, February 26, March 25, April 29, May 27, 4:30 p.m.

Middlefield Youth Programs



Storytimes

Registration not required.

Babytime

Ages 0 – 2 years.
Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Time for Twos

Ages 2 – 3 years.
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., Wednesdays,
9:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5 years.
Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays,
10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

All ages.
Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

School Age

Registration begins January 2.
Grades K – 3

"Snowy Sensations"

Wear your mufflers for a session of wintry tales and make some icy watercolor art. Thursday, January 10, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"I'm Stuck on You, Valentine!"

Hear stories about famous storybook friends and make your own Valentine's Day card box. Thursday, February 7, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Little Folk and Fairies"

Come one and all to fairy land and enjoy fairy lore and traditions. Thursday, March 6, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 P.M.

"What on Earth!"

Come let's celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day with some fun nature crafts, stories and activities. Thursday, April 10, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Best Mom in the World!"

Hear about some amazing mothers and make a nice gift for giving on Mother's Day! Thursday, May 8, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grades 4 – 5

"Origami One, Two, Three!"

Is it a bird, a plane? Make a super origami creation when you learn and perform the Japanese art of paper folding. Thursday, January 24, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Who's a Fraidy Cat?"

An after school mystery game for "who dunnit" fans to use their sleuthing skills. Thursday, February 21, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Now You See It, Now You Don't!"

Come and learn some handy magic tricks to perform for friends and family. Thursday, March 20, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Keep Laughing Celebrate National Humor Month"

Do you like to tell jokes? Then come to our comedy hour special for stories, games and jokes to keep you laughing out loud! Thursday, April 24, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Afternoon at the Museum"

The Butler institute of Art will visit us to help celebrate "International Museum Day." Thursday, May 22, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Teen Grades 6 – 12

"Teen Movie"

Hang out after school with a movie, popcorn, and more!
Thursdays, January 31, February 28, March 20, April 24, May 22, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Phenomenal Faith"

This is a fun opportunity to explore and understand religions from around the world with a special guest speaker. Thursday, January 24, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Games! Games! Games!"

Two words: Let's Play!
Thursday, February 21. 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Crazy for Caffeine!"

March is National Caffeine Awareness Month, so what better time to have some fun exploring both the good and bad of our nation's obsession? Thursday, March 13, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Behind the Music"

Find out where your favorite bands got the ideas for their songs and how you can write your own lyrics, poetry, or stories. Thursday, April 17, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Crazy for Comics!"

Share your favorite titles with others and learn what it takes to create your own graphic novels, comics, and manga. Thursday, May 15, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Homeschool Grades K – 8.

"Be Creative!"

Let your imagination flow as we celebrate International Creativity Month with activities, music, and more!
Wednesday, January 16, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Food Fun!"

What do you get when you mix food and science? You get results that are goofy, gross, and, most of all, loads of fun!
Wednesday, February 13, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Riparian Rescue with Ron Etling"

Learn about the importance of preserving our riverbanks and floodplains through hands-on activities and live amphibians. Ron Etling is the District Conservation Educator for the Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District. Wednesday, March 5, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Let's Fly a Kite!"

Celebrate National Kite Month by building and decorating your very own kite. Wednesday, April 9, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Wild Rides!"

Do you love the thrill of roller coasters? The beauty of carousels? Explore the exciting world of amusement parks through science and art. Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Newbury Youth Programs



Storytimes

No sign-up is required and drop-ins are welcome.
All ages through Kindergarten. Week of January 21 through February 22. Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.



Adult Programs

Genealogical classes found on page 10.

Bainbridge

Registration begins Monday, January 14.
Call the library at 543-5611.

"Fiber Friends"

Bring your spinning wheel, knitting, or whatever else that is fiber related and join this group on the third Thursday of the month.
Thursdays, January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15, 6:00 p.m.

"Check Out Downloadable Books 24/7"

Learn how to download books from the GCPL website to your computer, MP3 player or PDA. Please note: Ipods and Macintosh computers are not compatible.
Monday, January 28, 7:00 p.m.

"Gentle Yoga Class"

Explore the many benefits that yoga has to offer during an hour gentle yoga class followed by a demonstration of Thai Yoga Massage by Ester Gates from The Creative Healing Center located in Bainbridge.
Sunday, February 3, 2:00 p.m.

"Crop and Share"

Bring your photos and supplies and share ideas during an afternoon of scrapbook fun. Saturday, February 23, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Session limited to 16.

"Learn to Dance like the Stars"

Certified instructors from the Elegance in Ballroom Dance Studio located in Bainbridge will guide you through the steps. Sunday, March 2, 2:00 p.m.
Session limited to 15 couples or 30 individuals.

"A Little Afternoon Music"

A local string quartet provides a relaxing hour of popular tunes and light classics. Sunday, April 6, 2:00 p.m.
All ages welcome.

Chardon

Registration begins January 14.
Call library at 285-7601.

"Leisurely Landscaping"

A once a month landscaping course, party of the Creaky Bones gardening courses offered by Dawn M. Cryberg. Topics include curb appeal, water features, butterflies, birds, berries and blossoms, and to tree or not to tree? Dawn Cryberg calls herself a "home grown designer" who has taught and written about gardening and landscaping. Bring your own lunch and beverage. Saturdays, January 19, February 2, March 1, April 5, 9:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Session limited to 65.

"Energy Efficiency: Winterizing Your Home"

Chris Verich of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel will demonstrate how to save money on your energy bills this winter and in the future. Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.

"Designed to Sell: Tips and Techniques for Staging Your House to Sell Quickly and for Top Dollar"

Planning on putting your house up for sale this spring? Has your home been sitting instead of selling? Join staging expert Diana Hudson Kresnye as she shares the secrets for preparing your home for sale. Thursday, February 7, 7:00 p.m.

"Coyotes Among Us"

Learn about coyotes in Northeast Ohio. Are they dangerous? Are they a threat to pets? Where can you spot one? How did this resident of the Wild West end up in Ohio? Appropriate for children grades 3 and above. This program will be presented by the Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center Staff. Monday, February 25, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 75.

"An Insider's Guide to the Perfect Disney Vacation" Tour web sites for travel bargains. Learn the tricks of reducing your time in lines and see the highlights of all the Disney Theme Parks. The program includes drawings for Disney door prizes. Our presenters, Peggy Cox and Marianne Stoltz, are the ultimate Disney fans. Over the years, they've planned many successful family trips to Disney theme parks. Thursday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 75.

"Property Taxes 101"

Tracy Jemison, Geauga County Auditor, will provide information and answer questions about property valuations, real estate taxes, homestead exemptions, and other services offered by the Geauga County Auditor's Office.
Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

"Chardon Friends of the Library Annual Membership Tea"

Our Annual Membership Tea will feature Christy Igo as Annie Oakley. Her presentation will feature historic photos and posters. A professional actor, Ms. Igo's Herstory Productions brings Women's History to life in one woman shows. You must be a member of the Friends to register for this program. Due to limited space, guests are not permitted.
Sunday, April 27, 2:00 p.m.
Session limited to 50.

Geauga West

Call 729-4250 to register for these programs.

"Birthday Cards!"

We're making birthday cards! The designs will be fun, elegant and whimsical. These cards will be for men & women and perhaps even a child! You won't want to miss this class. Materials fee \$5.00
Sunday, February 10, 1:30 p.m.

"Genealogy Lock-In"

For experienced genealogy buffs, an opportunity to use the library computers and databases for an extended ancestor-hunting session. Bring your family tree charts and pages of notes. Staff will be available.
Friday, April 4, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Space is limited.

"Look, Lunch and Listen – Spring 2008"

Bring your lunch and join us as we enjoy a different and entertaining program each week. Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library.
April 9, 16, 23, 30, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Adult Programs

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"Crop 'til You Drop"

We will use the library space and equipment after hours to help us get a good chunk of scrapbooking done. Bring your current projects and we'll "Crop 'til We Drop!"
Friday, May 2, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Middlefield

Registration begins January 2.
Call the library at 632-1961.

"Pond Health & Fish Culture"

Learn how to properly maintain your pond and keep its fish healthy. With 50 years of experience, Dick Black of Willow Valley Fish Farm will offer his advice. Be sure to bring along any questions. Registration is suggested.
Saturday, January 26, 1:00 p.m.

"Retirement: It is Never Too Early or Too Late"

Join financial advisor Marlene Rosen as she discusses planning steps for retirement. In addition, money management after retirement will also be discussed. Saturday, February 23, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Registration is required.

"Writing Effective Cover Letters"

This program offers tips on writing dynamic and effective cover letters because the difference between your manuscript or resume being considered, or thrown into a reject pile, starts with the first introduction and impression you make.
Wednesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.

"Spring Movies"

Before the summer blockbusters hit the theaters, join us for a fresh release and tasty popcorn. Please call the library to see what is playing.
Fridays, March 7, April 4, 6:45 p.m.
Registration is not required.

"From the Russell's to the Pilot's: The Beginning and the End of North Union"

Hear how the Shaker religious sect influenced nearby communities. Focusing on two couples that witness the founding and disbanding of the North Union Shaker Village, the presentation will also include slides. Presented by Cathie Winans, retired Executive Director of the Shaker Historical Society and Museum.
Wednesday, May 21, 7:00 p.m.
Registration is required.

Genealogy Classes

Registration required.
Contact Sandy Malitz for additional information at 285-7601 or raccoon@oplin.org

"Getting Started With Your Family History"

Some hands-on computer exercises.
Chardon Library, 285-7601.
January 12, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Church Records"

Chardon Library, 285-7601.
February 28, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"20 Free Websites"

Some hands-on computer exercises.
Geauga West Library, 729-4250.
March 3, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Introduction African-American Family History Research"

Chardon Library, 285-7601.
March 10, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"40 Overlooked Sources"

Middlefield Library, 632-1961.
March 13, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Getting the Most Out of Courthouse Research"

Bainbridge Library, 543-5611.
April 7, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Digital Cameras and Genealogy"

Geauga West Library, 729-4250.
April 17, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Problem Solving – Ailing Family Trees"

Tips for spotting research problems. Chardon Library, 285-7601.
April 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Have You Really Looked at the Census?"

Exploring non population schedules.
Geauga West Library, 729-4250.
May 12, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

"Meet the Genealogy Specialist"

If you are having trouble with your research, schedule a one hour appointment. Bring the research you have done, the Genealogist will look it over and make suggestions. For more details, contact Sandy Malitz at the Chardon Library, 285-7601.



Geauga County Library Foundation

Many of you have not had the opportunity to be introduced to the Geauga County Library Foundation, so we have created this page to do just that. Our members include anyone who loves and respects reading and wants to insure that it will always be an important part of life in Geauga County through a public library that is one of the best in the state. These are some of the things that we have done. We hope that you will consider joining the Foundation.

Ambassadors of Reading

One of the most important functions carried out by the members of the Library Foundation is that of advocate.

- Lobbying in Columbus
- Being a vocal supporter in the community
- Spreading the word about the value of reading
- Making sure that local officials know how important the library is in the lives of their constituents
- Support financially the library's levy campaigns.

Honor Books

With a donation of \$10.00 to the Foundation, you can honor the person of your choice by having a book plate with the recipient's name placed in a new book. If your honoree is a sports fan, for instance, you may wish to put the plate in *Quiet Strength* by Tony Dungy.

The Chapman Event

Once a year, the Foundation honors one person from the community who best exemplifies the love of books and reading and the desire to make sure that these will always be available to Geauga residents. The 2007 recipient of the Chapman Award was Paul A. Newman of Hambden.



Special Events



Every once in a while, an opportunity comes along that can't be missed. When the chance to host the Ohio Chautauqua as part of the Geauga Bicentennial celebration became available, the Foundation stepped up to provide funding to bring this exciting cultural opportunity to the county.

Support the mission of the library

- The Foundation purchased enough oversized books to be used in library Storytimes.
- The Foundation started "Baby's First Book," a kit which includes a new book, a CD of classical music, and games to play with the baby.
- The Foundation supports library programming.



Distinguished Speaker Series

Now in its 7th successful year, the Series co-sponsored with The Friends of the Libraries, brings to the community a speaker on a subject of interest that is provocative, informative and entertaining. The most popular of all were Wilford Billey, a Navajo Code Talker and Ken Follett, known for his spy thrillers and historical novels.

Library After Dark All our friends and supporters are invited to join us for the "Library After Dark." This Spring we plan to take over one of our libraries after it has closed to the public and have a party. It is our goal to raise some money, but also to make some new friends and sign up some new members. Hope to see you there.

_____ I want to join the Library Foundation to support books and reading in a meaningful way (\$100. per year).

_____ No, I am unable to become a member, but please accept my donation.

_____ Please invite me to your Spring Event.

_____ Please invite me to the Distinguished Speaker Series.

Enclosed please find a check for _____.

Name _____ Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone _____ Mail to: Geauga County Library Foundation, 12701 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, OH 44024