



Lines & Links

It's News to Me! Directly to You.

If you are one of those who saw an interesting program right here in Lines & Links, but never quite got around to putting it on your calendar, then this is the service for you. Beginning in January, the Geauga County Public Library will begin sending e-mail reminders of programs, items of information about the library and its services, thoughts for the week, recommended reads and more, directly

to your e-mail address.

We will call the new service "It's News to Me!" Some electronic newsletters will come once a week, others every other week, and some once a month. It depends on what you sign up for.

If you have signed up for e-mail overdue notices or for Autoholds,



you will receive an e-mail at your designated address introducing the service and giving you the opportunity to sign up for your choice of targeted newsletters. You may join as few or as many as you

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Lights! Camera! Library! GCPL Featured in Documentary

Last summer, the Geauga County Public Library had the honor to be selected as one of a few libraries around the state to be featured in a documentary about Ohio libraries. The theme of the film is that despite the many sources of information now available to us, the library is still the most authoritative, available and affordable source.

Several members of the Geauga community were interviewed. Library Director Deborah O'Connor spoke eloquently about the value of libraries in our lives. Darlene Andler spoke about the cost effectiveness of having a public library located in a high school. Dr. Heng Wang of The DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children (Das

Deutsch Center) in Middlefield spoke of using the public library to research family trees to further his study of genetic diseases in Geauga County. And Richard Knight sat in his vineyard with his dog and told of using the library to research methods of organic farming. He also found how to resist various threats to his grapes using environmentally friendly methods. To a person they affirmed that they all received valuable help and guidance from the librarians.

At the time of this writing, the airing of the documentary had still not been scheduled, but was anticipated to be sometime in January. Watch for notice that the date has been set. You will not want to miss this.

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want. You will also be able to opt out of the service at any time. If you have not registered for either of these, you may go to the icon on the front page of the Library web site under Library Web Services, and sign up directly there. www.geauga.lib.oh.us

The Library will offer newsletters for mystery, romance, children's picture books, audio books, best

sellers, and many, many more. There will also be one with the latest items to arrive at the library, one for Autohold users, and one for staff favorites. We can even establish one you suggest and others may find useful.

This service differs from the "Dear Reader" (formerly Chapter-a Day) that we currently offer. In that service, you receive an actual

excerpt from a title over a period of five weekdays. There, too, you can register for several genres. The "It's News to Me" service will arrive less often and will feature usually three items with their covers, a brief annotation, and a link to the Library's database to easily order the item. Many of the newsletters will also include news and information from the Library.

Circulating Smiles

"I am very fortunate to be able to meet new people every day," stated Pat Lombardo, Head of Circulation at the Chardon Library. This statement sums up the attitude typical of the circulation departments in our libraries. These are the people who often see you first and last during your library visit, and the impression they give to you is often the impression that you have of the library in general. Although their job is extremely detail oriented, they still manage to put people first.

In fact, their job has its share of smiles during the day. You have to enjoy a position where in the course of processing returned books you find many interesting items that have been used as bookmarks and forgotten. There are the more typical items such as money, credit cards, pictures and mail. Then there is the category of foodstuffs: bacon, a banana peel, and popsicle sticks.

Finally, there is the "stranger than fiction" group including such items as sand ("we know the book had fun at the beach"), a bra, and a few items that they declined even to name. They do a yeoman's job of returning as many of these items as they can. As with other departments in the

library, this team makes it look so easy that we tend to take it for granted, but keeping track of each item when the library has nearly 600,000 items to look out for, is a major accomplishment. And it means that when you go into the library, you can find the item you want in the place where you expect to find it. The combined staff of this department throughout the system is the largest with eight full time, and 38 part time clerks as well as 35 adult and student shelvers who are responsible for getting all the returned items back to their proper locations. Just hiring and training for all these



positions is a big job. They pride themselves in having items back on the shelf within a day whenever possible.

It is often circulation staff whom the public knows the best and it is they who receive fresh flowers from patrons' gardens, baked goods

(especially on the Bookmobile), suggestions for books to buy for the library, and many humorous stories about why books are overdue. Dian Brinskelle at Bainbridge tells of being so busy with everyone in line wanting to put something on hold, that at one point she looked up at the next patron and asked if she could "hold" her rather than ask if she could "help" her. She probably did need a hug at that point.

Middlefield's Cheryl Clingerman tells of a five year old boy who wanted to know if he could use the library's telephone. He assured her that it wasn't a long distance call, only a short distance call.

The four heads of Circulation have an astounding 65 years of library experience among them, many of them starting as shelvers themselves. This kind of experience and longevity says that the library is doing something right for them and they are doing something right for the library. And it is the patrons who benefit with service, efficiency, and a smile.

Snow Closing Policy

Libraries seldom close, but if it is necessary -

- 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

Latest Lines (Staff Suggested Reading)

For Adults

The Johns Hopkins Medical Guide to Health After 50. The Latest Recommendations from Hopkins Specialists gives detailed information about the warning signs, diagnostic steps, and treatment options for every major medical problem most likely to affect adult men and women.

The New Yoga for People Over 50: a Comprehensive Guide for Midlife and Older Beginners by Suza Francina shows how to adapt traditional Yoga postures to suit any age or fitness level with step-by-step instructions aimed at the older beginner.

The Older the Fiddle, the Better the Tune: the Joys of Reaching a Certain Age by Willard Scott and friends is a humorous and touching look at the joys of getting older, introduced by the Today show's beloved weatherman.

Strength Training Past 50: for Fitness and Performance Through the Years by Wayne L. Westcott and Thomas R. Baechle presents strength exercise information and prescriptions tailored to the needs of anyone over 50 years of age.

Taking Care After 50: a Self-Care

Guide for Seniors by Harvey Jay Cohen, clearly illustrated and designed for easy reading, shows how to take charge of your health and make lifestyle changes to help prevent disease and disability and improve the quality of your life.

For Young Adults

Jake Reinvented by Gordon Korman

Jake, the good-looking jock who hosts THE party to be at on Friday night, is interested in the quarterback's girlfriend, Didi. Rick, Jake's friend, lets the reader know the real Jake and it is a picture that keeps changing for us. Think a contemporary *The Great Gatsby*. (Ages 12 and up)

Slumming by Kristen Randle

Nikki, Sam, and Alicia each choose someone to make over and then take that person to the prom. But in the process, the transformers are also transformed themselves. (Ages 12 and up)

The Earth, My Butt , and Other Big Round Things by Carolyn Mackler

In a journey from self-hatred to confi-

dence, Virginia, age 15, learns that the other people in her family are far from perfect. She indeed, with the help of others, finds her own voice and independent style. (Ages 14 and up)

For Children

Fun Books to Warm the Spirit

Armadillo's Orange by Jim Arnosky

Armadillo is a loner who is interested only in the orange that marks the entrance to his burrow. He loses the orange but gains an understanding of the value of friends. (Ages 4-8)

Buster by Denise Fleming

Buster the dog is king—until Betty the kitty enters the picture. Afraid of cats, Buster runs away and gets lost. Who comes to his rescue? (Ages 4-8)

Granny Torrelli Makes Soup by Sharon Creech

Rosie and Bailey are best friends, but arguments happen. Granny Torrelli is clever and wise, and in her counseling office (the kitchen) the friends learn many lessons about life. (Ages 9-12)

Latest Links (Staff Suggested Surfing)

For Adults

Ageing Well

<http://agingwell.state.ny.us>

An online Health and Wellness Village for Mature Adults with links for eating well, fitness, and other pertinent topics.

First Gov for Seniors

<http://www.seniors.gov/health.html>

Links for Exercise and Fitness, General Health Resources, and Nutrition sponsored by the Social Security Administration.

Mayo Clinic Senior Health Center

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/index.cfm>

An extensive list of Senior Health topics in the Healthy Living section of this website.

Ohio Department of Aging

<http://www.state.oh.us/age>

Ohio's website features a comprehensive list of links for Seniors, complete with printable documents.

For Young Adults

Leap Year!

www.leapzine.com

Visit this online newsletter about February 29th, Leap Year Day.

www.timeanddate.com

Find the answers to interesting questions such as How many days until your birthday? and When will you be 200,000 hours old?

www.thenewspaper.org.uk

Online newspaper features news stories from around the world of interest to teens and "tweens"

www.ancientmexico.com

Explore the cultural legacy of the ancient Mayans!

www.teenreads.com

Avid teen readers will want to check regularly for new book reviews, author profiles, excerpts, and literary games & contests.

For Children

www.nickjr.com

Send cards, play games, and read information about favorites such as Dora, Blue, Little Bill, and Max & Ruby.

www.spongebob.com

Puzzles, games, and more relating to everyone's favorite sponge!

www.randomhouse.com/kids

Links to the sites of favorite characters like Arthur, Junie B. Jones, Thomas the Tank Engine, and the Cat in the Hat.

www.totcity.com

Ever raced a cow or startled a pig? Fun activities for you. Fun activities for younger children.

The Activity Cupboard

www.mothers-home.com/activities/sherri2.htm

Great Fun craft ideas activities for every occasion!

True Crime Speaker Series



"Eliot Ness, The Cleveland Years"
Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m.
 Chardon Library

Ms. Rebecca McFarland is on the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Police Museum and is the recognized authority on Eliot Ness and the years he spent as Cleveland's Safety Director. Most of us know the Ness portrayed in the adventure-packed episodes of the Untouchables. Never mind that the hard-boiled, grim character that Stack played was quite different than the polished and energetic real Eliot Ness, the gangbuster hero was forever formed

in American folklore. Call 285-7601 to register.

"Who Stole Beverly Potts?"
Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.
 Bainbridge Library.

James Badal is the foremost expert on the disappearance of Beverly Potts. Beverly was the 10 year old girl who was last seen on 117th street on Cleveland's west side in the hot summer of 1951. She had been watching a Show Wagon performance in Halloran Park one minute, and the next minute she had disappeared. Badal is now an assistant professor of

English at Cuyahoga Community College. He has written the definitive study of the Cleveland Torso murders, *In the Wake of the Butcher*. He will sign books following the program.



Rebecca McFarland and James Badal

Book Sales



Geauga West

Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library

Thursday, January 15	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Members preview
	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Open to public
Friday, January 16	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Open to public
Saturday, January 17	9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Bag Day
Sunday, January 18	1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Double Bag Day

Thompson

Saturday, March 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Call for location.

Chardon

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

Thursday, April 15	9:00 a.m.– 10:00 a.m.	Members Only Preview*
	10:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	General Sale
Friday, April 16	9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	General Sale
Saturday, April 17	9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	General Sale
Sunday, April 18	1:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.	General Sale

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

Middlefield

Spring Fling Clearance Sale Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Library

Thursday, April 22	9:00 a.m.– 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23	9:00 a.m.– 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 24	9:00 a.m.– noon

Geauga West

Thursday, May 13	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Members only preview
	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Open to public
Friday, May 14	9:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.	Open to public
Saturday, May 15	9:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.	Bag Day
Sunday, May 16	1:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Double Bag Day

Bainbridge

Spring Booksale Sponsored by the Bainbridge Women's Club

Tuesday, May 18	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Preview for members of the Women's Club and Friends of the Bainbridge Library
Wednesday, May 19	9:00 – 8:45 p.m.	Open to the public
Thursday, May 20	9:00 – 8:45 p.m.	Open to the public
Friday, May 21	9:00 – 4:45 p.m.	Open to the public, Bag Day
Saturday, May 22	9:00 – 4:45 p.m.	Open to the public, Bag Day

Tax Assistance

AARP Tax Assistance.

Free Tax help is available for taxpayers with middle and low income with special attention to those age 60 and older, but seldom is anyone turned away. Bring your completed tax forms from last year to your appointment.

Bainbridge Library

Mondays, February 9 through April 12, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Call Bainbridge Library, 440-543-5611, for an appointment.

Chardon Library

Registration begins January 5. Wednesdays, February 4, 2004 through Wednesday, April 14. Call Chardon Library at 440-285-7601 for an appointment.

Geauga West Public Library

Thursdays beginning February 5th and concluding April 15. Call Geauga West Library to make an appointment. 440-729-4250.

Middlefield Library

Thursdays, March 4 through April 15. 9:00 a. m.—Noon. Call Middlefield Library for details and to make an appointment. 440-632-1961.

Bainbridge Youth Programs



Children's Programs

Winter programs begin week of January 19 and end week of February 24. Spring programs begin week of March 15 and end week of April 19. Registration is required and begins January 12 for winter session and March 8 for spring session. There will be no programs the week of April 5.

Babytime

Fridays, February 6, February 13, March 5, March 12, April 2, April 9, May 7, May 14

Prewalkers

0 -12 months with caregiver
10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Limit 15 children

Walkers

13 – 24 months with caregiver
10:45 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Limit 20 children

Toddler time

2 – 3 years with caregiver
Tuesday, 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.,
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – 5 years
Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m., 1:30 – 2:15 p.m., 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Wednesdays, 11:30 – 12:15 p.m.,
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Bookbugs

Kindergarten
Wednesdays, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

School Age programs

Registration is required and begins January 12.

For Grades K – 2 Thursdays

"Happy Year of the Monkey!"

Let's learn about Chinese culture, make some traditional crafts, and try some Chinese treats.
January 22, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"I ♥ My Grandparents!"

Bring your grandparents, borrow a friend's grandparent, or invite an older neighbor or relative for this fun, multi-generational Valentine's celebration.
February 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. OR
7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. Two adults per child. No limit on number of children.

"Reptile Rumors"

Do you like snakes? Turtles? Lizards? Find out the truth about many fascinating reptiles from a naturalist with the Geauga County Park District.
March 4, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Program limited to 30.

"Jelly Bean Math"

Practice your math skills while enjoying a favorite springtime treat – Jelly Beans! April 15, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Special Family Programs

Registration begins on January 12

"Mother – Daughter Valentine's Day Tea"

In honor of the Victorian tradition, we will be making valentines, enjoying tea and cookies, and listening to music. Call early for reservations.
Saturday, February 14, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Limited to 50.

"Drop-In Family Story Hour" Listen to favorite stories before your child settles down for the evening. A relaxing evening activity. Pajamas are optional!
Thursdays, February 19, March 18 and April 22, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
No registration required

"Egypt, Land of the Pharaohs – Life as an American in Cairo Today"

Kathi Peterson, one of our staff members, has a unique perspective of the Egyptian culture from living and touring in Egypt for years. She will give a slide presentation, share her mementos and answer questions.
Saturday, March 6, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Twice Upon a Time"

The Bainbridge Youth Services staff proudly presents their second annual puppet show, featuring a traditional fairytale and a classic from Dr. Seuss.
Thursday, March 11, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
No registration required.

"Dads & Doughnuts"

How about a special time for fathers and sons to be together? Enjoy doughnuts and conversation. There will be a photo and frame to make as a remembrance.
Saturday, April 17, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Limited to 30.

Grades 3 – 5

Thursdays

"From Balloons to Rockets, From the Earth to the Moon. Chemistry Gets Us There and Back Again"

Join Louis Kuhns and Jesse Bernstein in an hour of experiments.
January 29, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Program limited to 35.

"Slippery, Squeaky Balloon Sculpting"

Learn how to sculpt balloon animals, creatures, and other objects. Patrick Jolly will show us how.
February 19, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Program limited to 30.

"St. Patrick's Day Plus One Party"

Come for an afternoon of celebration. There will be games, crafts, storytelling, jokes, paper activities and snacks. Wear something green!
March 18, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Program limited to 35.

"Maple Sugaring Time"

Gauga Park District's maple sugaring operation is depicted in this slide show which includes tree tapping, sap gathering with horses, and sugar making in the Sugarhouse. A sample taste is also included.
April 22, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Program limited to 35.

Young Adults Grades 5 – 8

"A Library Odyssey: Scavenger Hunt"

Teams of students follow a map with directions to find subsequent clues hidden throughout the library. Objective: to experiment with online searches and locate information.
February 26, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Program limited to 20.

"Yu-Gi-Oh & Pokémon Card Games Hour"

Students have a chance to play card games with each other and meet new players. No card trading!
Thursday, March 25, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Program limited to 25.

"Babysitting Clinic"

Session 1: This session focuses on basic guidelines for babysitting excellence, qualities of a good babysitter. Session II: Q & A session with the Bainbridge Police Department. Note: Must attend both session to earn certificate. Thursday, April 29, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., and May 1, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Sessions limited to 25.



Chardon Youth Programs



Storytimes

Registration for all storytime starts Monday, January 5. Sessions begin week of January 26 and end April 30. No sessions week of April 11.

Babytime

Infants up to 2 years of age with Caregiver. Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m., Fridays, 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Time for Twos

Two year olds with Caregiver. Monday, 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Alphabet Antics, Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Monday, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

School Age Grades K – 5

Registration begins on Tuesday, January 6. All sessions limited to 50.

"A Winter Celebration!" Join us for wintry games and stories. Make chilling discoveries as well as a sparkling snowflake craft. Thursday or Friday, January 22 or 23, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Join the Kazoo Band!" The Chardon Library Kazoo Band needs you to join it! Make your own kazoo, practice and perform for your parents in a group. Prizes for the loudest, longest played note, special sounds and more. Thursday or Friday, February 19 or 20, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"An Egg 'Eggstravaganza'!" Count the eggs in an "eggstraordinary" egg room. Find unusual eggs; enjoy "eggcellent" experiments, games and stories. Thursday or Friday, March 18 or 19, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Unicorn Myths & Legends" Enjoy enchanting unicorn legends and a special "magical" tale and unicorn craft. Thursday or Friday, April 29 or 30, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Grade 5 and up

"Trivia Time" Show how much you know by completing our monthly trivia quiz. The winner is selected at random from all entries that are totally correct. Located in Young Adult area. January – May

Grade 6 and up

"YAG (Young Adult Group)" Have time and energy to spare and talent to share? Join Y.A.G. and help plan Young Adult programs and assist with the school age programs, too! Monday, January 12, February 9, March 8, April 5, May 10, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

"Cartooning for Fun or Profit or Both"

Learn the fine art of cartooning from three of the area's best syndicated cartoonists. Join cartoonist Mark Szorady (George), Polly Keener (Hamster Alley), and Chip Sansom (Born Loser) for an hour of fun and laughs. Class limited to 50. Registration begins January 6. Monday, January 19, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (No school that day)

Family Programs

Registration begins Tuesday, January 5.

"P.J. Family Storytimes" Families with children of all ages. Join us once a month for P.J. (pajama) Family Storytime. Bring the children dressed in PJ's (optional) for stories, songs, fingerplays, projects and fun. A sharing time for families – and then to bed. Session is limited to 20 families. Monday, January 19, Thursday, February 26, Monday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

"Meet Patrick Henry" Appropriate for Grades 3 and up. This National Library Week program allows you to meet one of the key figures of the American Revolution. Hear him talk about the Revolution in his own words & ask him questions. Sponsored by the Chardon Friends of the Library. Patrick Jolly is a direct descendant of Patrick Henry who has researched the life of this American patriot. Jolly has worked in radio and is a juggler and a musician. He is also the Assistant Manager of Geauga County Public Library Facilities Department. Session limited to 75. Thursday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Appropriate for Grades 6 and Up

Registration begins January 5

"Eliot Ness – The Cleveland Years"

See Crime Series Programs page 4. Limited to 75. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7:00 p.m.

"The Trial of the Century" See Adult Programs page 9. Limited to 75. Thursday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.

"Scrapbooking for Teens" Create your own scrapbook page using decorative borders, stickers, and cropping tools. Start saving your pictures now and bring 8-12 photos to class. Cost: \$3.00 for supplies due at time of registration. Presenter is Creative Memories Consultant Sue Clemente. Registration begins January 6. Class limited to 25. Friday, April 23, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Home School

Registration is required and begins on January 6. Sessions are limited to 50 except where noted. K – 6th grade

"We Love Nature!" Take a look at nature in February. Make a special bird feeder and nature collage valentine to keep or give to someone special. Enjoy a special nature story. Thursday, February 12, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

"Notes from the Village Music Shop" Students from the Village Music Shop will entertain and present their instruments. Questions about the instruments, performing, and lessons will be answered. Thursday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

"Wonderful Watersheds & Pesky Pollution" The Geauga Soil & Water Conservation District will use a hands-on Enviroscape watershed model which shows how water flows and drains over land areas and emphasizes the need to keep our streams and rivers pollution free. Thursday, April 8, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

"Spring Things" Enjoy looking for signs of Spring as a Geauga Park System naturalist guides us on scenic trails at Big Creek Park. We will meet at the park shelter designated at the time of registration for this class. Thursday, May 13, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.



Geauga West Youth Programs



Storytimes

Registration is required and begins January 7 for the winter program and March 10 for the spring program. Week of January 19 – March 1 for the winter programs. Week of March 22 – May 3 for the spring programs. No sessions the week of April 12.

Babytime – Birth to 2 yrs. with caregiver. Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Thursdays 9:30 a.m.

Toddler Storytime – 2 – 3 years with caregiver. Mondays 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime – 3 – 5 yrs. Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Antics – Grades K – 2 Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.

School Age Grades K-2

"Mad Hatter Tea Party" Don't be late for this very important date! Enjoy "tea and crumpets," along with games and a craft. Session is limited to 30. Thursday, January 29, 7:00 p.m. Registration begins on January 2.

"My Funny Valentine" Find out what pops up at this sweetheart of a program. Thursday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins on February 1.

"Let's Celebrate Cinco de Mayo!" In a tribute to our Hispanic neighbors, we'll be learning some Spanish by listening to some books and playing games. Thursday, May 6, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins April 22.

School Age Grades K-5

"Book Art" Create your entry for our 5th Annual Book Art Show. You supply the idea, we supply the materials. Illustrations will be displayed in the library throughout March. Thursday, March 4, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins February 19.

School Age Grades 3-5

"Crazy Critters: Animals That Don't Want To Behave Like Animals" Come see for yourself – you won't believe it!

Thursday, January 22, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins on January 2.

"Winter Carnival" Join us for a night of winter games and activities. Thursday, February 19, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins on February 1.

"Go Out and Play!" Don't know what to do when mom says, "go outside and play!?" Learn new games and play some old ones with us. A summertime snack will be provided. Thursday, May 20, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins on May 1.

Family Programs

"If the World Were A Village" Learn about the world through fascinating facts, fun, and free food for the whole family. Sunday, January 11, 2:30 p.m. Session limited to 50. Registration begins on January 2.

"Bake for Family Fun" February is "Bake for Family Fun" month. Share the tastes and recipes of favorite treats. We'll "cook up" other fun, too! Saturday, February 21, 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 50. Registration begins on February 1.

"A Black and White Delight" Wear the colors and join us for black and white snacks and activities. Sunday, March 13, 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 50. Registration begins on March 1.

"Madcap Puppets present: Three Tales with Tails" Find out what happens when the characters from The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff, and Goldilocks and the Three Bears get mixed up in each other's stories! Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre blends giant puppets with actors to provide unforgettable shows for people of all ages. Thursday, April 15, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 100. Registration begins on April 1.

"Breakfast with Mom" Bring moms, grandmas, and aunts for muffins, juice, and special stories. Saturday, May 8, 10:30 a.m. Session limited to 50. Registration begins April 26.

Young Adults

Young Adult Book Discussions
Grades 6 – 12

"Young Adult Book Discussions" Titles to be announced. Mondays, February 23, March 22, April 19, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins on February 1, March 1, April 1.

"An Unfortunate Event" Join us as we celebrate all things "snickety" – includes games and snacks. Monday, January 20, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins on January 2.

"Twisted Tuesday" See how many mixed-up things you can find in the library, followed by snacks. Tuesday, February 10, 3:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins on February 1.

"Youth Art Month" Display your best piece of artwork in the library throughout the month. Call for specifications. March 1 – March 31.

"Library Jeopardy" Join us for food, fun, friends, and prizes during this National Library Week event. Tuesday, April 20, 3:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins April 1.

"Babysitting Clinic" Get a head start on summer babysitting jobs by attending this course to learn the basics. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18 & May 19, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Session limited to 30. Registration begins on May 1.

Newbury Youth Programs

Storytimes

Winter registration begins Monday, January 5. Spring registration begins Monday, March 8.

1 - 5 yrs.

Winter session are the weeks of January 19 through March 8. Spring session are the weeks of March 29 through May 10. Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Middlefield Youth Programs



Storytimes

Registration is required and begins January 2.

Babytime

Age's 6-24 months accompanied by an adult. Babytime is a twenty-minute program designed with your baby in mind. We will sing songs, read books, and do fingerplays, rhymes and much more!
Fridays, January 30, February 27, March 26, April 30. 10:00 – 10:20 am.
Each session is limited to 15.

Tales for Twos – Winter

Ages 2 – 3 yrs.
January 13 – February 18.
Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytimes – Winter

Ages 3 – 5 yrs.
January 12 – February 18.
Mondays, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Tales for Twos – Spring

Ages 2 – 3 yrs.
March 9 – April 14.
Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytimes – Spring

Ages 3 – 5 yrs.
March 8 – April 14
Mondays, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Afterschool Programs

Grades K – 2

Registration is required and begins January 2.

"Jungle Safari" Let's warm up January with a Jungle Safari, wearing animal masks, dancing the animal boogie, hearing stories and enjoying other activities.

Wednesday, January 14, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Big Red Dog Day" Come visit Clifford the Big Red Dog and enjoy stories, songs and other activities about Clifford's adventures.

Wednesday, February 4, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Chew Chew Chocolates" Get your taste buds set for some sweet treats as we learn lots of fun facts about how chocolates are made, how they taste and some unusual flavors available. Presenter is Debbie Butler who owns and operates White House Chocolates on Kinsman Rd.

Wednesday, March 3, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Maple Sugaring" A sweet time will be had by all when we watch a slide show, examine some artifacts and taste some samples of the maple sugaring process. A naturalist from the Geauga County Park System will present one of the fine educational programs offered by the Park system.

Wednesday, April 7, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Mother's Day Drop-in Craft"

Special Afterschool for Grades K-5th
This program is designed so you may drop in anytime between 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., to make a great gift for mom. Directions are included, supplies will be provided by the library, and you can then take it home.

Wednesday, May 5, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Afterschool Grades 3 – 5

Registration begins January 2

"Fantastic Folds" Learn the ancient Japanese art of origami step-by-step, beginning with the basic folds and ending with beautiful creations to take home.

Wednesday, January 21, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Yu-Gi-Oh for the Beginner" Are you ready to be a duelist? Learn the basics of this card game craze that is sweeping the nation. Presenter is Mark Miller who works at Chardon Square Cards and Comics.

Wednesday, February 18, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Wearin' the Green" Hang out with us on St. Patrick's Day for some lively leprechaun legends and extra special holiday fun. Be sure to wear green!

Wednesday, March 17, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

"Kite Kamp" Celebrate National Kite Month with a trip to "Kite Kamp" at the library. Make a mini-kite that will get you soaring to new heights.

Wednesday, April 28, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Young Adult Programming

Grades 6 – 12

"Teen Trivia Challenge" Beginning in January we'll offer a different "Trivia Challenge" each month. Check out our display in the teen area and be prepared to take "The Challenge"!
Ongoing, January – May

Home Schoolers

Registration is required and begins January 2. Grades 3 –12 and their families.

"Wetlands are Wonderful" Join us along with the Geauga Park District as we learn all about wetlands!

Presented by a Geauga Park District Park Ranger.

Tuesday, January 13, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

"Let's Learn About Nutrition and Exercise!" We'll talk about proper nutrition, sample some healthy goodies and learn some basic exercises.

Tuesday, February 10, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

"How is Cheese Made?" We'll meet at the Middlefield Cheese House on the corner of Nauvoo and Old State Rd. and view a video on cheese making. We'll also enjoy samples of cheese and other goodies! Program limited to 25.

Tuesday, March 9, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

"Plant Talk" Learn all about what plants and flowers need to thrive. We may even be digging in and getting our hands dirty!

Tuesday, April 13, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.



Thompson Youth Programs

Preschool Storytimes

January 26 – February 25

April 5 – May 5

Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.

Grades K – 4

January 26 – February 23

April 5 – May 5

Mondays, 7:00 p.m.



Adult Programs



Bainbridge

"Geauga Tots" Come join us for a PowerPoint presentation previewing web sites appropriate for young children and their families. Wednesday, January 14, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration begins on January 2. OR March 25, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration begins on February 16.

"Relaxation for Health" Learn how to incorporate relaxation, including self-hypnosis, into a healthy lifestyle. Bring a lunch. Coffee provided. Friday, January 30, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Registration begins on January 15.

"Who Stole Beverly Potts?" This is the third in the "True Crime" Series. See page 4 for details. Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.

Chardon

Registration is required and begins January 5. These programs may be of interest to high school age students as well.

"Eliot Ness: The Cleveland Years" This is the second in the "True Crime" series. See page 4 for details. Tuesday, Feb 10, 7:00 p.m.

"Journey to Homeland – Finding Family Roots for Adoptees" Kimberly Medicine Horn Jackson will share both her poetry about the adoption experience and practical advice on searching for your roots and birth family. Kimberly Medicine Horn Jackson was adopted as a child and is a Sioux Indian. Session is limited to 75. Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

"The Trial of the Century" An overview of some of the major trials of the 20th century. Which would you pick as "the" trial? Sam Shepard, Rodney King, O. J. or another? The presenter, Jerry Graham, is a retired teacher who has taught at Wittenberg University. He has a Master's in history, and teaches adult education classes for Lakeland, Tri C and CWRU, Menorah Park Rose Institute. Session limited to 75. Thursday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.

"The DaVinci Code": A Religious Historian Looks at the Facts Behind the Fiction Join the hundreds who have already heard Dr. Kelly discuss the issues that are raised in Dan Brown's Best Seller. Dr. Joseph Kelly is the head of the Religious Studies Department of John Carroll University and is an interesting, entertaining and thought-provoking speaker. Thursday, January 15, 7:30 p.m. Notre Dame Educational Center, 13000 Auburn Road, Munson Call the Chardon library, 440-285-7601, to register.

"Tea Around the World" – Chardon Friends of the Library Annual Membership Tea This high tea will feature a program on the history of tea and tea traditions around the world. You must be a Chardon Friends member to attend, or join or renew your membership when you make your reservation. The presenter, Becky Corbett, is the owner of "Bec's Tea Nirvana". Session limited to 50. Sunday, March 28, 2:00 p.m.

Geauga West

"Look, Munch, & Listen" Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library. Bring a lunch and enjoy a different speaker each week. Coffee provided. Wednesdays, April 7 – 28, Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Middlefield

"Writers' Workshop" If you're interested in improving your writing skills, working toward publication, having your writing critiqued, or clarifying your writing voice – call the Middlefield Library to register. Please call the library to check for changes after March 2004. Sunday, January 4 & 18, February 1, 15, 29, March 14 & 28, (every other Sunday) 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Internet Classes

Bainbridge

"Mouse Basics"

How to use a mouse and navigate through sites.

"Introduction to the Internet"

Provides a tour through popular and useful websites.

"Internet searching"

Introduces three ways to search.

"E-mail"

Explains how to read and send e-mail.

Winter classes run January 12–15 at various times. Registration begins January 2. Classes are limited to 5 participants.

Spring classes run March 1– 4 at various times. Registration begins February 16. Classes are limited to 5 participants.

Chardon Library

Registration begins January 5.

Three types of small classes are offered to meet various skill levels.

Meet the Mouse is for beginners with little or no computer experience.

Surf the Net introduces searching options to those with good mouse skills.

Smart Searching #1 and #2 are advanced classes demonstrating efficient techniques for locating information online and in selected databases. Classes limited to 6. Classes will be held during the following times:

January 20-21, February 16-18, March 23-25, and May 11-13. Dates and times of specific classes will vary. Call the library at 440-285-7601.

Geauga West

Classes limited to 6.

Call 729-4250 to register.

"Introduction to the Internet"

A basic class for beginners.

Wednesday, January 28, 10-11:30 AM;

Wednesday, February 25, 1-2:30 PM;

Wednesday, April 28, 10-11:30 AM

"Basic Internet Searching"

Learn to use Search Engines and Subject Directories.

Wednesday, February 4, 1-2:30 PM;

Friday, February 27, 10-11:30 AM;

Wednesday, May 5, 10-11:30 AM.

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Adult Programs

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"Super Searcher"

Advanced searching techniques for the Internet.

Thursday, January 29, 7-8:30 PM;
Wednesday, March 17, 7-8:30 PM.

"E-mail"

Learn how to send and read mail on the Internet.

Tuesday, March 16, 10-11:30 AM.

"Internet Help for the Job Seeker"

An introduction to job searching online. Look at websites and databases that make job hunting easier.

Thursday, April 29, 7-8:30 PM

Middlefield

"De-Mystifying E-Mail" Confused about setting up an e-mail account? Library staff will "walk and talk" you through the process. Please call the library to schedule an appointment. 440-632-1961.

"Internet Tutorials" These one-on-one tutorials introduce the Internet and give you an opportunity to ask questions and to have "hands-on" experience. Please call the library for details and to schedule an appointment. 440-632-1961.

Book Discussions

Bainbridge

Mondays from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

January 12, *Wordstruck: A Memoir*
February 9, *The Inn at Lake Devine*
March 8, *Whiskey Island*
April 12, *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*
May 10, *Secret Life of Bees*
June 14, *Surfacing*

Chardon

Books are available one month before the discussion. 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

January 21, *Winner*
February 18, *Girl with the Pearl Earring*
March 17, *Shane*
April 21, *Lobster Chronicles*
May 19, *Seabiscuit*

Geauga West

1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.

January 7, *A Year by the Sea*
February 4, *Balzac and the Little...*
March 3, *Adam and Eve and Pinch Me*
April 7, *Flu*
May 5, *Peace Like a River*

Middlefield

2nd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

January 8, *Lobster Chronicles*
February 12, *Icebound*
March 11, *The Secret Life of Bees*
April 8, *Coffin Quilt*
May 13, *Custer's Horses*

Thompson

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. January 28,
February 25, March 25

Genealogy Classes

Sandra Malitz, Staff Genealogist, will present all classes. Classes are limited to 40 except where noted. Registration begins January 2 except where noted.

"Snuggle Up With Your Ancestors. They Are Waiting To Tell You Their Stories" A class for the novice family historian. Topics include organizing your data, documentation, interviewing, vital records, cemetery and funeral home records, and U. S. Federal census. Bring a brown bag lunch. Saturday, January 17, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Chardon Library, 440-285-7601.

"Marriage & Divorce Records" Topics include religious & secular marriage records, marriage customs, divorce records. Thursday, February 12, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Chardon Library, 440-285-7601

"Genealogy Proficiency Test" The day will include a review of sources from autograph books to zines. You will be able to test your knowledge of several of these record types with a hands-on case study. The day will end with a review of the case study and prizes for the top three (3) most knowledgeable students. Bring a brown bag lunch. Chardon Library, 440-285-7601. Saturday, March 13, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

"Church Records" Topics includes an overview of church organizations in the U.S., "utopian societies," types of records, and repositories (local, regional, national). Monday, March 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Geauga West Library, 440-729-4250.

"Immigration Research" Topics include immigration process, naturalization records, passenger lists, a potpourri of U. S. sources which give clues to an ancestor's place of origin. Registration Begins February 23. Thursday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Bainbridge Library, 440-543-5611.

"Locating & Using Manuscript Collections" Manuscripts are original records which hold a wealth of information about people (ordinary and extraordinary), places, and events. Topics include types of records found in manuscript collections, local and national repositories, and how to get access to this untapped source. Monday, April 19, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Geauga West Library, 440-729-4250

"Military Records" Topics include determining if your ancestor was in the military, and an overview of types of records and their location, research strategies, and lineage societies. Registration begins April 5. Thursday, May 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Bainbridge Library, 440-543-5611

"Introduction To European Research" Topics include a potpourri of U. S. sources which give clues to an ancestor's place of origin, and an overview of European records. Specific countries will not be covered in detail. Monday, May 17, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Geauga West, 440-729-4250

"Hug An Ancestor! Tell Him That You Remember" Join us for a celebration of the people who made us who we are. Bring something to share about one of your ancestors. This can be a recipe (bring samples), an object, a short tidbit, an unusual document, a hat - the possibilities are endless. Refreshments will be served. Door prizes. Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Chardon Library, 440-285-7601

Director's Notes

The Three B's of Library Service

When people think of the basics of library service, they probably think of reading and the ABC's. I like to think of libraries in terms of the "Three B's" that make up any library's operations - books, buildings, and bodies. I use these terms somewhat facetiously because they stand for so much more, but are an easy way to explain the most important factors in our library's success.

Books I use this term to represent all of the library materials that we purchase and the access to information that we provide. Books are included in this term, but so are audio-visual materials, Internet access, and magazine subscriptions. This category requires about 20% of the library's budget in order to make sure we have a depth of collection and meet the informational and recreational reading needs of all of our patrons.

Buildings Even this term is representative. Our five buildings (Administrative Center, Bainbridge, Chardon, Geauga West and Middlefield Libraries) are supplement-

ed by the space we have available for our stations in the Newbury and Ledgemont schools. Also, our bookmobile is a mobile "building" providing the necessary space to provide library service to those who cannot easily come to one of the other "buildings." Another 20% of our budget is used to make our buildings run - from supplies to lawn mowers and insurance to telephone lines.

Bodies Obviously, our library's lifeblood (no pun intended) is its staff. The library employs almost 200 people, mostly part-time, who serve our patrons directly and indirectly. Our public buildings are open a total of 356 hours per week at our various locations, and this does not include the Administrative Center where all of the materials are ordered and processed, bills are paid, maintenance and management staff perform their duties and computer services are maintained. Staff costs are about 60% of the library's budget.

Numbers do not tell the whole story, however. It is not enough to have adequate numbers of staff to operate our buildings and serve our patrons, we need to have excellent staff who will go the extra mile to make sure we take care of our patrons. I believe that our well-trained staff enjoy what they do. Their dedication to selecting materials and making them easily accessible is the real key to what makes Geauga County Public Library so well used and highly regarded.

Finally, it is a juggling act to make sure that the balance is maintained among the "three B's." The Library Board and administration constantly evaluate budgetary priorities to make sure that we have enough of all three to continue our program of excellence.

Happy Reading, Listening and Viewing to you and your families in 2004!



Congratulations to:

- Bainbridge Library for nominating the successful Chapman Award winner, Bev Buettner of Timmons Elementary School
- The Bookmobile for loaning out an amazing 200,000 items for the year (averaging three per minute) and reaching 200,000 miles on the odometer.
- Chardon Library for reaching a record-breaking half million loans for the year.
- Geauga West Library for first hosting a program on the Bestseller, *The DaVinci Code*, that had to be scheduled two additional times and reached 275 attendees in all.
- Middlefield Library for a 10%



increase in their borrowing rate over the year.

- Newbury Public Library Station for having the high school librarian, Darlene Andler, featured in the documentary on Ohio Libraries to be shown on PBS. See story on page 1.
- Thompson Library Station for moving into their bright and spacious new facility.

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North Coast Neighbors Share a Book

The social worker went into the prison to pick up the baby that had been born to one of the inmates. The mother's favorite singer at the time was "Fats" Domino. She named her son Antwone after this singer. As the social worker placed the baby in the car and started it up, she heard a "Fats" Domino song on the radio, "I'm gonna be a wheel someday. I'm gonna be somebody." At that moment, she knew that this child would grow up to do something significant. And he did.

That baby was Cleveland's own Antwone Fisher, author of *Finding Fish*, this year's selection for the North Coast Neighbors Share a Book. This is the program where people in the greater Cleveland area are asked to read the same book at the same time and talk about it. *Finding Fish* is the story of a young man overcoming a childhood of abuse at the hands of foster parents and finding success in life through writing and art.


Events you will want to attend.

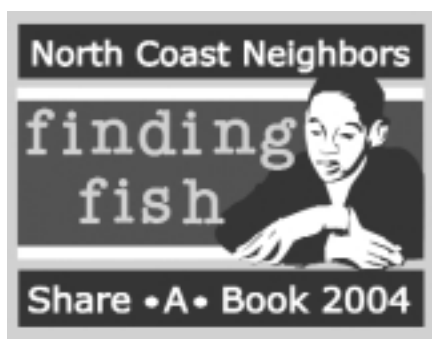
"Kick Off Event" featuring Fisher, the Cleveland School for the Arts and the Cleveland BoyChoir. The latter will perform the world premier of a composition written by Cleveland Institute of Music student, Joseph Hallman, using a poem written by Fisher. Monday, February 2, Cleveland Public Library, 325 Superior Ave., 6:30 p.m.

"Find the Words...Find Yourself - Performance Poetry" Come and bring an original poem or perform one of your favorites. Open to adults, middle

and high school students, this is an opportunity to showcase Geauga talent. Geauga Lyric Theater Guild, on Chardon Square, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 26, Registration begins January 2 and ends February 20. Call Chardon Library 440-285-7601 or the Middlefield Library at 440-632-1961.

"Journey to Homeland - Finding Family Roots for Adoptees" See page 9 for information. Chardon Library, Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m.

"Poetry Contest" open to middle and high school students. The contest will select the top five poems from the North Coast area. These top five students will read their poems at a Grand Finale to be held at Maple Heights Regional Library. All five students will share \$1,000 in prize money. The Cleveland BoyChoir will perform. Contact mgsnyder@camls.org or your local school English Department for information. Tuesday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. 



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Newbury, Ohio 44065
(440) 564-7552

Chardon Library

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

Thompson Public Library Station

16700 Thompson Road
Thompson, Ohio 44086
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Geauga West Library

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Bookmobile

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