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Ben Franklin Brought to Life in Geauga County



Statesman, author, inventor, and scientist -- experience the Ben Franklin legacy through a new traveling exhibition coming to Geauga County. From August 21 to October 3, the Middlefield Library will host *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World*. Appearing at only forty sites nationwide, this exhibition will include six display panels that illustrate Ben Franklin's prominent life. In celebration of this exhibition, the Middlefield Library will host several events on the inventions and writings of Ben Franklin, the natural curiosity of Ben Franklin by Fox 8 Meteorologist Andre Bernier, as well as a Ben Franklin performer. In addition, learn about the printing process, test your proverb knowledge, and travel to Philadelphia through interactive computer exhibits.

During September, the children's programs will be all about Ben! School groups are welcome to visit for a tour and an exciting program. Curriculum kits will be available for teachers who would like to incorporate Ben Franklin studies into the classroom.

Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World was organized by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, Philadelphia, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition for the libraries has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: great ideas brought to life.

The traveling exhibition is based on a major exhibition of the same name mounted by the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Franklin's birth. The Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary is a nonprofit organization established through a major grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts to educate the public about Franklin's enduring legacy. The exhibit will be open for viewing during library hours. Please see page 7 for a complete list of programs. We hope you will enjoy *Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World* and learn about one of America's founding fathers.

Blu-Ray Discs now at your Library!

By Donna Waldorf, Head of Technical Services
Blu-ray technology has arrived at Geauga County Public Libraries. You can now check out newly released movies on Blu-ray discs at the Bainbridge, Chardon, Geauga West, and Middlefield libraries.



with a standard DVD player; but a high definition (HD) television would produce the best picture. The Blu-ray format is expected to eventually replace standard DVDs.

Blu-ray is the next generation DVD format. The format was developed to enable recording high definition video as well as storing large amounts of data. This means sharper images and more vivid colors. In fact, this high definition format offers five times the amount of detail compared to the standard definition DVDs. If a Blu-ray player is connected to a regular TV, the picture will be better than

To view the Blu-ray discs, you will need a Blu-ray player or a Sony PlayStation 3. Blu-ray players are backwards compatible with DVDs—that is, you can play a standard DVD on a Blu-ray player, but a Blu-ray disc will not play on a standard DVD player. For more information on the Blu-ray technology, see www.Blu-ray.com.

To check out Blu-ray discs now, go to your local Geauga County Public Library! New titles will be added regularly.

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Special Interest Programs

Book Discussions

Bainbridge Mondays, 2:00 p.m.
June 2 *The Pardon*
July 14 *The Girls*
August 11 *The Ride of Our Lives*


Chardon Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Books are available one month before the discussion date. Refreshments provided.
August 20 *Kaaterskill Falls*

Geauga West First Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
July 2 *Memory Keeper's Daughter*
August 8 *Suite Francaise*
September 3 *These is My Words: The Diary of Sarah Agnes*

Middlefield Join us for an evening of lively, interesting discussion. New members always welcome. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
June 19 *Dancing Girls of Lahore*
July 10 *The Black Dahlia*
August 14 *An Infinity of Little Hours*
September 11 *Cellophane*
October 9 *Claudine's House* 

Fiber Crafts

Bainbridge
"Fiber Friends"
Bring your knitting, spinning wheel, or whatever else that is fiber related and join this group on the third Thursday of the month. Thursday, June 19, July 17, August 21, 6:00 p.m.


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 for a casual hour and a half of fellowship and needlework. 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. 

Writer's Workshops

Geauga West

"Geauga West Writers' Workshop"
Improve your writing skills and share your original works with others. All interested persons are invited whether you are a novice or an experienced writer.
Wednesdays, June 11, 25, July 9, 23, August 13, 27, 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, May 13, 27, June 10, 24, July 8, 22, August 5, 19, September 2, 16, 30, October 14, 28, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 

Book Sales


Bainbridge - "Scholastic Community Sale"
Sponsored by The Friends of the Bainbridge Library. New books at 50% off!
Thursday, July 24 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Shop during/after Summer Grande Finale!
Friday, July 25 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 26 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 28 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Chardon - "Arts Festival Book Sale"
Saturday, August 2
Friends Preview ----- 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
General Sale ----- 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 3
General Sale ----- 1:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

Geauga West *Sponsored by the West Geauga Friends of the Library*
Wednesday, July 30
Members Only ----- 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Open to Public ----- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 31
Open to Public ----- 9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday, August 1
Open to Public ----- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, August 2
Bag Day ----- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.


Middlefield *When you're visiting the Middlefield Library, please stop in our Friends Room and take a look at our on-going book sale. Sponsored by the East Geauga Friends of the Middlefield Library. Weekday afternoons.*

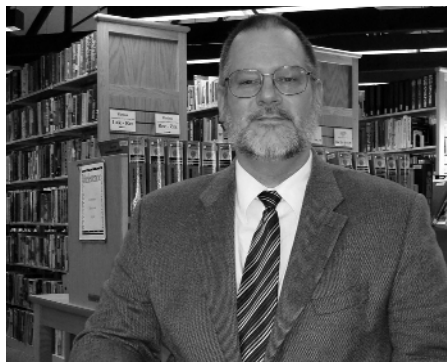
Newbury *All summer long during hours of operation. Extensive weeding done in 2008. Come reap the benefits!*

Thompson - "Fourth of July Booksale"
Friday, July 4 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 

Scrapbooking

Geauga West

"Crop 'til You Drop"
Bring your photos and other scrapbooking materials and we'll use the library after hours to "crop 'til we drop."
Friday, August 22, 6:00 p.m. - midnight
Call 729-4250 to register. 



Gordon Burgess

Meet Gordon Burgess

Gordon R. Burgess wears many hats – husband, father, professional technical "nerd", meditation instructor, assistant coach for the science Olympiad, and most recently the newest member of the Geauga County Public Library Board of Trustees.

Gordon and his wife Sujata live in Munson with their two children. James, age 13, attends Chardon Middle School, and Sarah, age 10, attends Munson Elementary School.

Gordon has lived all around Ohio. He was born in Columbus and raised in Beaver Creek, which lies between Dayton and Xenia. He also resided in Cambridge, Ohio. In 1977 he headed north to attend Case Western Reserve University where he earned a B. S. in biology. Eventually, he and his wife settled in Geauga County in time for James to start school.

Gordon began his career at the Cleveland Clinic's Blood Bank as a laboratory medical technologist, and then moved to the Immunopathology Laboratory. In 1992 he earned his master's degree from CSU in computer and information science and joined the Histocompatibility Lab which later became Allogen Laboratories. When we think of the Cleveland Clinic and its world famous transplant center, we think of physicians and other health care specialists. Those we may not think of are the scientists, engineers and others who support transplant teams. During his tenure with the Allogen Laboratories, he developed their Laboratory Information System (LIS), and currently serves as their acting Information Systems Manager and Lead Systems Analyst. He is very much both an engineer and a scientist.

In his free time Gordon serves as the head of Practice and Study for the Shambhala community in the Cleveland area. He also works with Shambhala International as one of their lead IT volunteers. He is a qualified Meditation Instructor in the Shambhala tradition, which has as its goal the encouragement of every individual to reach his or her full potential. He also helps Chardon students stretch to reach their full potential as the assistant coach for the award winning Middle School and High School Science Olympiad teams. As an avid reader, he believes in strong libraries; and as a library trustee, he will safeguard libraries for our children and grandchildren. He encourages the residents of the county to use and appreciate all the "precious" services the library offers. What better way to reach your full potential than by utilizing Geauga County Public Library! 

Bainbridge Youth Programs



Registration is required for all programs and begins Saturday, May 31, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for walk-in sign-ups. Phone registration begins Monday, June 2.

Babytime

Fridays, July 11, 18, August 1, 8
Sessions limited to 15 babies.

Ages 3 – 12 months with Adult

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Ages 12 – 24 months with Adult

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Storytimes

June 10 – July 23

Toddler Storytimes

2 – 3 years with caregiver.

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

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

Preschool Storytimes

Ages 3 – 5 years.

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.,
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. –
7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. –
12:15 p.m.

Book Bugs Storytime

Children entering Kindergarten.

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

School Age

Entering grades 1 – 5

Thursdays, June 12 – July 24

"Meet the Author" Hazel Shephard, author of the "Inchy" books about a little inchworm, will present an interactive program about inchworms and what it's like to be an author. She will have copies of her books available for purchase after the program. June 19, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. only.

"Buggy About Crafts" Drop in between 10:00 a.m. and noon for a variety of crafts that will drive you buggy! June 26, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

"Put on your Bug Face – Don't squash that Bug!" Find out how bug-eating insects keep the harmful bug population under control and reduce the need for pesticides. Presented by Holly Carine from the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District. July 3, 10:00a.m.– 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Backyard Bug Safari"

A safari scavenger hunt, crafts and other games fill this fun-packed hour. July 10, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Creepy Crawly Critters"

If you can creep like a caterpillar or fly like a bee, then this program of insect games and crafts is for you! July 17, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Family

For families of school age Summer Reading Program participants, story time children, and teens. Programs will be held outdoors weather permitting.

"Bee There! (or Bee Square!)"

Begin your summer at the library with a kaleidoscope of "buggie" activities for the whole family, including a movie, a fortune teller and games galore! Thursday, June 12, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"Once Upon a Clock" Countywide program presented by Madcap Puppet Theater at Newbury Auditorium on Auburn Road. See back page for details. Thursday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.

"Catch the Reading Bug" Join magician Greg Carson (and his rabbit Trixie) for an evening of bug – defying magic at our grande finale. Greg Carson, back by popular demand, has been providing magical entertainment for over 30 years. Thursday, July 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

"Scholastic Book Fair"

Extend your summer's reading with selections from the Community Book Fair, sponsored by the Friends of Bainbridge Library. Thursday, July 24 – Monday July 28.

School Age and Teen

Mondays, June 16 – July 21
Sessions are limited to 3 children per teen volunteer. For students entering grades 1 or 2 and teen volunteers.

"Book Buddies" Keep up with your reading and writing skills through this program of fun activities. Beginning readers will be teamed with Teen Volunteers for a variety of hands-on experiences designed to practice and

reinforce skills learned at school. Training for teen volunteers is Monday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Teens and younger children must register.

Teen

Entering Grade 6 and up.

June 26 – August 21

"Catch a Title Wave!" Pick up a reading log. Read. Earn book bucks. Win prizes. June 6 – August 15. Then attend Book Buck Auction and final Party on August 20 @ 4:00 p.m.

"Babysitting Clinic" This clinic will cover the basics of child care, safety, and first aid. Participants must attend both days to earn a certificate. Thursday, June 26, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. AND Friday, June 27, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration is limited to 20.

"Fear Factor Picnic!" The Gross Gourmet is catering this picnic that has even the ants thinking twice about sampling these revolting refreshments and scummy snacks. What will you dare to eat? Thursday, July 10, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"At the Library?" Scour the library grounds to find treasure! Have some challenging fun that involves your feet, mind, memory, wit, and cunning. Thursday, July 17, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"TSC (Teen Summer Carnival)" Join the festivities – we'll have water balloons, sidewalk painting, relay races, giant-size games, body painting, and more. Thursday, August 7, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

August Drop-In Programs

No registration required.

"Monday Movies" For students entering Grades 1 – 5. Beat the heat with a kid-friendly afternoon movie projected on our famous "Movie Wall." We'll provide the popcorn, but please bring something to sit on. Titles will be announced a week in advance. Mondays, August 4 and August 18, 1:30 p.m.

"August Drop-In Family Storytimes" For families with children ages 2 – 5 years. Wednesdays, August 6, 13, 20, 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



Chardon Youth Programs



Storytimes

June 9 – July 25
Registration begins June 3.
No sessions Friday, July 4.

Babytime

Birth – 24 months
No siblings, please! Mondays, 6:30 p.m.,
Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m., Fridays, 11:00 a.m.

Time for Two's

24 months – 36 months
No siblings, please! Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m.,
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Just for Three's

3 years old (with caregiver) Tuesdays,
7:00 p.m., Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.

Preschool Storytime

3 years – Kindergarten

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays,
7:00 p.m. Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime Specials

"Princess and Pirate Party"

Put on your tiaras, crowns, and bandanas and join us for a royally fun storytime. Come dressed as your favorite princess, prince, or pirate for our Storytime Party. Thursday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. Ages 3 to kindergarten. Session is limited to 25.

"Kindergarten, Here We Come!"

School starts soon. Are you ready? Come to the library for a fun-filled review of the alphabet, numbers, colors, nursery rhymes and writing our names. For children entering Kindergarten. Thursday, August 14, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

School Age

Entering Grades 1 – 5

June 9 – July 30

Catch the Reading Bug Reading Club! Reading Club registration starts June 9 in person only. Track your time spent reading and earn prizes.

Registration for the following weekly programs begins June 2.

"It's a Big Bug World!"

Pass through our harmless "shrink machine" into an awesome big bug world full of buggy fun! Wednesday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"Butterfly Drop-In Craft" Drop-in at the library to make a beautiful butterfly craft to take home. Wednesday, July 2, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration not necessary.

"Buggy Nights" Join us for a summer "evening" (pretend) of mosquito, cricket, firefly and moth fun! Please do "not" wear bug repellent! Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

"Best Bug Picnic Ever!"

Calling all bugs! Hop, crawl or fly to a spider's picnic, where you will "not" be lunch! Make a bug mask and come as your favorite bug. Buggy activities and smorgasbord included. Wednesday, July 16, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. OR 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

"The 2008 Bug Olympics!"

Don't miss our bug kick-off to the real summer Olympics. Work those legs in such events as the "Grasshopper Jump!", "Ant Crumb Carry", the "Spider Crawl", and more! Wednesday, July 23, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Session limited to 50.

Specials

Registration begins June 2.
Entering Grades 1 – 5

"The Sweetest Bug Movie!" Summer Reading Kick-Off "Bee" at our showing of the newest bug comedy starring the sweetest insect around! The show will be buzzing! Buggy popcorn included. Just bring a pillow. Wednesday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon OR 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Session limited to 50.

Families

"Madcap Puppets – Countywide Summer Reading Program" See back page for details. Thursday, June 26, 1:00 p.m., Newbury Auditorium

Summer Reading Finale

"Mr. Paul the Magician Presents Bug Magic!" Smiles and laughter and surprises, too. Come see the "Magic Fly Trap", "Hercules the Flea's Amazing Card Trick" and more! A summer reading celebration! Paul Gerber has been studying magic for over 20 years and has been performing professionally since 1995. (He appears regularly at the Texas Roadhouse in Willoughby.) Wednesday, July 30, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 125.

Teen

Entering grade 6 and above.
June 9 – August 15
Registration begins June 2.

Catch a Title Wave –

Read, track your time, earn beach bucks to spend at our finale.

Registration for following programs begins June 2.

"Babysitting Clinic"

Back by popular demand, our Babysitting Clinic provides information on the basics of safety, first aid, and childcare. Participants must attend BOTH sessions and will receive a certificate at the end of the clinic. Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"Beach Food' Taste-Off"

Catch the wave with our "beach food" taste – off . . . sample and decide what is your favorite beach food. Bring a towel and join us. Thursday, June 26, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"Cornhole Tournament"

Corn toss combines the skills required in bowling, horseshoes and softball. Try your skills at this fun and addicting game. Sign-up as an individual or as a team of 2. Thursday, July 10, 1:00 p.m. Session limited to 40.

"Beach Glass Jewelry Class"

Guys and "Gulls" come create an amazing piece of jewelry from beach glass. All materials provided. Thursday, July 17, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 25.

"Nautical Knots"

Bowline, Double Purchase, Heaving Line and Reet Knots are just a few of the many knots you'll learn to tie. Thursday, July 24, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Session limited to 30.

"Catch a Title Wave Finale"

Bring your beach bucks to the Teen Summer Reading finale. Use them to bid on prizes. Snacks and music too. Who will win?? Friday, August 15, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



Geauga West Youth Programs



Storytimes

Storytimes run from June 9 - July 25.
Registration required, beginning May 28.

Babytime

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

Toddler Storytime

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

Preschool Storytime

Ages 3 to entering Kindergarten
Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Trailblazers

Entering grades 1 – 3
Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

"Catch the Reading Bug/Catch a Title Wave Super Sign-Up Day"

Tuesday, June 3, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Register for all summer programs and pick up your reading logs between 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in person only. Phone registration begins on June 4.

Family programs

"Banjo presents Catch the Reading Bug" Join Banjo the Clown and enjoy magic, juggling, and fun for the whole family. Thursday, June 12, 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

"Me and My Dad" Bring your Dad (or Grandpa, or favorite uncle) to the library to listen to funny stories with Storyteller Jennifer Johnson, eat a yummy snack, and build a bug! Friday, June 13, 7:00 p.m.

"Madcap Puppets present Once Upon a Clock!" Thursday, June 26, 1:00 p.m. at Newbury Auditorium. See story on Back page.

"Meet and Eat with The Bugman" Join Bugman Entoprises to learn about bugs, cook with them, and eat them, too! This family program is appropriate for children ages 5 and up. Thursday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.

"Jungle Terry!" Bring your family to see Jungle Terry and his LIVE animals. Don't miss the fun! Thursday, July 24, 2:00 p.m.

Entering grades 1 – 5

"Catch the Reading Bug Summer Reading Club"

Pick up a reading log. Keep track of time spent reading. Win prizes!
June 9 – August 15

"Critter Crafts"

Creepers. Crawlers. Flyers. Flutterers. We'll be making a variety of buggy crafts! Thursday, June 19, 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

"Buggy Snacks"

Ants on a log, apple ladybugs, and bug juice are some of the tasty treats on the menu at this delicious program! Thursday, July 3, 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

"Insect Extravaganza"

By land, sea, and air, insects are everywhere! Using props and costumes, join the Geauga Park District in discovering the bugs all around us! Thursday, July 10, 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

"Down on the Worm Farm"

A little soil, a little sand, a plastic bottle and voila! your own worm farm! Register for this—and other squirmy crafts—and enjoy your quiet creations. Tuesday, July 29 between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

"Bug Olympics"

Are you faster than a spider? Can you jump higher than a flea? Are you stronger than an ant? No try-outs required—come help your team to victory! Thursday, August 7, 7:00 p.m.

"Summer Art"

View the Art Show on display while you create projects in the style of three art masters: Matisse, Monet, and O'Keefe. Tuesday, August 12, 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Teens entering grades 6 – 12

"Catch a Title Wave"

Pick up a reading log. Read. Earn beach bucks and win prizes!
June 9 – August 15

"Volunteer Opportunities"

Are you crafty? Do you like kids? Sign up to help with children's programs or prepare crafts at the library.

"Beach Babysitting"

Attend both sessions of our popular Babysitting class to learn basic baby and child care for beginning sitters. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 10 and June 11 from 2:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m.

"Sand Art"

Make a piece of sand art to hang and another to wear!
Tuesday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.

"Beach Blanket Bingo"

Play bingo for fun and prizes! Snacks will be provided.
Tuesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.

"Summer Memories..."

Make a cool frame to hold one of your favorite summer memories.
Tuesday, July 22, 2:00 p.m.

"Catch a Title Wave Finale and Auction"

Come to this after-hours party to celebrate the end of summer, and the end of our summer reading program. Spend your beach bucks to win great prizes! Friday, August 15, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Thompson Youth Programs



Summer Reading

No registration required.

Preschool – 5th grade

June 16 – July 23. Weekly programs, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Time spent reading earns prizes.

6th grade – 18 yrs. Old

Turn in weekly totals of time read. Drawing for weekly prize.
Wednesdays, June 16 – July 23.

Grades 1 – 5

"Mad Scientist Club"

Special science programs each month. Thursdays, June 12, July 10, 4:30 p.m.

5th – 9th grade

"Teen Book Club"

Share all your favorite books and talk about what you've read. Snacks provided. Tuesdays, May 27, June 24, July 29, 4:30 p.m.



Middlefield Youth Programs



Storytimes

June 9 through August 15
Registration not required.

Babytime

Ages 6 – 24 months.
Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Time for Twos

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

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays,
10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime

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

School Age

Registration begins June 9.

Grades K – 5

"Insect Extravaganza"

By land, sea and air, insects are everywhere! Using props & costumes, discover the world of insects and other "bugs" all around us. Learn which ones we can't live without, some of their unusual body parts and varying life cycles. Presented by Geauga Park District. Thursday, June 12, 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

"From Caterpillar to Butterfly"

Flutter in for stories, games, and crafts about butterflies! Eat your way from caterpillar to butterfly in a life size board game! Wednesday, June 25, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

"Bugs for Lunch"

Eewww! Bugs for lunch?! Hear some bug eating stories and make some edible bugs! Thursday, July 10, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

"Don't Squash that Bug!"

Put on your bug face and learn how insects help plants, animals, and even people! Presented by Holly Carine from Geauga Trumbull Waste Management. Thursday, July 17, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

"Spinning Spiders"

Stories, games and fun all about spiders! Tuesday, July 22, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

"Wiggling Worms"

Stories, crafts and worm races! You don't want to miss this one! Thursday, July 31, 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

"Paws for Reading"

Like dogs? Like to read? Students in grades K – 5: sign up to read aloud to a therapy dog and practice your reading skills. Space is limited so register early! Therapy dogs from Tall Pines Dog Training. Saturdays in July, 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Teen

Grades 6 – 12

"Disasters"

Hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, oh my! Come find out what it's like to experience nature's wrath and learn what to do if it happens to you! Wednesday, June 18, 1:00 p.m.

"Oceans of Knowledge"

So you think you're pretty savvy finding stuff in the library, huh? Here's a chance to prove yourself in a scavenger hunt where your knowledge of the clues will earn you prizes! Wednesday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.

"Wiped Out!"

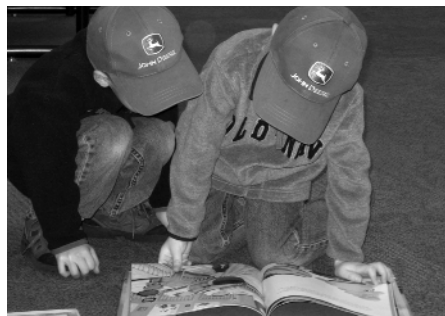
Relax and have fun playing games! Play ours or bring your own! Thursday, July 24, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Teen Movie"

Join us for a beach movie! Thursday, August 14, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Teen Finale Luau"

Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program with a beach party in the library! Music, dancing and games! Don't forget to bring your "beach bucks" to bid on prizes!! Saturday, August 16, 7:00 p.m.



Family

Registration begins June 9. All ages

"Get Buggy at the Movies"

Families join us for popcorn and a movie! Call to see what's showing! *Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Fridays, June 13, July 11, August 8, 6:30 p.m. No registration required.

"'Bee' Your Best at the Library"

Ventriloquist Mark Wade will introduce us to Bernie the reading bug and Lucinda the ladybug in this fun library show! Mark Wade is America's foremost children's ventriloquist and has been voted International Ventriloquist of the Year. Thursday, June 19, 7:00 p.m.

"Once Upon a Clock"

Countywide program presented by Madcap Puppet Theater at Newbury Auditorium on Auburn Road. See back page for details. Thursday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.

"Bug Out with Banjo the Clown"

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with a buggy magic show! Presented by Patrick Jolly aka Banjo the Clown. Friday, August 15, 7:00 p.m.

Newbury Youth Programs

Summer Storytime

Babies and children through first grade June 23 - July 21 (No Storytime week of June 30.) Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. No registration required.

"Insect Extravaganza"

Meet and learn about all sorts of creepy crawly insects with the rangers from the Geauga Park District. Thursday, June 19, 3:00 p.m.

"Don't Squish that Bug!"

Holly from Geauga-Trumbull County Waste Management will explain why some bugs are beneficial for both plants and people. A craft is included. Thursday, July 10, 3:00 p.m.

"Banjo the Clown"

Banjo performs magic tricks with a bug related theme. Hope a spider doesn't appear in your hair!! Thursday, July 17, 3:00 p.m.

Adult Programs

Bainbridge

Call 543-5611 to register.

"Chi Gong/Tai Chi"

Join us for three introductory sessions to improve your balance, increase flexibility and relieve stress. These slow and gentle exercises include Chi Self-Massage and Three Treasures Chi Gong. These movements may be done seated or in a standing position. Sandra Wiebusch is a licensed massage therapist and tai chi practitioner. Mondays, June 9, 16, 23, 7 p.m. Registration begins June 2 Sessions limited to 15.

"Interested in Herbs?"

Join the Chagrin Valley Herb Society to learn about the various aspects of herbs and to help maintain the herb garden at the Bainbridge Library. Meetings are usually on the third Friday of the month at 12:30 p.m. with an occasional field trip. To attend, call Joyce Sykora at 440-564-7557.

Chardon

Call 285-7601 to register.

"Start Smart: How to Start Your Own Business"

Thinking about purchasing an existing business, investing in a franchised business, or starting a business of your own? Plan to attend this two-session workshop taught by executives from the Business Advisors of Cleveland. The workshop includes the following essentials: how to go about starting your own business; profit & loss statements; how to create a balance sheet; risk & your personality; ways to start a business; writing a business plan; determining how much money you want or need to make. Mondays, June 23, 30, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Limited to 50.

"Laugh Yourself Healthy"

You've heard that "laughter is the best medicine." Learn how a regular 20-minute laughter yoga session can have a positive effect on your health and well-being. Laughter Yoga is a combination of simple, empowering and tension-releasing laughter exercises combined with gentle yoga breathing techniques. These exercises are appropriate and beneficial for all, regardless of motor abilities or physical limitations. Laughter Yoga was begun 11 years ago by a medical doctor in India and has been featured on "Oprah" as well as all major news programs. This workshop is taught by a Certified Laugh Leader. Wednesday, August 6, 7:00 p.m. Session limited to 25. Register early.

Geauga West

Call 729-4250 to register.

"Digital TV Transition Information"

Have your questions answered about the transition to digital TV broadcasting to take place in February of 2009. Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.

"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. Tuesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

Middlefield

Registration begins June 9.
Call 632-1961 to register.

"Show Tunes"

The Erie Heights Brass Ensemble returns with Show Tunes. Enjoy your favorite songs from the best-loved musicals. Tuesday, June 24, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"What's a Wiki & Other Internet Developments"

Do you wonder what a blog, wiki, and podcast is? This presentation is intended for beginning and intermediate Internet users and will cut through the technobabble to discuss the basic meanings behind the terms (as well as others). Learn what the hype is about, and how it affects you! (Please note: This is a presentation rather than an Internet Class). Wednesday, July 23, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Your New Library Catalog"

Have you noticed some changes in the online catalog lately? Or would you like to learn how to request items via the Internet from home? Learn about GCPL's new system at this presentation. (Please note: This is a presentation rather than an Internet Class). Wednesday, August 6, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Ben Franklin Programs at Middlefield

Registration is required and begins June 9.

"Ben Franklin Opening Reception"

Get the first look at the new Ben Franklin exhibition and celebrate its arrival. Stay for an exciting program afterwards. Friday, August 22, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

"Renaissance Man: Benjamin Franklin and His Inventions" Many people may be unaware of Ben Franklin's life in science. Join Professor Molly Sergi for a lively discussion of Franklin's accomplishments and his inventions. Friday, August 22, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"The Writings of Ben Franklin"

Franklin's literary achievements expand beyond Poor Richard's Almanack. Discover Franklin's wit and wisdom through Dr. Mary Hricko's discussion on Franklin's autobiography, essays, and articles. Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Benjamin Franklin: The Curiosity Factor presented by Andre Bernier"

Fox 8 Meteorologist Andre Bernier will focus on Ben Franklin's natural curiosity that sparked advancement in a number of areas in early America. Thursday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

"Ben Franklin Brought to Life"

Meet "Ben Franklin" (historical performer Paul Stillman) and hear about his life, adventures, and accomplishments. Dressed in full costume, he will answer your questions. Thursday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thompson

"Summer Reading Program"

Turn in weekly totals of time spent reading for drawing for weekly prize. Wednesday, June 16 - July 23.

Adult Internet Classes

Bainbridge Call 543-5611 to register.

"Welcome to KOHA"

Monday, August 4, Tuesday, August 5.

Chardon Call 285-7601 to register.

"Meet the Mouse" Thursday, June 5, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Domesticate the Mouse" Tuesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

"Surf the Net" Wednesday, June 4, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 29, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

"Smart Searching" Wednesday, June 4, 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Monday, July 28, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

"Finding Internet Treasures" Monday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Geauga West Call 729-4250 to register.

"Introduction to the Internet"

Monday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

"Basic Internet Searching"

Monday, June 23, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

"Microsoft Word"

Wednesday, June 18, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Middlefield Call 632-1961 to register.

"Internet Tutorials"

Mondays in August, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

"Computer Basics"

Tuesday, July 29 or August 5, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Catch a Title Wave, Read!



Summer Reading Programs

Adult June 16 – July 25

"Elect to Read @ Your Library"

Participants must be at least 18 and have a current library card. Exercise your right to read! Fill out an entry form for each title and place it in the contest "ballot" box at any Geauga County Public Library. Prizes will be awarded to lucky winners each week.

Children June 9 – August 15

Catch the Reading Bug!

Open to children through grade 5.

- Programs
- Prize Drawings
- Story Hours
- Reading Club

How can you catch the reading bug this summer? Check out this edition of *Lines and Links* for a complete list of programming. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the library!

Teens June 9 – August 15

Catch a Title Wave!

Open to teens entering grades 6-12. Catch the title wave this summer by reading and winning prizes at your local library. Pick up a reading log after school is out and start reading! Earn beach bucks to use to bid on prizes at the finale party! Check out your fun teen programs, too!



Countywide Program

Newbury Auditorium • 14775 Auburn Road • 440-564-7552
Thursday, June 26 1:00 p.m.

"Once Upon a Clock"

Dare to enter the world of "Once Upon a Clock" with Alvis and Sydney, two kids attempting to unlock the secrets of their uncle's mysterious clock shop. Each time they climb through his magical grandfather clock, they are swept to a land of



exciting stories, each more heart-pounding than the last. These adventures may trap them in the clock forever! Can they escape? Not without the help of the audience!

Presented by Madcap Puppet Theater.



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